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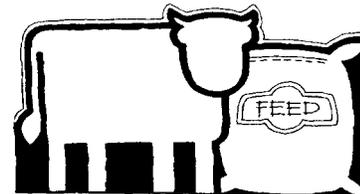


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March 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 1,000,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on March 1, up 2 percent from February 1, 2004 but down 10 percent from March 1, 2003. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 405,000 head on feed, an increase of 5 percent from last month and an increase of 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 595,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month and down 18 percent from last year.

Placements during February totaled 116,000 head, down 22 percent and 19 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 61,000 head, down 5 percent

from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head, down 35 percent and 32 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for February were 95,000 head, down 9 percent and 33 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 40,000 head, down 15 percent and 44 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 55,000 head, down 4 percent from last month and down 23 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head.

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

State	Cattle on feed March 1			Placements during February			Marketings During February			February disappearance other than slaughter ²		
	2003	2004	2004 2003	2003	2004	2004 2003	2003	2004	2004 2003	2003	2004	2004 2003
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	279	295	106	22	27	123	31	25	81	3	3	100
California	475	500	105	54	56	104	56	52	93	3	4	133
Colorado	990	1,020	103	160	155	97	190	165	87	10	10	100
Idaho	280	265	95	48	43	90	57	52	91	1	1	100
Iowa	380	405	107	63	61	97	71	40	56	2	1	50
Kansas	2,240	2,390	107	410	390	95	370	405	109	20	15	75
Nebraska	2,190	2,270	104	330	350	106	350	345	99	10	15	150
New Mexico	112	112	100	11	16	145	12	20	167	1	1	100
Oklahoma	320	335	105	46	47	102	55	59	107	1	3	300
S. Dakota	215	210	98	40	43	108	39	32	82	1	1	100
Texas	2,560	2,690	105	370	350	95	395	420	106	15	10	67
Washington	180	175	97	31	24	77	30	32	107	1	2	200
Other States	325	310	95	65	48	74	77	45	58	3	3	100
U.S.	10,546	10,977	104	1,650	1,610	98	1,733	1,692	98	71	69	97

¹ Cattle 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, February 1, 2004	385	600	985
February Placements	61	55	116
February Marketings	40	55	95
February Other Disappearance	1	5	6
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2004	405	595	1,000

