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Press Release March 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 955,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on March 1, 2005, down 1 percent from February 1, 2005 and down 5 percent from March 1, 2004. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 465,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month, but up 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 490,000 head on feed, down 1 percent and 18 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Placements during February totaled 97,000 head, down 22 percent and 19 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 57,000 head, a decrease of 26 percent and 7 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 40,000 head, down 35 percent and 32 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for February were 94,000 head, down 9 percent and 33 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 55,000 head, down 8 percent from last month, but up 38 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 39,000 head, down 4 percent and

23 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled 8,000 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 11.2 million head on March 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2004 and 6 percent above March 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million, 6 percent below 2004 and 8 percent below 2003. This is the second lowest placements for the month of February since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.45 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 277,000, 600-699 pounds were 308,000, 700-799 pounds were 526,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 412,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.63 million, 4 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of February since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 76,000 during February, 10 percent above 2004 and 7 percent above 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, February 1, 2005	465	495	960
February Placements	57	40	97
February Marketings	55	39	94
February Other Disappearance	2	6	8
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2005	465	490	955

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

State	Cattle on Feed March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February Disappearance other than Slaughter ²		
	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	295	322	109	27	23	85	25	24	96	3	2	67
CA	500	515	103	56	49	88	52	54	104	4	5	125
CO	1,020	1,040	102	155	175	113	165	185	112	10	10	100
ID	265	250	94	43	33	77	52	52	100	1	1	100
IA	405	465	115	61	57	93	40	55	138	1	2	200
KS	2,390	2,370	99	390	360	92	405	390	96	15	20	133
NE	2,270	2,320	102	350	315	90	345	330	96	15	15	100
NM	112	125	112	16	13	81	20	14	70	1	3	300
OK	335	340	101	47	48	102	59	56	95	3	2	67
SD	210	210	100	43	32	74	32	26	81	1	1	100
TX	2,690	2,690	100	350	340	97	420	360	86	10	10	100
WA	185	185	100	26	32	123	34	35	103	2	2	100
Oth Sts	310	320	103	48	46	96	45	53	118	3	3	100
US	10,987	11,152	102	1,612	1,523	94	1,694	1,634	96	69	76	110

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.