

South Dakota CATTLE ON FEED

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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP FROM FEBRUARY

SIoux FALLS, March 18, 2005 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 210,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on March 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. The March 1 number is unchanged from a year ago but up 5,000 head from February.

Placements during February totaled 32,000 head, down 11,000 head from a year earlier and down 9,000 head from January.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 26,000 head, down 6,000 head from last year but unchanged from January.

Other disappearance during February totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from last year but down 1,000 from last month.

*The complete report can be accessed at www.usda.gov/nass/
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