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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY DECREASED

SIoux FALLS, May 16, 2008 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 220,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on May 1, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is down 10,000 head from a year earlier and down 5,000 head from a month earlier.

Placements during April totaled 33,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year but up 1,000 head from March 2008.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 37,000 head, up 3,000 head from last year but unchanged from March 2008.

Other disappearance during April totaled 1,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year and down 4,000 head from March 2008.

Access this complete report at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CattOnFe/2000s/2008/CattOnFe-05-16-2008.pdf>