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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY RECORD HIGH

SIoux FALLS, January 26, 2007 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 225,000 **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 20,000 head from a year ago and up 15,000 from December. This sets a record high cattle on feed number for the 1,000+ capacity feedlots in South Dakota.

Placements during December totaled 50,000 head, up 4,000 from a year earlier but down 6,000 from November.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 32,000 head, up 4,000 head from last year but down 3,000 from November.

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

Steer and steer calves totaled 115,000 head, up from 105,000 a year ago. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 85,000 head, compared to 73,000 last year. **Bulls and cows** totaled 25,000 head, compared to 27,000 last year.

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