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KANSAS CATTLE ON FEED

The number of **cattle on feed** on January 1, 2003, in Kansas feedlots with 1,000 head or more capacity totaled 2.20 million head, down 11 percent from a year ago and 4 percent below the number on hand December 1, 2002.

Placements during December totaled 390,000 head, 5 percent above a year ago but 7 percent below November placements of 420,000 head. **Marketings** during December totaled 470,000 head, 8 percent below December 2001 but 19 percent above November 2002. Other disappearance was 20,000 head, unchanged from last

year but down 5,000 head from the previous month. The percent of December placements by weight was: under 600 pounds, 18 percent; 600-699 pounds, 40 percent; 700-799 pounds, 27 percent; and 800 pounds or heavier, 15 percent. Of the total number of cattle on feed, 54 percent were steers and steer calves, 46 percent were heifers and heifer calves and less than 1 percent (10,000 head) were cows and bulls.

CATTLE ON FEED: INVENTORY, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, December-January 2001-2003

| State | Number on Feed 1/ | | | | December Placements | | December Marketings | | Other Disappearance During December 2/ | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| | Dec. 1 2002 | January 1 | | | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 |
| | | 2002 | 2003 | % of 2002 | | | | | | |
| | -----1,000 Head----- | | | | -----1,000 Head----- | | | | | |
| | | | | (%) | | | | | | |
| AZ | 295 | 305 | 289 | 95 | 30 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 2 | 4 |
| CA | 500 | 480 | 490 | 102 | 50 | 55 | 50 | 55 | 10 | 10 |
| CO | 1,070 | 1,180 | 1,020 | 86 | 165 | 145 | 135 | 185 | 10 | 10 |
| ID | 300 | 330 | 295 | 89 | 51 | 44 | 59 | 47 | 2 | 2 |
| IA | 350 | 355 | 355 | 100 | 55 | 65 | 49 | 59 | 1 | 1 |
| KS | 2,300 | 2,480 | 2,200 | 89 | 370 | 390 | 510 | 470 | 20 | 20 |
| NE | 2,180 | 2,230 | 2,140 | 96 | 300 | 340 | 325 | 370 | 15 | 10 |
| NM | 123 | 108 | 119 | 110 | 14 | 12 | 13 | 15 | 1 | 1 |
| OK | 340 | 360 | 330 | 92 | 42 | 34 | 65 | 41 | 2 | 3 |
| SD | 195 | 195 | 205 | 105 | 35 | 38 | 34 | 27 | 1 | 1 |
| TX | 2,700 | 2,880 | 2,630 | 91 | 360 | 360 | 450 | 400 | 20 | 30 |
| WA | 195 | 247 | 180 | 73 | 38 | 27 | 47 | 40 | 4 | 2 |
| Other States | 350 | 415 | 335 | 81 | 68 | 55 | 48 | 65 | 5 | 5 |
| 7-St 3/ | 10,203 | 9,910 | 9,124 | 92 | 1,330 | 1,380 | 1,545 | 1,566 | 78 | 85 |
| U.S. | 10,898 | 11,565 | 10,588 | 92 | 1,578 | 1,590 | 1,811 | 1,801 | 93 | 99 |

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/ Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on January 1, 2003. The inventory was 8 percent below January 1, 2002 and 10 percent below January 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.53 million steers and steer calves, down 8 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.98 million head, down 9 percent from January 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.59 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 6 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.49 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 421,000, 600-699 pounds were 507,000, 700-799 pounds were

407,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 255,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2001 but 3 percent above 2000. **Other disappearance** totaled 99,000 during December, 6 percent above 2001 and 4 percent above 2000.

Cattle on feed January 1, 2003 in the historic 7 States for the feedlots with capacity for 1,000 or more head, totaled 9.1 million, down 8 percent from the previous year and 9 percent below January 1, 2001. The inventory included 5.61 million steers and steer calves, down 8 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.47 million head, down 8 percent from January 1, 2002.

**CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER PLACED ON FEED BY WEIGHT GROUP,
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, December 2001-2002**

| State | During December | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | Under 600 lbs. | | 600-699 lbs. | | 700-799 lbs. | | 800 Plus lbs. | | Total | |
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 |
| | -----1,000 Head ----- | | | | | | | | | |
| CO | 36 | 33 | 52 | 41 | 50 | 46 | 27 | 25 | 165 | 145 |
| KS | 65 | 70 | 120 | 155 | 125 | 105 | 60 | 60 | 370 | 390 |
| NE | 62 | 64 | 93 | 103 | 80 | 102 | 65 | 71 | 300 | 340 |
| TX | 115 | 134 | 115 | 133 | 85 | 72 | 45 | 21 | 360 | 360 |
| Other States | 140 | 120 | 95 | 75 | 73 | 82 | 75 | 78 | 383 | 355 |
| US | 418 | 421 | 475 | 507 | 413 | 407 | 272 | 255 | 1,578 | 1,590 |

SPECIAL NOTE: The Cattle on Feed release format will be modified to exclude calculation and publication of the historic 7 States. Availability of U.S. and the 12 individually published States' data will remain unchanged. The same 7 State data can still be calculated from the U.S. release by summing the historic 7 States' totals. This change will be effective beginning in the publication released Friday, February 14th, 2003.

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

| State | Steers & Steer Calves | | | Heifers & Heifer Calves | | | Cows and Bulls | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Jan. 1, 2002 | Oct. 1, 2002 | Jan. 1, 2003 | Jan. 1, 2002 | Oct. 1, 2002 | Jan. 1, 2003 | Jan. 1, 2002 | Oct. 1, 2002 | Jan. 1, 2003 |
| | -----1,000 Head ----- | | | | | | | | |
| CO | 675 | 585 | 585 | 500 | 440 | 425 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| KS | 1,400 | 1,240 | 1,180 | 1,070 | 1,030 | 1,010 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| NE | 1,330 | 1,030 | 1,240 | 855 | 890 | 870 | 45 | 40 | 30 |
| TX | 1,700 | 1,620 | 1,630 | 1,177 | 1,097 | 999 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Other States | 1,998 | 1,783 | 1,897 | 773 | 627 | 674 | 24 | 16 | 27 |
| U.S. | 7,103 | 6,258 | 6,532 | 4,375 | 4,084 | 3,978 | 87 | 74 | 78 |

KANSAS AND U.S. MILK PRODUCTION

The October-December 2002 **milk production in Kansas** totaled 520 million pounds, up 95 million pounds from the same quarter in 2001. The number of milk cows was estimated at 105,000 head for the fourth quarter, up 12 percent from the same quarter a year ago. The quarterly production per cow averaged 4,950 pounds, a 430 pound increase from the October-December period last year.

The quarterly **production of milk for the U.S.** was 41.5 billion pounds, 1.7 percent above the October-December period in 2001. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the October-December quarter was 9.15 million head, 43,000 head more than the same period last year. U.S. milk production per cow during the fourth quarter averaged 4,538 pounds, up 55 pounds from the comparable 2001 average.

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Analysis of the Cattle on Feed numbers can be obtained by accessing Dr. James Mintert's market implications on the Internet at <http://www.agecon.ksu.edu/livestock/> and select USDA Market News; then select Market Outlook.