



Cattle on Feed

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U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 4 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.53 million head on June 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2002 and 6 percent below June 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 1 percent above 2002 but 3 percent below 2001. Net placements were 2.23 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 408,000, 600-699 pounds were 366,000, 700-799 pounds were 747,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 776,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.23 million, 3 percent above 2002 and 1 percent above 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during May, 16 percent below 2002 and 36 percent below 2001.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, June 1, 2001-2003**

Item	Number			2003 as % of	
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed May 1 ¹	11,170	10,951	*10,530	94	96
Placed on Feed During May	2,372	2,267	2,297	97	101
Fed Cattle Marketed During May	2,196	2,171	2,228	101	103
Other Disappearance During May ²	101	77	65	64	84
On Feed Jun 1 ¹	11,245	10,970	10,534	94	96

* Revised.

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Item	Number			2003 as % of	
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed Apr 1 ¹	11,523	11,577	10,703	93	92
Placed on Feed During Apr	1,551	1,453	*1,875	121	129
Fed Cattle Marketed During Apr	1,815	1,996	1,985	109	99
Other Disappearance During Apr ²	89	83	63	71	76
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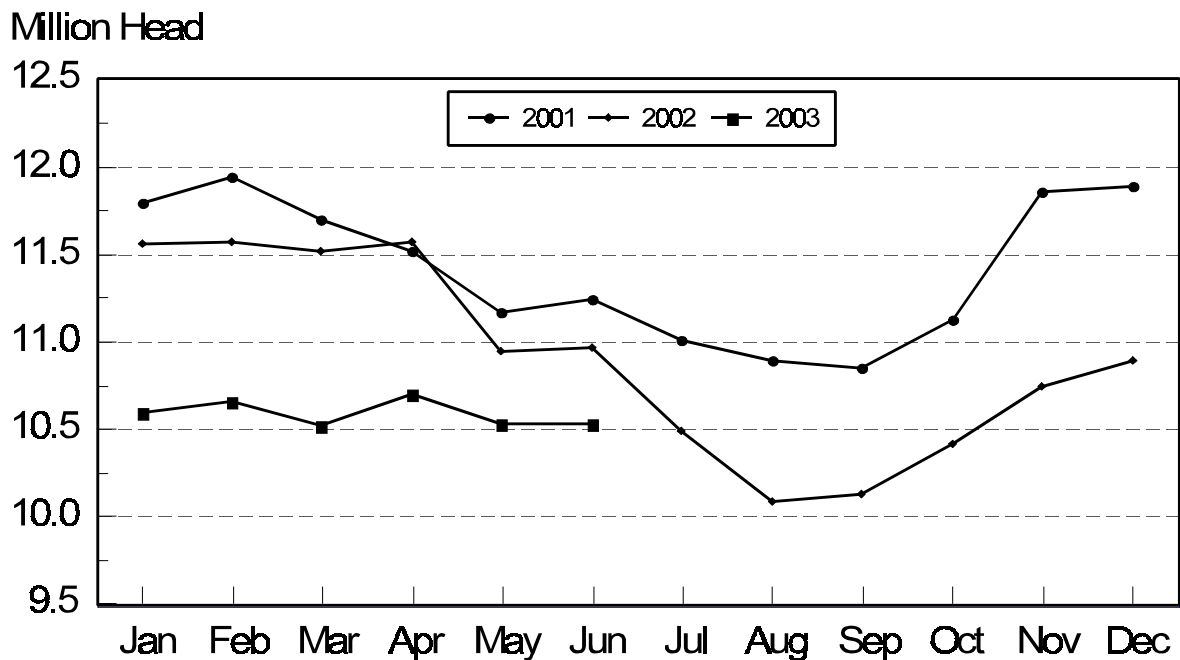
**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2002-2003 ¹**

State	Jun 1, 2002	May 1, 2003	Jun 1, 2003		
			Number	as % of 2002	as % of May
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	299	269	266	89	99
CA	485	*470	485	100	103
CO	1,090	1,000	990	91	99
ID	310	275	260	84	95
IA	375	360	340	91	94
KS	2,270	2,270	2,270	100	100
NE	2,060	2,080	1,930	94	93
NM	96	101	110	115	109
OK	340	330	360	106	109
SD	205	215	198	97	92
TX	2,870	2,680	2,880	100	107
WA	200	170	160	80	94
Oth Sts	370	310	285	77	92
US	10,970	*10,530	10,534	96	100

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United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots



**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2002-2003**

State	During May 2002	During Apr 2003	During May 2003		
			Number	as % of 2002	as % of Apr
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	32	32	38	119	119
CA	72	*66	83	115	126
CO	210	200	200	95	100
ID	64	45	53	83	118
IA	46	57	48	104	84
KS	520	420	550	106	131
NE	350	320	360	103	113
NM	18	21	30	167	143
OK	75	68	98	131	144
SD	26	31	29	112	94
TX	760	540	730	96	135
WA	41	25	30	73	120
Oth Sts	53	50	48	91	96
US	2,267	*1,875	2,297	101	123

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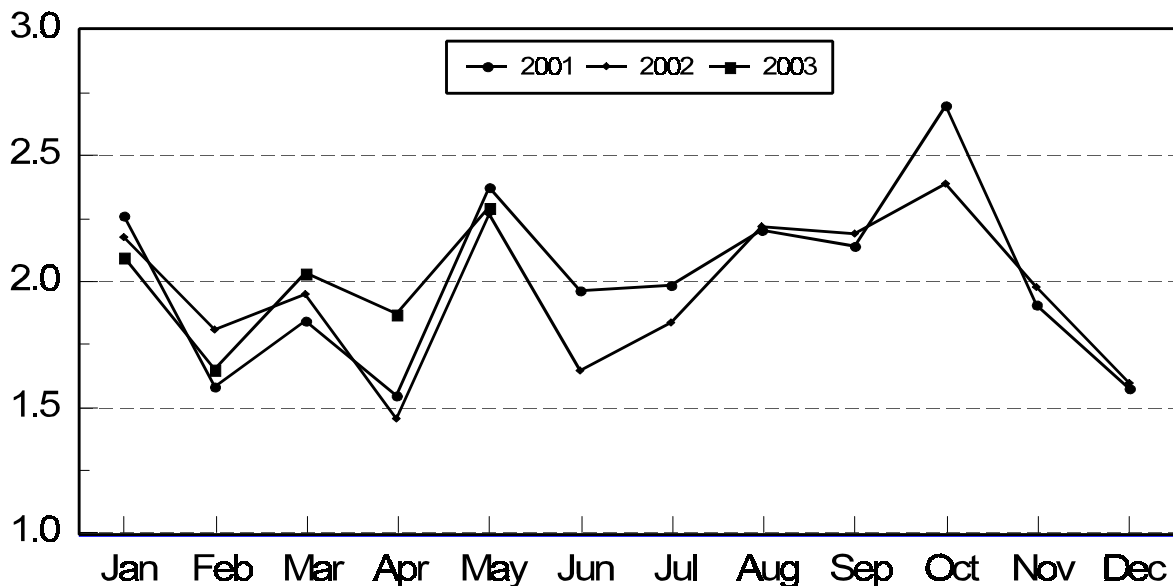
**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2002-2003**

State	During May									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	14	25	41	31	73	76	82	68	210	200
KS	50	60	100	85	200	205	170	200	520	550
NE	26	38	47	43	112	131	165	148	350	360
TX	150	150	205	150	265	225	140	205	760	730
Oth Sts	110	135	52	57	110	110	155	155	427	457
US	350	408	445	366	760	747	712	776	2,267	2,297
	During April									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	9	17	33	36	65	72	58	75	165	200
KS	20	50	50	85	125	145	125	140	320	420
NE	26	39	49	53	82	99	103	129	260	320
TX	70	80	80	90	145	192	70	178	365	540
Oth Sts	85	*115	43	60	95	105	120	115	343	*395
US	210	*301	255	324	512	613	476	637	1,453	*1,875

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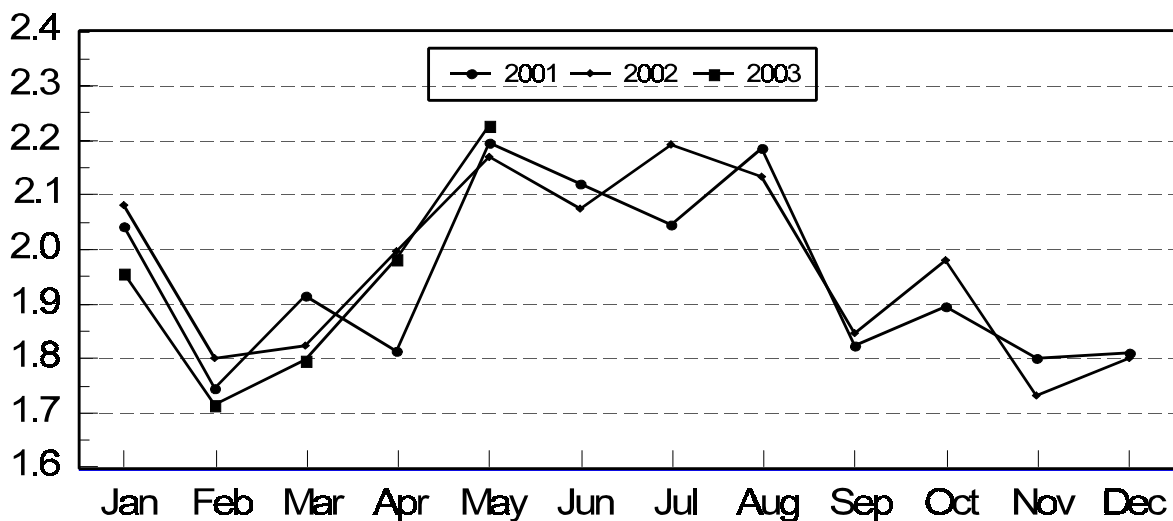
United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots Number Placed

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 2002-2003**

State	During May 2002	During Apr 2003	During May 2003		
			Number	as % of 2002	as % of Apr
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	36	40	39	108	98
CA	63	63	66	105	105
CO	190	165	200	105	121
ID	68	49	67	99	137
IA	55	60	65	118	108
KS	495	450	530	107	118
NE	445	420	500	112	119
NM	17	24	20	118	83
OK	73	75	67	92	89
SD	34	29	44	129	152
TX	580	520	520	90	100
WA	55	34	39	71	115
Oth Sts	60	56	71	118	127
US	2,171	1,985	2,228	103	112

**Cattle on Feed: Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2002-2003 ¹**

State	During May 2002	During Apr 2003	During May 2003		
			Number	as % of 2002	as % of Apr
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	1	1	2	200	200
CA	4	3	2	50	67
CO	10	5	10	100	200
ID	1	1	1	100	100
IA	1	2	3	300	150
KS	25	20	20	80	100
NE	15	10	10	67	100
NM	2	1	1	50	100
OK	2	3	1	50	33
SD	2	2	2	100	100
TX	10	10	10	100	100
WA	1	1	1	100	100
Oth Sts	3	4	2	67	50
US	77	63	65	84	103

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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