



Cattle on Feed

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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on November 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2003 and 5 percent above November 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.70 million, 3 percent below 2003 but 13 percent above 2002. This is the second lowest placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.64 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 912,000, 600-699 pounds were 764,000, 700-799 pounds were 529,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 496,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent below 2003 and 9 percent below 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during October, 35 percent below 2003 and 21 percent below 2002.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, November 1, 2002-2004**

Item	Number			2004 as % of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed Oct 1 ¹	10,452	10,218	*10,497	100	103
Placed on Feed During Oct	2,396	2,781	2,701	113	97
Fed Cattle Marketed During Oct	1,979	1,855	1,798	91	97
Other Disappearance During Oct ²	84	101	66	79	65
On Feed Nov 1 ¹	10,785	11,043	11,334	105	103

* Revised.

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On Feed Sep 1 ¹	10,159	9,839	9,973	98	101
Placed on Feed During Sep	2,194	2,474	*2,385	109	96
Fed Cattle Marketed During Sep	1,848	2,032	1,800	97	89
Other Disappearance During Sep ²	53	63	61	115	97
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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2003-2004 ¹**

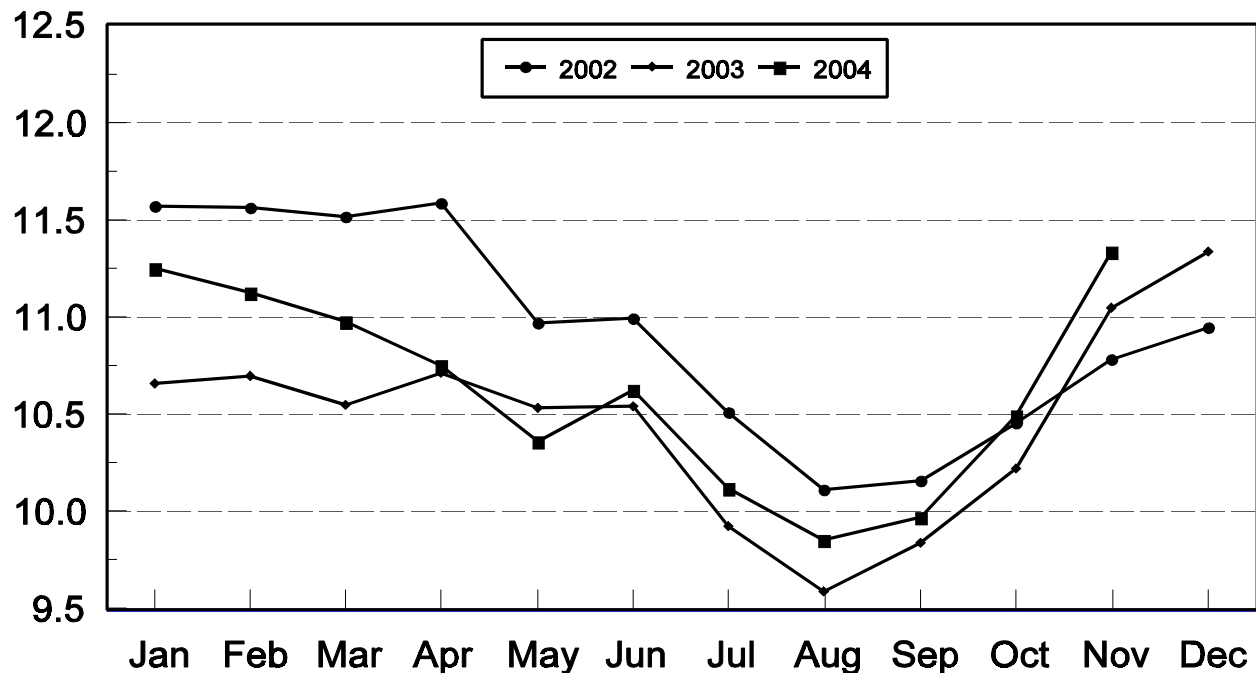
State	Nov 1, 2003	Oct 1, 2004	Nov 1, 2004		
			Number	as % of 2003	as % of Oct
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	278	298	321	115	108
CA	495	520	525	106	101
CO	1,050	1,020	1,090	104	107
ID	295	275	305	103	111
IA	350	375	430	123	115
KS	2,430	2,220	2,400	99	108
NE	2,140	1,940	2,210	103	114
NM	118	*136	134	114	99
OK	350	340	360	103	106
SD	177	143	169	95	118
TX	2,840	2,770	2,880	101	104
WA	200	175	180	90	103
Oth Sts	320	285	330	103	116
US	11,043	*10,497	11,334	103	108

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United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

Million Head



**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2003-2004**

State	During Oct 2003	During Sep 2004	During Oct 2004		
			Number	as % of 2003	as % of Sep
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	26	28	48	185	171
CA	68	64	70	103	109
CO	270	275	260	96	95
ID	88	84	78	89	93
IA	113	70	125	111	179
KS	570	520	570	100	110
NE	640	470	600	94	128
NM	19	*29	29	153	100
OK	78	80	87	112	109
SD	68	41	65	96	159
TX	680	600	650	96	108
WA	51	48	43	84	90
Oth Sts	110	76	76	69	100
US	2,781	*2,385	2,701	97	113

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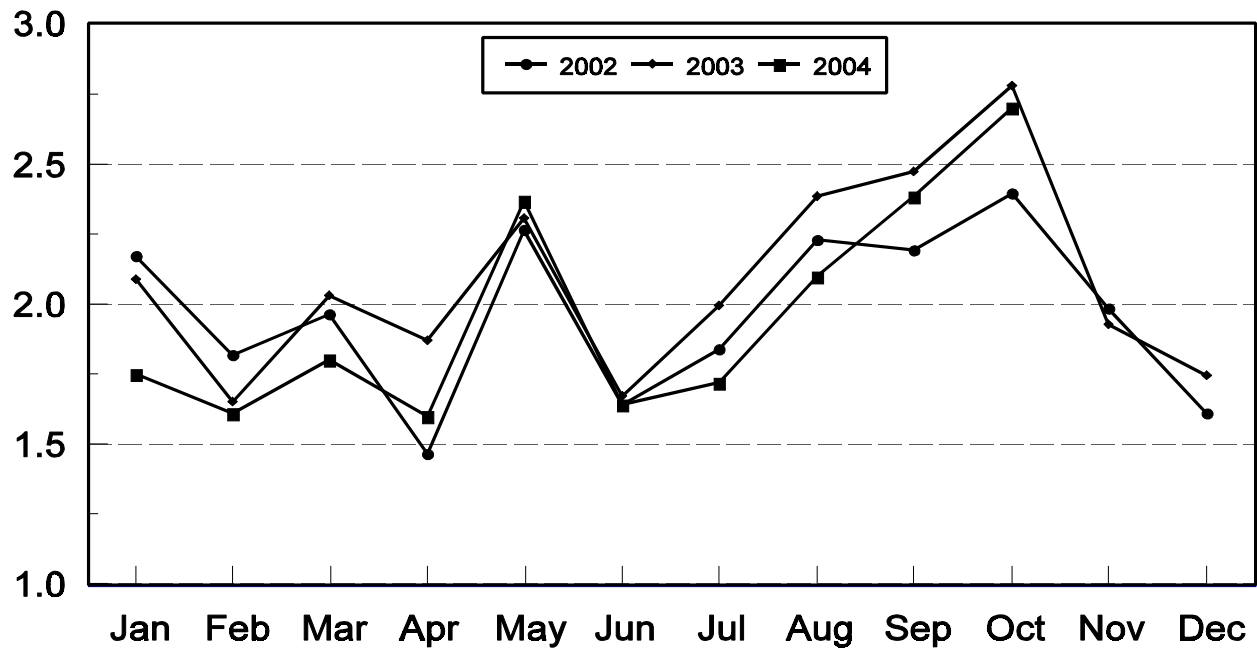
**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2003-2004**

State	During October									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	88	85	69	65	54	50	59	60	270	260
KS	185	175	170	165	130	130	85	100	570	570
NE	245	187	187	189	88	103	120	121	640	600
TX	250	215	235	200	145	155	50	80	680	650
Oth Sts	255	250	135	145	91	91	140	135	621	621
US	1,023	912	796	764	508	529	454	496	2,781	2,701
	During September									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	41	30	46	50	78	65	90	130	255	275
KS	135	135	140	110	160	140	95	135	530	520
NE	102	88	95	70	127	102	196	210	520	470
TX	250	210	185	180	130	145	55	65	620	600
Oth Sts	170	*165	79	*65	115	105	185	*185	549	*520
US	698	*628	545	*475	610	557	621	*725	2,474	*2,385

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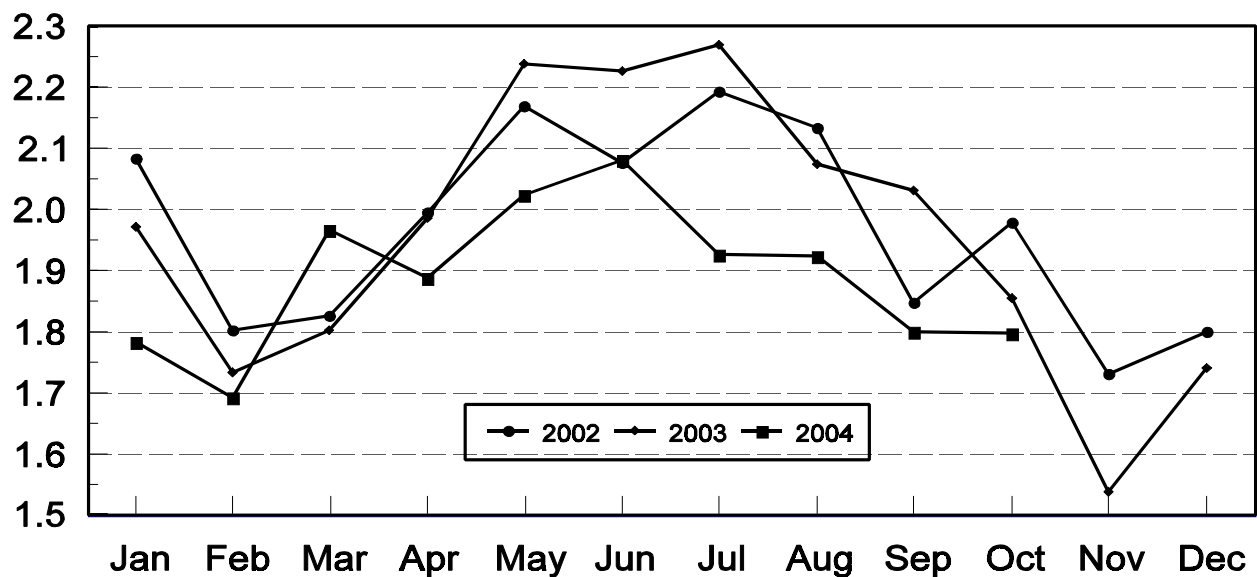
United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots Number Placed

Million Head



United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots Number Marketed

Million Head



**Cattle on Feed: Number Marketed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2003-2004**

State	During Oct 2003	During Sep 2004	During Oct 2004		
			Number	as % of 2003	as % of Sep
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	22	25	21	95	84
CA	54	60	59	109	98
CO	160	180	185	116	103
ID	60	53	47	78	89
IA	72	69	68	94	99
KS	410	410	375	91	91
NE	320	320	325	102	102
NM	20	19	29	145	153
OK	74	62	64	86	103
SD	34	35	38	112	109
TX	530	490	520	98	106
WA	45	32	37	82	116
Oth Sts	54	45	30	56	67
US	1,855	1,800	1,798	97	100

**Cattle on Feed: Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2003-2004 ¹**

State	During Oct 2003	During Sep 2004	During Oct 2004		
			Number	as % of 2003	as % of Sep
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	1	1	4	400	400
CA	4	4	6	150	150
CO	10	5	5	50	100
ID	3	1	1	33	100
IA	1	1	2	200	200
KS	30	20	15	50	75
NE	10	10	5	50	50
NM	4	3	2	50	67
OK	4	3	3	75	100
SD	2	1	1	50	100
TX	30	10	20	67	200
WA	1	1	1	100	100
Oth Sts	1	1	1	100	100
US	101	61	66	65	108

¹ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Terms and Definitions of Cattle on Feed Estimates

Cattle on feed are animals being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

Placements are cattle put into a feedlot, fed a ration which will produce a carcass that will grade select or better, and are intended for the slaughter market.

Marketings are cattle shipped out of feedlots to a slaughter market.

Other disappearance includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Reliability of Cattle on Feed Estimates

Survey Procedures: During January and July all known feedlots in the U.S. with capacity of 1,000 or more head are surveyed to provide data for cattle on feed estimates. During the other months, all known feedlots from 17 States are surveyed. The 17 States account for 98 percent of the cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head.

Estimating Procedures: These cattle on feed estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by each State office. Regional and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from the previous month when setting the current estimates.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve month to month relationships. Estimates for the previous month are subject to revision in all States each month when current estimates are made. In February, all monthly estimates for the previous year, and the number of feedlots and annual marketings from two years ago are reviewed and subject to revisions. The reviews are primarily based on slaughter data, state check-off or brand data, and any other data that may have been received after the original estimate was made. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date and estimates become final.

Reliability: Since all 1000+ capacity cattle on feed operators in every State are not included in the monthly survey, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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