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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY DOWN FROM APRIL

SIoux FALLS, May 21, 2004 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 200,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on May 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. The May 1 number is down 10,000 head from a year ago and down 5,000 head from April 2004.

Placements during April totaled 26,000 head, down 5,000 head from last year and down 7,000 head from March.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 28,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year and down 8,000 head from March.

Other disappearance during April totaled 3,000 head, up 1,000 head from both last year and last month.

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