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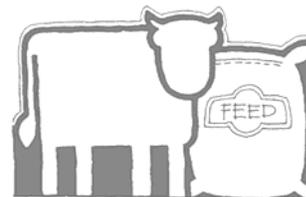


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April 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 995,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on April 1, similar to March 1, 2004 but down 8 percent from April 1, 2003. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 415,000 head on feed, an increase of 2 percent from last month and an increase of 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 580,000 head on feed, down 3 percent from last month and down 18 percent from last year.

Of the feedlots with capacity greater than 1,000 head, 260,000 were steers and steer calves; 154,000 were heifers and heifer calves; and 1,000 were cows and bulls. Inventories of steers and steer calves and heifers and heifer calves were up 8 percent and 15 percent from a year ago, respectively. Steers and steer calves accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory.

Placements during March totaled 118,000 head, up 2 percent and 7 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 69,000 head, up 13 percent and 23 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 49,000 head, down 11 percent and 9 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for March were 113,000 head, up 19 percent from last month but down 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 56,000 head, up 40 percent from last month but down 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 57,000 head, up 4 percent from last month but down 15 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 10,000 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		
	2003	2004	<u>2004</u>	2003	2004	<u>2004</u>	2003	2004	<u>2004</u>	2003	2004	<u>2004</u>
			2003			2003			2003			2003
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	278	293	105	31	33	106	29	32	110	3	3	100
California	475	495	104	62	70	113	58	71	122	4	4	100
Colorado	970	970	100	160	150	94	175	190	109	5	10	200
Idaho	280	255	91	58	39	67	57	46	81	1	3	300
Iowa	375	415	111	56	69	123	60	56	93	1	3	300
Kansas	2,320	2,360	102	510	460	90	410	470	115	20	20	100
Nebraska	2,190	2,210	101	320	295	92	310	350	113	10	5	50
New Mexico	105	105	100	16	16	100	22	21	95	1	2	200
Oklahoma	340	330	97	94	74	79	71	77	108	3	2	67
S. Dakota	210	205	98	39	33	85	43	36	84	1	2	200
Texas	2,670	2,640	99	600	490	82	480	530	110	10	10	100
Washington	180	170	94	31	29	94	30	33	110	1	1	100
Other States	320	300	94	55	46	84	58	54	93	2	2	100
U.S.	10,713	10,748	100	2,032	1,804	89	1,803	1,966	109	62	67	108

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. ²Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
----- Thousand head -----			
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2004	405	595	1,000
March Placements	69	49	118
March Marketings	56	57	113
March Other Disappearance	3	7	10
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2004	415	580	995