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Kansas March Inventory Down 7 Percent

The number of **cattle on feed** on March 1, 2003 in Kansas feedlots with 1,000 head or more capacity totaled 2.24 million head, down 7 percent from a year ago but 1 percent above the number on hand February 1, 2003. **Placements** during February totaled 410,000 head, down 6 percent from a year ago and 24 percent below January 2003 placements of 540,000 head. **Marketings** during February totaled 370,000 head, 18 percent below February 2002 and

26 percent below January 2003. **Other disappearance** was 20,000 head, up 5,000 from a year ago but unchanged from the previous month. The percent of February placements by weight was: under 600 pounds, 8 percent; 600-699 pounds, 26 percent; 700-799 pounds, 40 percent; and 800 pounds or heavier, 26 percent.

**Cattle On Feed, Placements, Marketings, And Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, February - March 2002 - 2003**

| State | Number on Feed ¹ | | | | February Placements | | February Marketings | | Other Disappearance during February ² | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| | Feb 1 2003 | March 1 | | | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 |
| | | 2002 | 2003 | % of 2002 | | | | | | |
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>(%)</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> |
| AZ | 291 | 310 | 279 | 90 | 26 | 22 | 26 | 31 | 1 | 3 |
| CA | 475 | 475 | 470 | 99 | 55 | 54 | 50 | 56 | 5 | 3 |
| CO | 1,030 | 1,150 | 990 | 86 | 190 | 170 | 210 | 200 | 10 | 10 |
| ID | 285 | 315 | 280 | 89 | 58 | 50 | 61 | 54 | 2 | 1 |
| IA | 360 | 400 | 360 | 90 | 57 | 58 | 51 | 56 | 1 | 2 |
| KS | 2,220 | 2,420 | 2,240 | 93 | 435 | 410 | 450 | 370 | 15 | 20 |
| NE | 2,220 | 2,300 | 2,190 | 95 | 370 | 330 | 350 | 350 | 10 | 10 |
| NM | *114 | 109 | 112 | 103 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| OK | *330 | 345 | 320 | 93 | 55 | 46 | 59 | 55 | 1 | 1 |
| SD | 215 | 210 | 215 | 102 | 45 | 40 | 34 | 39 | 1 | 1 |
| TX | *2,600 | 2,850 | 2,560 | 90 | 410 | 370 | 400 | 395 | 10 | 15 |
| WA | 180 | 229 | 180 | 79 | 43 | 31 | 50 | 30 | 1 | 1 |
| Oth Sts ... | 340 | 405 | 325 | 80 | 54 | 65 | 49 | 77 | 5 | 3 |
| U.S. | *10,660 | 11,518 | 10,521 | 91 | 1,810 | 1,657 | 1,801 | 1,725 | 63 | 71 |

¹ Being fattened for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates to grade select or better. ² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots. * Revised

U.S. Cattle On Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.52 million head on March 1, 2003. The inventory was down 9 percent from the 11.52 million head on March 1, 2002, and 10 percent below March 1, 2001. **Placements** in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 8 percent below 2002 but 5 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.59 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600

pounds were 263,000; 600-699 pounds were 376,000; 700-799 pounds were 597,000; and 800 pounds and greater were 421,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during February totaled 1.73 million, 4 percent below 2002 and 1 percent below 2001. **Other disappearance** totaled 71,000 during February, 13 percent above 2002 but 12 percent below 2001.

**Cattle On Feed: Number Placed On Feed By Weight Group,
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, February 2002-2003**

| State | Placed in February | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Under 600 lbs. | | 600-699 lbs. | | 700-799 lbs. | | 800 Plus lbs. | | Total | |
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 |
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> |
| CO | 21 | 18 | 55 | 40 | 72 | 71 | 42 | 41 | 190 | 170 |
| KS | 40 | 35 | 105 | 105 | 170 | 165 | 120 | 105 | 435 | 410 |
| NE | 30 | 40 | 86 | 69 | 137 | 124 | 117 | 97 | 370 | 330 |
| TX | 80 | 70 | 95 | 100 | 165 | 137 | 70 | 63 | 410 | 370 |
| Other States | 90 | 100 | 70 | 62 | 120 | 100 | 125 | 115 | 405 | 377 |
| U.S. | 261 | 263 | 411 | 376 | 664 | 597 | 474 | 421 | 1,810 | 1,657 |

Beef and Red Meat Production up from a Year Ago

Kansas commercial slaughter plants produced 5.9 billion pounds of red meat during 2002. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Kansas still ranks as the third largest red meat producing state. **Beef** accounted for the majority of the red meat production. Over 7.4 million head of cattle were slaughtered in Kansas, representing a live weight total of 9.1 billion pounds. Ninety-nine percent of the cattle were processed by federally inspected plants. Over 286 thousand **hogs**, representing 95.9 million pounds live weight, were slaughtered during 2002. Eighty-seven percent of the hogs were processed by federally inspected plants.

United States red meat production in commercial plants and on farms totaled 47.3 billion pounds in 2002, a new record high. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 47.2 billion pounds while farm production totaled 100 million pounds. **Beef production**, at 27.2 billion

pounds, rose 1 percent above the previous record high set in 2000. **Pork production**, at 19.7 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the record high set in 1999. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 222.2 million pounds, falling 3 percent below the previous record low set a year ago. **Commercial cattle slaughter** during 2002 totaled 35.7 million head, up 1 percent from 2001, with federal inspection comprising 98.3 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,251 pounds, up 30 pounds from a year ago. **Steers** comprised 49.9 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter, **heifers** 32.3 percent, **dairy cows** 7.4 percent, **other cows** 8.7 percent, and **bulls** 1.7 percent. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 100.3 million head, up 2 percent from 2001 with 98.7 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 1 pound from last year, at 265 pounds. Barrows and gilts comprised 96.5 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter.

U.S. and Canadian January Cattle Inventory down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the U.S. and Canada totaled 109.5 million head on January 1, 2003, 1 percent below a year earlier. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 47.8 million head, were down slightly from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2003, totaled 96.1 million head, 1 percent below the 96.7 million head on January 1, 2002, and 1 percent below the 97.3 million head two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.1 million head, were down slightly

from the 42.2 million head on January 1, 2002, and down 1 percent from the 42.6 million head two years ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2003, totaled 13.4 million head, down 3 percent from the 13.8 million on January 1, 2002, and 2 percent below the 13.6 million head two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.70 million head, were down 1 percent from the 5.73 million head on January 1, 2002, but relatively unchanged from two years ago.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
Total for United States and Canada, January 2001-2003 ¹**

| Class | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 as % of 2002 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Cattle and Calves | 110,885 | 110,466 | 109,478 | 99 |
| Cows and Heifers That Have Calved | 48,273 | 47,949 | 47,790 | 100 |
| Beef Cows | 37,999 | 37,754 | 37,563 | 99 |
| Milk Cows | 10,274 | 10,196 | 10,227 | 100 |
| All Other Cattle | 62,613 | 62,518 | 61,687 | 99 |
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2002 as % of 2001 |
| Calf Crop | 44,131 | 43,936 | 43,816 | 100 |

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

Farms and Land in Farms Steady

The number of Kansas farms held steady at 63,000 in 2002. The average size of 752 acres was also unchanged

from 2001. There are 47.4 million acres of land in Kansas farms.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms, Kansas, 1960-2002 ^{1 2}

| Year | Number of Farms | Avg. Size of Farm | Land in Farms | Year | Number of Farms | Avg. Size of Farm | Land in Farms |
|------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | | <i>Acres</i> | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | | | <i>Acres</i> | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |
| 1960 | 110,000 | 456 | 50,200 | 1997 | 65,000 | 731 | 47,500 |
| 1970 | 87,000 | 574 | 49,900 | 1998 | 65,000 | 731 | 47,500 |
| 1980 | 75,000 | 644 | 48,300 | 1999 | 65,000 | 731 | 47,500 |
| 1990 | 69,000 | 694 | 47,900 | 2000 | 64,000 | 742 | 47,500 |
| 1995 | 66,000 | 721 | 47,600 | 2001 | 63,000 | 752 | 47,400 |
| 1996 | 65,000 | 731 | 47,500 | 2002 | 63,000 | 752 | 47,400 |

¹ The definition of a farm has adjusted over time. Between 1959 and 1975, a farm was a place of 10 or more acres with annual sales of farm products of at least \$50 or less than 10 acres with sales of \$250 or more. Beginning with 1975, a farm was any place with annual sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more. Starting in 1995, this definition also included any place with 5 or more horses. ² 1993 to present data are for the calendar year; prior years use a June 1 reference date.



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Cattle & Calves on Feed, Marketings, & Placements, 2001-2002, 1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots

| Date | Number on Feed Current Month | Number Placed on Feed During Month | Number Marketed During Month | Other Disappearance ¹ During Month | Number on Feed Following Month |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 2001 | ----- 1,000 Head ----- | | | | |
| Jan. 1 | 2,400 | 580 | 465 | 15 | 2,500 |
| Feb. 1 | 2,500 | 335 | 350 | 15 | 2,470 |
| Mar. 1 | 2,470 | 395 | 385 | 20 | 2,460 |
| Apr. 1 | 2,460 | 350 | 395 | 35 | 2,380 |
| May 1 | 2,380 | 530 | 485 | 25 | 2,400 |
| June 1 | 2,400 | 445 | 485 | 10 | 2,350 |
| July 1 | 2,350 | 570 | 485 | 15 | 2,420 |
| Aug. 1 | 2,420 | 570 | 490 | 10 | 2,490 |
| Sept. 1 | 2,490 | 470 | 410 | 10 | 2,540 |
| Oct. 1 | 2,540 | 560 | 415 | 15 | 2,670 |
| Nov. 1 | 2,670 | 410 | 420 | 20 | 2,640 |
| Dec. 1 | 2,640 | 370 | 510 | 20 | 2,480 |
| 2002 | ----- 1,000 Head ----- | | | | |
| Jan. 1 | 2,480 | 530 | 540 | 20 | 2,450 |
| Feb. 1 | 2,450 | 435 | 450 | 15 | 2,420 |
| Mar. 1 | 2,420 | 435 | 420 | 15 | 2,420 |
| Apr. 1 | 2,420 | 320 | 445 | 25 | 2,270 |
| May 1 | 2,270 | 520 | 495 | 25 | 2,270 |
| June 1 | 2,270 | 380 | 480 | 10 | 2,160 |
| July 1 | 2,160 | 510 | 520 | 10 | 2,140 |
| Aug. 1 | 2,140 | 570 | 470 | 10 | 2,230 |
| Sept. 1 | 2,230 | 460 | 400 | 10 | 2,280 |
| Oct. 1 | 2,280 | 455 | 410 | 25 | 2,300 |
| Nov. 1 | 2,300 | 420 | 395 | 25 | 2,300 |
| Dec. 1 | 2,300 | 390 | 470 | 20 | 2,200 |

¹ Other disappearance includes cattle and calves that were sold for further feeding, were returned to pasture, or died.