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## IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 2004 totaled 275,000 head, up 2 percent from the October 1, 2003 inventory, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 12 percent from the number on hand September 1, 2004. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 84,000 head, up 2,000 from September 2003 placements. Marketings during September totaled 53,000 head, down 3,000 from September 2003 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2003 and up slightly from October 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.37 million, 4 percent below 2003 but 8 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.31 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 623,000, 600-699 pounds were 474,000, 700-799 pounds were 557,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 3 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during September, 3 percent below 2003 but 15 percent above 2002.

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