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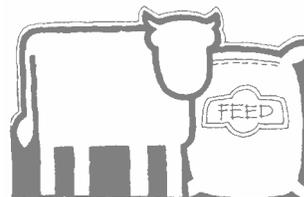


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April 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 1.00 million cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on **April 1**, down 1 percent from **March 1, 2003** and down 5 percent from **April 1, 2002**. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 365,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month and down 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 640,000 head on feed, down 2 percent and 3 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Of the feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head, 235,000 were steers and steer calves; 129,000 were heifers and heifer calves; and 1,000 were cows and bulls. Steers and steer calves inventory was down 10 percent from the previous year. Heifers and heifer calves inventory decreased by 4 percent, and cow and bull inventory did not change from April 1, 2002.

Placements during **March** totaled 110,000 head, down 24 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 56,000 head, down 11 percent from last month and up 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 54,000 head, down 33 percent and 7 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for **March** were 122,000 head, down 4 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 55,000 head, down 2 percent from last month and up 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 67,000 head, down 6 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 head.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	Cattle on feed April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			March disappearance other than slaughter ²		
			<u>2003</u>			<u>2003</u>			<u>2003</u>			<u>2003</u>
	2002	2003	2002	2002	2003	2002	2002	2003	2002	2002	2003	2002
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	314	278	89	32	31	97	27	29	107	1	3	300
California	485	470	97	68	62	91	55	58	105	3	4	133
Colorado	1,120	970	87	200	165	83	215	180	84	15	5	33
Idaho	325	280	86	70	58	83	59	57	97	1	1	100
<u>Iowa</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>100</u>
Kansas	2,420	2,320	96	435	510	117	420	410	98	15	20	133
Nebraska	2,300	2,190	95	310	320	103	300	310	103	10	10	100
New Mexico	113	105	93	19	16	84	14	22	157	1	1	100
Oklahoma	360	340	94	80	94	118	64	71	111	1	3	300
S. Dakota	220	215	98	44	44	100	33	43	130	1	1	100
Texas	2,900	2,670	92	560	600	107	495	480	97	15	10	67
Washington	230	180	78	40	31	78	37	30	81	2	1	50
Other States	395	320	81	46	55	120	53	58	109	3	2	67
U.S.	11,577	10,703	92	1,953	2,042	105	1,825	1,803	99	69	62	90

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
----- Thousand head -----			
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2003	365	655	1,020
March Placements	56	54	110
March Marketings	55	67	122
Other Disappearance in March	1	2	3
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2003	365	640	1,005