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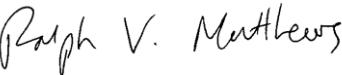
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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the January Cattle on Feed Survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Vince Matthews
Director

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 4 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on January 1, 2012 totaled 230,000 head, down 4 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is down 2 percent from December 1, 2011. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 36,000 head, down 6,000 head from December 2010 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during December totaled 40,000 head, up 5,000 head from last month and a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during December.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on January 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent above January 1, 2011. The inventory included 7.28 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.50 million head, up 6 percent from 2011. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.68 million, 6 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.59 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 550,000, 600-699 pounds were 390,000, 700-799 pounds were 365,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 378,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.80 million, 2 percent below 2010. Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during December, 40 percent above 2010.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

State	January 1, 2011	December 1, 2011	January 1, 2012		
			Number	As % of 2011	As % of December
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	258	290	279	108	96
California	470	505	510	109	101
Colorado	1,080	1,160	1,150	106	99
Idaho	240	235	230	96	98
Iowa	640	610	620	97	102
Kansas	2,280	2,360	2,250	99	95
Nebraska	2,430	2,560	2,550	105	100
Oklahoma	375	385	375	100	97
South Dakota	260	265	260	100	98
Texas	2,840	3,000	2,940	104	98
Washington	209	236	232	111	98
Other States	432	459	465	108	101
United States	11,514	12,065	11,861	103	98

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