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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 950,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on February 1, 2006, up 3 percent from January 1, 2006, but down 1 percent from February 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 520,000 head on feed, up 2 percent and 12 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 430,000 head on feed, up 5 percent from last month, but down 13 percent from last year.

Placements during January totaled 141,000 head, a decrease of 1 percent and 14 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 81,000 head, up 25 percent and 5 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 60,000 head. This is down 23 percent and 31 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for January were 104,000 head, up 37 percent from last month, but down 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 69,000 head, up 30 percent and 15 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 35,000 head, up

52 percent from last month, but down 38 percent from last year. 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 12.1 million head on February 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above February 1, 2005 and 9 percent above February 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.20 million, 16 percent above 2005 and 25 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.12 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 530,000, 600-699 pounds were 447,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 520,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.81 million, up 2 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during January, 14 percent above 2005 but 12 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, January 1, 2006	510	410	920
January Placements	81	60	141
January Marketings	69	35	104
January Other Disappearance	2	5	7
Cattle on Feed, February 1, 2006	520	430	950

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

State	Cattle on Feed February 1			Placements during January			Marketings during January			January 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	346	105	30	39	130	31	26	84	2	1	50
CA	525	550	105	59	71	120	63	62	98	6	9	150
CO	1,060	1,110	105	175	225	129	185	185	100	10	10	100
ID	270	265	98	37	46	124	61	51	84	1	5	500
IA	465	520	112	77	81	105	60	69	115	2	2	100
KS	2,420	2,580	107	475	570	120	450	465	103	15	25	167
NE	2,350	2,490	106	425	425	100	360	355	99	15	10	67
NM	129	146	113	18	18	100	13	13	100	2	2	100
OK	350	375	107	55	65	118	52	57	110	3	3	100
SD	205	210	102	41	38	93	26	32	123	2	1	50
TX	2,720	3,030	111	425	540	127	395	420	106	10	10	100
WA	190	153	81	30	33	110	29	31	107	1	1	100
Oth Sts	330	335	102	41	48	117	47	44	94	4	4	100
US	11,342	12,110	107	1,888	2,199	116	1,772	1,810	102	73	83	114

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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