

### Cattle on Feed / Bovins mis au pâturage

Alberta and/et Saskatchewan

Number on feed, Placements, Marketing and other disappearances

Nombre d'animaux mis au pâturage, commercialisés et autres fins

April 1, 2001

Le 1er avril 2001

	2000	2001	% chg	
On Feed March 1	1,353,518	1,204,531	89.0	Au pâturage le 1er mars, 2001
Placed on Feed During March	241,242	293,641	121.7	Bovins mis au pâturage en mars
Fed Cattle Marketed During March	227,821	189,171	83.0	Ventes de bovins engraisés en mars
Other Disappearances During Mar.	24,651	33,655	136.5	Autres fins en mars
On Feed April 1, 2001	1,313,339	1,275,346	97.1	Au pâturage le 1er avril, 2001

### Cattle On Feed Placements / Bovins au pâturage

Alberta and/et Saskatchewan

Number Placed on Feed by weight group / Nombre de bovins mis en pâturage par groupe de poids

March, 2001

Mars 2001

	Steers / Bouvillons		Heifers / Taures		Total	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Less than 600 / Moins de 600	10,304	8,452	9,416	10,280	19,720	18,732
600 - 699	12,884	19,119	17,013	20,970	29,897	40,089
700 - 799	25,098	58,443	25,202	40,596	50,300	99,039
800 and over / 800 et plus	82,334	84,368	58,991	51,413	141,325	135,781
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,620</b>	<b>170,382</b>	<b>110,622</b>	<b>123,259</b>	<b>241,242</b>	<b>293,641</b>

April 1, 2001 cattle on feed numbers were down 1% from the same time last year. Placements continue to be large as March saw the best swap situation since the winter of 96/97, meaning feeder cattle prices were lower than fed cattle prices. The excellent swap led to an increase of 22% over last year's placements with the increase taking place in the middle weight categories. The 600-699 lb feeder volume increased 35% while the 700-799 lb almost doubled from March last year, calves less than 600 lbs were down 5% while feeders over 800 lbs were down 4%. Marketings for the month of March were down 22% however March this calendar year ended with 20 days vs. the 25 days last year. When calculated to have the same number of kills days, 2001 is still down 3% over March last year, resulting from decreased supplies and more dark days and reduced shifts taken by the packing plants. When looking at the first quarter marketings in 2001 they were fairly similar to 2000 at a 1% increase this year. Current percent fill based on participating feedlots on April 1 was at 94%.

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