

South Dakota CATTLE ON FEED

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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP FROM SEPTEMBER

SIoux FALLS, October 22, 2004 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 143,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on October 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. The October 1 number is down 2,000 head from one year ago but up 5,000 head from September.

Placements during September totaled 41,000 head, down 8,000 from last year but up 16,000 head from August 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 35,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year and down 8,000 from August.

Other disappearance during September totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from both last year and August 2004.

Steer and steer calves totaled 71,000 head, 50 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 60,000 head, 42 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 12,000 head, accounting for 8 percent of the total cattle on feed.

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