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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 9 Percent

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 May 1, 2006, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The inventory was 9 percent above May 1, 2005 and 11 percent above May 1, 2004. This is the highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent below 2005 but 2 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.54 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 385,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 444,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.79 million, down slightly from 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 87,000 during April, 4 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States 2005-2006¹

State	May 1, 2005	Apr 1, 2006	May 1, 2006		
			Number	as % of 2005	as % of Apr
			<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	330	351	346	105	99
CA	500	535	530	106	99
CO	970	1,070	1,060	109	99
ID	240	250	245	102	98
IA	455	500	495	109	99
KS	2,260	2,590	2,530	112	98
NE	2,190	2,400	2,320	106	97
NM	114	139	132	116	95
OK	305	360	340	111	94
SD	200	210	200	100	95
TX	2,630	2,940	2,910	111	99
WA	147	152	152	103	100
Oth Sts	300	315	300	100	95
US	10,641	11,812	11,560	109	98

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.

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**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2005-2006**

State	During Apr 2005	During Mar 2006	During Apr 2006		
			Number	as % of 2005	as % of Mar
			<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	31	30	27	87	90
CA	64	59	60	94	102
CO	120	155	140	117	90
ID	39	42	31	79	74
IA	55	55	64	116	116
KS	375	480	375	100	78
NE	320	335	320	100	96
NM	19	21	18	95	86
OK	52	68	48	92	71
SD	27	36	28	104	78
TX	500	485	455	91	94
WA	19	26	23	121	88
Oth Sts	39	45	40	103	89
US	1,660	1,837	1,629	98	89

United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

Million Head

