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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 920,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on April 1, 2006, down 2 percent from March 1, 2006, and down 2 percent from April 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 500,000 head on feed, down 4 percent from last month but up 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 420,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month, but down 13 percent from last year.

Placements during March totaled 95,000 head, an increase of 12 percent and 3 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head, down 8 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 40,000 head. This is up 60 percent and 8 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for March were 107,000 head, up 22 percent from last month, and up 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 73,000 head, up 26 percent from last month and up 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 34,000 head, up 13 percent from last month, but down 13 percent from last year. 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 11.8 million head on April 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005 and 10 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.74 million steers and steer calves, up 11 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.0 million head, up 5 percent from 2005.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million, 5 percent above 2005 and 1 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.75 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 342,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 550,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million, down slightly from 2005 and slightly below 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during March, 32 percent above 2005 and 34 percent above 2004.

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, March 1, 2006	520	420	940
March Placements	55	40	95
March Marketings	73	34	107
March Other Disappearance	2	6	8
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2006	500	420	920

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

State	Cattle on Feed April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			March Disappearance other than Slaughter ²		
	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05
	<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	326	351	108	27	30	111	24	28	117	1	2	200
CA	500	535	107	65	59	91	70	68	97	10	6	60
CO	1,020	1,070	105	165	155	94	175	165	94	10	10	100
ID	240	250	104	44	42	95	53	45	85	1	2	200
IA	455	500	110	55	55	100	64	73	114	1	2	200
KS	2,340	2,590	111	445	480	108	460	470	102	15	30	200
NE	2,260	2,400	106	300	335	112	350	370	106	10	15	150
NM	113	139	123	13	21	162	23	23	100	2	2	100
OK	325	360	111	61	68	111	73	72	99	3	1	33
SD	205	210	102	31	36	116	34	35	103	2	1	50
TX	2,620	2,940	112	480	485	101	540	540	100	10	15	150
WA	159	152	96	22	26	118	47	27	57	1	1	100
Oth Sts	310	315	102	42	45	107	50	42	84	2	3	150
US	10,873	11,812	109	1,750	1,837	105	1,963	1,958	100	68	90	132

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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