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## Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 860,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on December 1, 2005, up 8 percent from November 1, 2005, but down 3 percent from December 1, 2004. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 500,000 head on feed, up 5 percent and 15 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 360,000 head on feed, up 13 percent from last month, but down 20 percent from last year.

Placements during November totaled 200,000 head, this is a decrease of 1 percent from last month, but a 3 percent increase from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 108,000 head, down 18 percent from last month, but up 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 92,000 head. This is up 28 percent from last month, but down 12 percent from last year.

Marketings for November were 123,000 head, down 1 percent and 19 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 80,000 head, up 23 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 43,000 head, down

27 percent and 39 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled 7,000 head.

**United States:** Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2004 and 3 percent above December 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million, 17 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.95 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 660,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 315,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during November, 16 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003.

### All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2005	475	320	795
November Placements	108	92	200
November Marketings	80	43	123
November Other Disappearance	3	4	7
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2005	500	360	860

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month,  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1</sup>**

State	Cattle on Feed December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	329	328	100	35	35	100	23	29	126	4	1	25
CA	530	550	104	66	66	100	53	53	100	8	8	100
CO	1,100	1,070	97	175	165	94	155	115	74	10	10	100
ID	305	280	92	50	49	98	48	57	119	2	2	100
<b>IA</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>
KS	2,390	2,470	103	390	465	119	370	375	101	30	30	100
NE	2,300	2,400	104	410	440	107	310	305	98	10	15	150
NM	129	137	106	14	18	129	16	20	125	3	2	67
OK	355	365	103	43	68	158	44	62	141	4	1	25
SD	186	190	102	51	63	124	33	33	100	1	1	100
TX	2,740	2,940	107	320	495	155	430	510	119	30	15	50
WA	185	161	87	37	27	73	36	28	78	1	1	100
Oth Sts	350	335	96	62	46	74	35	34	97	2	2	100
US	11,334	11,726	103	1,743	2,045	117	1,635	1,701	104	108	91	84

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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