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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP FROM SEPTEMBER

SIoux FALLS, October 20, 2005 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 170,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on October 1, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The October 1 number is up 40,000 head from one year ago and up 15,000 head from September.

Placements during September totaled 50,000 head, up 10,000 from last year and up 20,000 head from August 2005.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 34,000 head, down 6,000 head from last year and down 3,000 from August.

Other disappearance during September totaled 1,000 head, down 1,000 from last year and down 2,000 from August.

Steer and steer calves totaled 82,000 head, 48 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 74,000 head, 44 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 14,000 head, accounting for 8 percent of the total cattle on feed.

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