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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 842,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on March 1, 2008, down 1 percent from February 1, 2008, and down 3 percent from March 1, 2007. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 560,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 282,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month, and down 16 percent from last year.

Placements during February totaled 86,000 head, a decrease of 16 percent from last month but up 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 62,000 head, down 14 percent from last month and 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 24,000 head. This is down 20 percent from last month but up 71 percent from last year.

Marketings for February were 93,000 head, down 8 percent from last month and 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 69,000 head, unchanged from last month but up 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 24,000 head, down 25 percent from

last month and down 27 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 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 11.9 million head on March 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2007 but 1 percent below March 1, 2006. This is the second highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.72 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 9 percent above 2006. Net placements were 1.66 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 533,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 475,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.78 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 11 percent above 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 20 percent below 2007 and 18 percent below 2006.

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, 2008	570	284	854
February Placements	62	24	86
February Marketings	69	24	93
February Other Disappearance	3	2	5
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2008	560	282	842

**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		
	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07
	<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	329	377	115	24	36	150	28	30	107	1	2	200
CA	530	545	103	60	60	100	67	63	94	3	7	233
CO	1,010	1,050	104	140	155	111	160	190	119	10	5	50
ID	250	235	94	39	39	100	43	38	88	1	1	100
IA	530	560	106	64	62	97	63	69	110	1	3	300
KS	2,420	2,410	100	395	390	99	380	400	105	25	10	40
NE	2,510	2,490	99	360	350	97	380	360	95	10	10	100
NM	130	160	123	14	15	107	18	14	78	1	1	100
OK	350	350	100	59	45	76	58	48	83	1	2	200
SD	230	235	102	43	47	109	41	40	98	2	2	100
TX	2,790	2,920	105	390	440	113	385	440	114	15	10	67
WA	170	151	89	25	30	120	31	30	97	1	2	200
Oth Sts	350	370	106	46	54	117	57	54	95	4	5	125
US	11,599	11,853	102	1,659	1,723	104	1,711	1,776	104	75	60	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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