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Iowa Cattle on Feed Inventory up 4% from Last Year

Iowa: There were 844,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on December 1, 2006, up 2 percent from November 1, 2006, and up 4 percent from December 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 500,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 344,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month, but down 4 percent from last year.

Placements during November totaled 148,000 head, a decrease of 5 percent from last month and 26 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 82,000 head, down 25 percent from last month and 24 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 66,000 head. This is up 40 percent from last month but down 28 percent from last year.

Marketings for November were 131,000 head, up 6 percent from last month and 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 70,000 head, down 10 percent from last month and down 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 61,000 head, up 33 percent from last month and 42 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 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 12.0 million head on December 1, 2006. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 2005 and 6 percent above December 1, 2004. This is the highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.89 million, 8 percent below 2005 but 8 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.81 million. This is the second lowest placements for the month of November since the series began in 1996. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 555,000, 600-699 pounds were 565,000, 700-799 pounds were 404,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 365,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.80 million, 6 percent above 2005 and 10 percent above 2004. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during November, 9 percent below 2005 and 23 percent below 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, November 1, 2006	490	340	830
November Placements	82	66	148
November Marketings	70	61	131
November Other Disappearance	2	1	3
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2006	500	344	844

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

State	Cattle on Feed December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November 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	328	341	104	35	30	86	29	29	100	1	2	200
CA	550	540	98	66	69	105	53	55	104	8	4	50
CO	1,070	1,120	105	165	150	91	115	150	130	10	10	100
ID	280	270	96	49	43	88	57	56	98	2	2	100
IA	500	500	100	108	82	76	80	70	88	3	2	67
KS	2,470	2,550	103	465	405	87	375	385	103	30	20	67
NE	2,400	2,510	105	440	460	105	305	380	125	15	10	67
NM	137	137	100	18	14	78	20	16	80	2	2	100
OK	365	350	96	68	50	74	62	57	92	1	3	300
SD	190	210	111	63	56	89	33	35	106	1	1	100
TX	2,940	2,900	99	495	435	88	510	500	98	15	25	167
WA	161	185	115	27	31	115	28	26	93	1	1	100
Oth Sts	335	360	107	46	64	139	34	43	126	2	1	50
US	11,726	11,973	102	2,045	1,889	92	1,701	1,802	106	91	83	91

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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