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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 940,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on March 1, 2006, down 1 percent from February 1, 2006, and down 2 percent from March 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 520,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but up 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 420,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month, and down 14 percent from last year.

Placements during February totaled 85,000 head, a decrease of 40 percent and 12 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 60,000 head, down 26 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 25,000 head. This is down 58 percent and 38 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for February were 88,000 head, down 15 percent from last month, and down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 58,000 head, down 16 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity

less than 1,000 head marketed 30,000 head, down 14 percent from last month, and down 23 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 12.0 million head on March 1, 2006. The inventory was 8 percent above March 1, 2005 and 9 percent above March 1, 2004. This is the highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.60 million, 5 percent above 2005 but 1 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.53 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 300,000, 700-799 pounds were 510,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 433,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.61 million, 1 percent below 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of February since the series began in 1996.

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, 2006	520	430	950
February Placements	60	25	85
February Marketings	58	30	88
February Other Disappearance	2	5	7
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2006	520	420	940

**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		
	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	324	351	108	23	31	135	24	24	100	3	2	67
CA	515	550	107	49	63	129	54	56	104	5	7	140
CO	1,040	1,090	105	175	150	86	185	165	89	10	5	50
ID	250	255	102	33	32	97	52	38	73	1	4	400
IA	465	520	112	57	60	105	55	58	105	2	2	100
KS	2,370	2,610	110	360	410	114	390	360	92	20	20	100
NE	2,320	2,450	106	315	330	105	330	360	109	15	10	67
NM	125	143	114	13	13	100	14	14	100	3	2	67
OK	340	365	107	48	49	102	56	56	100	2	3	150
SD	210	210	100	32	33	103	26	29	112	1	4	400
TX	2,690	3,010	112	340	360	106	360	370	103	10	10	100
WA	185	154	83	32	25	78	35	22	63	2	2	100
Oth Sts	320	315	98	46	42	91	53	60	113	3	2	67
US	11,154	12,023	108	1,523	1,598	105	1,634	1,612	99	77	73	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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