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Iowa Cattle on Feed Numbers Down 7% from Last Year

Iowa: There were 860,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on April 1, 2007, virtually unchanged from last month, but down 7 percent from April 1, 2006. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 530,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 330,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month and 21 percent from last year.

Placements during March totaled 104,000 head, a increase of 33 percent from last month and 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 72,000 head, up 13 percent from last month and up 31 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 32,000 head, more than twice the amount placed last but down 20 percent from last year.

Marketings for March were 102,000 head, up 6 percent from last month but down 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 70,000 head, up 11 percent from last month but down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 32,000 head, down 3 percent from last month and 6 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 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 11.6 million head on April 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent below April 1, 2006 but 7 percent above April 1, 2005. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.43 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.14 million head, up 4 percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.97 million, 7 percent above 2006 and 12 percent above 2005. Net placements were 1.89 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 640,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.85 million, down 6 percent from 2006 and 6 percent below 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during March, 20 percent below 2006 but 6 percent above 2005.

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, 2007	530	334	864
March Placements	72	32	104
March Marketings	70	32	102
March Other Disappearance	2	4	6
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2007	530	330	860

**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		
	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06
	<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	351	340	97	30	46	153	28	33	118	2	2	100
CA	535	530	99	59	68	115	68	65	96	6	3	50
CO	1,070	1,020	95	155	165	106	165	145	88	10	10	100
ID	250	245	98	42	38	90	45	42	93	2	1	50
IA	500	530	106	55	72	131	73	70	96	2	2	100
KS	2,590	2,480	96	480	510	106	470	430	91	30	20	67
NE	2,400	2,480	103	335	350	104	370	370	100	15	10	67
NM	139	131	94	21	19	90	23	17	74	2	1	50
OK	360	350	97	68	68	100	72	67	93	1	1	100
SD	210	230	110	36	40	111	35	37	106	1	3	300
TX	2,940	2,800	95	485	520	107	540	495	92	15	15	100
WA	152	163	107	26	26	100	27	32	119	1	1	100
Oth Sts	315	345	110	45	43	96	42	45	107	3	3	100
US	11,812	11,644	99	1,837	1,965	107	1,958	1,848	94	90	72	80

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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