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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP FROM FEBRUARY

SIoux FALLS, March 19, 2004 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 210,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on March 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. The March 1 number is down 5,000 from a year ago but up 10,000 head from February.

Placements during February totaled 43,000 head, up 3,000 head from a year earlier and up 13,000 head from January.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 32,000 head, down 7,000 head from last year but up 3,000 head from January.

Other disappearance during February totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from both last year and last month.

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