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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY DOWN FROM MARCH

SIoux FALLS, April 16, 2004 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 205,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on April 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. The April 1 number is down 5,000 head from a year earlier and from March.

Placements during March totaled 33,000 head, down 6,000 head from last year and down 10,000 from February.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 36,000 head, down 7,000 head from last year but up 4,000 head from February.

Other disappearance during March totaled 2,000 head, up 1,000 from both last year and last month.

Steer and steer calves totaled 112,000 head, 54.6 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 81,000 head, 39.5 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 12,000 head, 5.8 percent of the total cattle on feed.

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