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Kansas Cattle On Feed

The number of **cattle on feed** on April 1, 2003 in Kansas feedlots with 1,000 head or more capacity totaled 2.32 million head, down 4 percent from a year ago but 4 percent above the number on hand March 1, 2003. **Placements** during March totaled 510,000 head, 17 percent higher than a year ago and 24 percent above February 2003 placements of 410,000 head. **Marketings** during March totaled 410,000 head, 2 percent below March 2002 but 11 percent above

February 2003. **Other disappearance** was 20,000 head, 5,000 head higher than March 2002 but unchanged from February 2003. The percent of March placements by weight was: under 600 pounds, 9 percent; 600-699 pounds, 21 percent; 700-799 pounds, 39 percent; and 800 pounds or heavier, 31 percent. Of the total number of cattle on feed, 55 percent were steers and steer calves, 44 percent heifers and heifer calves, and the remainder were cows and bulls.

**Cattle On Feed, Placements, Marketings, And Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, March - April 2002 - 2003**

State	Number on Feed ¹				March Placements		March Marketings		Other Disappearance during March ²	
	Mar 1 2003	April 1			2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
		2002	2003	% of 2002						
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>(%)</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>				
AZ	279	314	278	89	32	31	27	29	1	3
CA	470	485	470	97	68	62	55	58	3	4
CO	990	1,120	970	87	200	165	215	180	15	5
ID	280	325	280	86	70	58	59	57	1	1
IA ³	365	395	365	92	49	56	53	55	1	1
KS	2,240	2,420	2,320	96	435	510	420	410	15	20
NE	2,190	2,300	2,190	95	310	320	300	310	10	10
NM	112	113	105	93	19	16	14	22	1	1
OK	320	360	340	94	80	94	64	71	1	3
SD	215	220	215	98	44	44	33	43	1	1
TX	2,560	2,900	2,670	92	560	600	495	480	15	10
WA	180	230	180	78	40	31	37	30	2	1
Oth Sts	325	395	320	81	46	55	53	58	3	2
U.S. ³	10,526	11,577	10,703	92	1,953	2,042	1,825	1,803	69	62

¹ Being fattened for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates to grade select or better. ² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots. ³ March 1, 2003 revised.

U.S. Cattle On Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.70 million head on April 1, 2003. The inventory was down 8 percent from the 11.58 million head on April 1, 2002 and 7 percent below April 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.72 million steers and steer calves, down 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.92 million head, down 9 percent from 2002. **Placements** in feedlots during March totaled 2.04 million, 5 percent above

2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.98 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 276,000, 600-699 pounds were 390,000, 700-799 pounds were 744,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 632,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during March totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2002 and 6 percent below 2001. **Other disappearance** totaled 62,000 during March, 10 percent below 2002 and 37 percent below 2001.

**Cattle On Feed: Number Placed On Feed By Weight Group,
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, March 2002-2003**

State	Placed in March									
	Under 600 lbs.		600-699 lbs.		700-799 lbs.		800 Plus lbs.		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
CO	21	16	41	27	72	63	66	59	200	165
KS	45	45	75	105	180	200	135	160	435	510
NE	33	22	63	55	100	113	114	130	310	320
TX	105	78	120	128	225	248	110	146	560	600
Other States	110	115	73	75	125	120	140	137	448	447
U.S.	314	276	372	390	702	744	565	632	1,953	2,042



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CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED BY CLASS
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, by Quarter, State, and United States, 2002-2003

	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows and Bulls		
	Apr 1, 2002	Jan 1, 2003	Apr 1, 2003	Apr 1, 2002	Jan 1, 2003	Apr 1, 2003	Apr 1, 2002	Jan 1, 2003	Apr 1, 2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	645	585	590	470	425	375	5	10	5
KS	1,405	1,180	1,270	1,010	1,010	1,030	5	10	20
NE	1,340	1,240	1,305	940	870	860	20	30	25
TX	1,775	1,630	1,710	1,120	999	955	5	1	5
Other States ¹	2,067	1,902	1,840	762	674	698	8	27	15
U.S. ¹	7,232	6,537	6,715	4,302	3,978	3,918	43	78	70

¹ January 1, 2003 Steers & Steer Calves revised.

Kansas And U.S. Milk Production Up

The January-March 2003 **milk production in Kansas** totaled 520 million pounds, 8.3 percent above production during the same quarter in 2002. The number of milk cows was estimated at 104,000 cows, up 4 percent from the same quarter a year ago. The quarterly production per cow averaged 5,000 pounds, a 200 pound increase from the January-March period last year.

The quarterly **production of milk for the U.S.** was 43.0 billion pounds, 1.3 percent above the January-March period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the January-March quarter was 9.16 million head, 43,000 head more than the same period a year earlier. U.S. milk production per cow during the second quarter averaged 4,692 pounds, up 39 pounds from the comparable 2002 average.

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