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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY RECORD HIGH

SIoux FALLS, January 25, 2008 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 230,000 **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 5,000 head from a year ago and up 15,000 head from December. This ties the record high cattle on feed number for the 1,000+ capacity feedlots in South Dakota.

Placements during December totaled 50,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier and from November.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 33,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year but down 5,000 head from November.

Other disappearance during December totaled 2,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year but unchanged from last month.

Steer and steer calves totaled 111,000 head, up from 115,000 head a year ago. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 90,000 head, compared to 85,000 head last year. **Bulls and cows** totaled 29,000 head, compared to 25,000 head last year.

Access this complete report at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CattOnFe/2000s/2008/CattOnFe-01-25-2008.pdf>