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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on August 1, 2004 totaled 235,000 head, down 2 percent from the August 1, 2003 inventory, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand July 1, 2004. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 43,000 head, down 13,000 head from July 2003 placements. Marketings during July totaled 47,000 head, down 23,000 from July 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 9.85 million head on August 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above August 1, 2003 but 3 percent below August 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.72 million, 14 percent below 2003 and 7 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.66 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 325,000, 700-799 pounds were 499,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 456,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.93 million, 15 percent below 2003 and 12 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during July, 3 percent below 2003 but 29 percent above 2002.

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