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SOUTH DAKOTA CATTLE ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT

SIoux FALLS, SD, February 20, 2015 -- South Dakota feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 230,000 cattle on feed on February 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 5 percent from last year.

Placements during January totaled 30,000 head, down 23 percent from 2014.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 27,000 head, down 34 percent from last year.

Other disappearance during January totaled 3,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Special Note

NASS has revised monthly cattle on feed estimates back to February 2013 to better align with the definition that cattle should grade select or better to be counted in the NASS monthly cattle on feed program. This means that cows and bulls have been removed from these previous estimates and future cattle on feed estimates.

Access the National publication for this release at:

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