

South Dakota REGIONAL CATTLE ON FEED REPORT



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USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service conducted a regional cattle on feed survey at the request of the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association. The survey was designed to provide regional statistics for cattle on feed inventory, feedlot capacity and annual marketings. Supporting funds for this project were provided by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

The survey was conducted during January and February of 2002. Responses from over 2300 farms and ranches were tabulated. Appreciation is expressed

to all the producers who participated in the survey and provided data on which this report is based. This survey defined cattle on feed as animals being fed and then shipped directly to slaughter market. Feedlot capacity was defined as the total number of cattle that could be fed at any one time. This includes cattle fed for slaughter market, backgrounding, and other purposes.

The following table shows survey results by region. The geographic boundaries of each region are shown in the map below.

CATTLE ON FEED, FEEDLOT CAPACITY, ANNUAL MARKETINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

	Cattle on Feed	Feedlot Capacity	Annual Marketings	
Region	Jan. 1, 2002	Jan. 1, 2002	1997 1/	2001
	HEAD			
West	58,000	332,000	99,090	109,000
Northeast	104,000	368,000	161,955	206,000
East Central	108,000	501,000	144,549	172,000
Southeast	85,000	299,000	148,374	133,000
South Dakota	355,000	1,500,000	553,968	620,000

1/ Source: 1997 Census of Agriculture





