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# South Dakota CATTLE ON FEED

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## **CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP FROM JANUARY**

**SIoux FALLS, February 18, 2005** -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 205,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on February 1, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Office. The February 1 number is up 5,000 head from a year ago and up 13,000 head from January.

**Placements** during January totaled 41,000 head, up 11,000 head from a year earlier but down 1,000 head from December 2004.

**Marketings of fed cattle** during January totaled 26,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year and down 8,000 head from December 2004.

**Other disappearance** during January totaled 2,000 head, unchanged from last month, but up 1,000 head from last year.

**South Dakota's** less than 1,000 head capacity feedlots reported 208,000 cattle on feed for January 1, 2005. This is up 33,000 head from 2004.

**Number of feedlots:** In 2004 South Dakota had a total of 3,253 feedlots feeding cattle for the slaughter market. Cattle marketed from these feedlots totaled 685,000 head in 2004, compared to 737,000 head in 2003.

*The complete report can be accessed at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/)*

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