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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UNCHANGED FROM FEBRUARY

SIOUX FALLS, March 24, 2006 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 210,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on March 1, according to the South Dakota Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The March 1 number is unchanged from a year earlier and from February.

Placements during February totaled 33,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year but down 5,000 head from February.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 29,000 head, up 3,000 head from last year but down 3,000 head from February.

Other disappearance during February totaled 4,000 head, up 3,000 from last year and from last month.

Access this complete report at:

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