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Kansas Cattle On Feed

The number of **cattle on feed** on March 1, 2004 in Kansas feedlots with 1,000 head or more capacity totaled 2.39 million head, up 7 percent from a year ago but down 1 percent February 1, 2004. **Placements** during February totaled 390,000 head, down 5 percent from a year ago and 14 percent below January 2004 placements of 455,000 head. **Marketings** during February totaled 405,000 head,

9 percent above February 2003 but 8 percent below January 2004. **Other disappearance** was 15,000 head, down 5,000 from a year ago and down 10,000 from the previous month. The percent of February placements by weight was: under 600 pounds, 14 percent; 600-699 pounds, 22 percent; 700-799 pounds, 38 percent; and 800 pounds or heavier, 26 percent.

**Cattle On Feed, Placements, Marketings, And Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, February - March 2003 - 2004**

State	Number on Feed ¹				February Placements		February Marketings		Other Disappearance during February ²	
	Feb 1 2004	March 1			2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
		2003	2004	% of 2003						
	<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>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AZ	296	279	295	106	22	27	31	25	3	3
CA	500	475	500	105	54	56	56	52	3	4
CO	1,040	990	1,020	103	160	155	190	165	10	10
ID	275	280	265	95	48	43	57	52	1	1
IA	385	380	405	107	63	61	71	40	2	1
KS	2,420	2,240	2,390	107	410	390	370	405	20	15
NE	2,280	2,190	2,270	104	330	350	350	345	10	15
NM	117	112	112	100	11	16	12	20	1	1
OK	350	320	335	105	46	47	55	59	1	3
SD	200	215	210	98	40	43	39	32	1	1
TX	2,770	2,560	2,690	105	370	350	395	420	15	10
WA	185	180	175	97	31	24	30	32	1	2
Oth Sts	310	325	310	95	65	48	77	45	3	3
U.S.	11,128	10,546	10,977	104	1,650	1,610	1,733	1,692	71	69

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.

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 10.98 million head on March 1, 2004. The inventory was up 4 percent from the 10.55 million head on March 1, 2003 but 5 percent below March 1, 2002. **Placements** in feedlots during February totaled 1.61 million, 2 percent below 2003 and 11 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.54 million. During February, placements of cattle

and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 319,000; 600-699 pounds were 351,000; 700-799 pounds were 548,000; and 800 pounds and greater were 392,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during February totaled 1.69 million, 2 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. **Other disappearance** totaled 69,000 during February, 3 percent below 2003 but 10 percent above 2002.

**Cattle On Feed: Number Placed On Feed By Weight Group,
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, February 2003-2004**

State	Placed in February									
	Under 600 lbs.		600-699 lbs.		700-799 lbs.		800 Plus lbs.		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<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>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	15	13	37	38	67	58	41	46	160	155
KS	35	55	105	85	165	150	105	100	410	390
NE	40	51	69	63	124	125	97	111	330	350
TX	70	85	100	100	137	125	63	40	370	350
Other States	100	115	60	65	100	90	120	95	380	365
U.S.	260	319	371	351	593	548	426	392	1,650	1,610



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Farms and Land in Farms Steady

The number of Kansas farms held steady at 64,500. The average size of 732 acres is only 1 acre below the previous

year's figure. There are 47.2 million acres of land in Kansas farms.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms, Kansas, 1960-2003^{1 2}

Year	Number of Farms	Avg. Size of Farm	Land in Farms	Year	Number of Farms	Avg. Size of Farm	Land in Farms
		<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
1960	110,000	456	50,200	1998	65,000	731	47,500
1970	87,000	574	49,900	1999	65,000	731	47,500
1980	75,000	644	48,300	2000	64,000	742	47,500
1990	69,000	694	47,900	2001	64,500	733	47,300
1995	66,000	721	47,600	2002	64,500	733	47,300
1996	65,000	731	47,500	2003	64,500	732	47,200
1997	65,000	731	47,500				

¹ The definition of a farm has adjusted over time. Between 1959 and 1975, a farm was a place of 10 or more acres with annual sales of farm products of at least \$50 or less than 10 acres with sales of \$250 or more. Beginning with 1975, a farm was any place with annual sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more. Starting in 1995, this definition also included any place with 5 or more horses. ² 1993 to present data are for the calendar year; prior years use a June 1 reference date.

Cattle & Calves on Feed, Marketings, & Placements, 2002-2003, 1,000 Head Capacity Feedlots

Date	Number on Feed Current Month	Number Placed on Feed During Month	Number Marketed During Month	Other Disappearance ¹ During Month	Number on Feed Following Month
2002	1,000 Head				
Jan. 1	2,480	530	540	20	2,450
Feb. 1	2,450	435	450	15	2,420
Mar. 1	2,420	435	420	15	2,420
Apr. 1	2,420	320	445	25	2,270
May 1	2,270	520	495	25	2,270
June 1	2,270	380	480	10	2,160
July 1	2,160	510	520	10	2,140
Aug. 1	2,140	570	470	10	2,230
Sep. 1	2,230	460	400	10	2,280
Oct. 1	2,280	455	410	25	2,300
Nov. 1	2,300	420	395	25	2,300
Dec. 1	2,300	390	470	20	2,200
2003	1,000 Head				
Jan. 1	2,200	540	500	20	2,220
Feb. 1	2,220	410	370	20	2,240
Mar. 1	2,240	510	410	20	2,320
Apr. 1	2,320	420	450	20	2,270
May 1	2,270	550	530	20	2,270
June 1	2,270	415	510	15	2,160
July 1	2,160	570	540	10	2,180
Aug. 1	2,180	580	500	10	2,250
Sep. 1	2,250	530	465	15	2,300
Oct. 1	2,300	570	410	30	2,430
Nov. 1	2,430	425	350	25	2,480
Dec. 1	2,480	410	435	25	2,430

¹ Other disappearance includes cattle and calves that were sold for further feeding, were returned to pasture, or died.

For a detailed report on livestock market implications from Dr. Jim Mintert, Extension Ag Economist at Kansas State University, visit www.agmanager.info/livestock/marketing.