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

**SIoux FALLS, January 20, 2006** -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 205,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on January 1, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The January 1 number is up 13,000 head from a year ago and up 15,000 from December.

**Placements** during December totaled 46,000 head, up 4,000 from a year earlier but down 17,000 from November.

**Marketings of fed cattle** during December totaled 28,000 head, down 6,000 head from last year and down 5,000 from November.

**Other disappearance** during December totaled 3,000 head, up 1,000 from last year and up 2,000 from last month.

**Steer and steer calves** totaled 105,000 head, 51 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 73,000 head, 36 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 27,000 head, accounting for 13 percent of the total cattle on feed.

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