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Cattle on Feed

September 23, 2005 --Iowa: There were 725,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on September 1, 2005, down 3 percent from August 1, 2005 and down 9 percent from September 1, 2004. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 395,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month, but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 330,000 head on feed, down 4 percent and 22 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Placements during August totaled 113,000 head, this is an increase of 71 percent and 10 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 69,000 head, up from last month, and up 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 44,000 head. This is an increase of 159 percent and 7 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for August were 128,000 head, up 6 percent from last month but down 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 72,000 head, up 14 percent from last month, and up 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 56,000 head, down 3 percent and 22 percent from last month and last

year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 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 10.0 million head on September 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above September 1, 2004 and 2 percent above September 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.99 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 418,000; 600-699 pounds were 385,000; 700-799 pounds were 540,000; and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.03 million, 6 percent above 2004 but 2 percent below 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during August, 5 percent below 2004 and 12 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, August 1, 2005	400	345	745
August Placements	69	44	113
August Marketings	72	56	128
August Other Disappearance	2	3	5
Cattle on Feed, September 1, 2005	395	330	725

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

State	Cattle on Feed September 1			Placements during August			Marketings during August			August 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	296	314	106	30	35	117	26	33	127	2	1	50
CA	520	530	102	63	62	98	59	57	97	4	5	125
CO	930	770	83	205	155	76	150	200	133	5	5	100
ID	245	250	102	58	51	88	47	50	106	1	1	100
IA	375	395	105	62	69	111	66	72	109	1	2	200
KS	2,130	2,210	104	520	520	100	495	490	99	15	10	67
NE	1,800	1,770	98	420	415	99	360	365	101	10	10	100
NM	129	135	105	23	28	122	19	24	126	2	3	150
OK	325	320	98	76	70	92	64	68	106	2	2	100
SD	138	132	96	25	24	96	43	34	79	1	1	100
TX	2,670	2,800	105	530	480	91	520	560	108	10	10	100
WA	175	139	79	36	30	83	25	27	108	1	1	100
Oth Sts	255	235	92	54	54	100	52	52	100	2	2	100
US	9,988	10,000	100	2,102	1,993	95	1,926	2,032	106	56	53	95

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.

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