

**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

January 1, 2002

Le 1 janvier 2002

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>% chg</b>	
On Feed December 1	1,248,901	1,192,025	95.4	Au pâturage le 1er décembre
Placed on Feed During December	137,230	121,757	88.7	Bovins mis au pâturage en décembre
Fed Cattle Marketed During Dec.	174,074	181,926	104.5	Ventes de bovins engrangés en déc.
Other Disappearances During Dec.	11,946	10,769	90.1	Autres fins en décembre
On Feed January 1, 2002	1,200,111	1,121,087	93.4	Au pâturage le 1er janvier 2002

**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

December, 2001

Décembre 2001

	<b>Steers / Bouvillons</b>		<b>Heifers / Taures</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Less than 600 / Moins de 600	6,274	10,248	12,031	11,408	18,305	21,656
600 - 699	8,890	7,075	16,719	23,149	25,609	30,224
700 - 799	8,699	9,815	30,642	22,862	39,341	32,677
800 and over / 800 et plus	20,283	11,453	33,692	25,747	53,975	37,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,146</b>	<b>38,591</b>	<b>93,084</b>	<b>83,166</b>	<b>137,230</b>	<b>121,757</b>

Cattle on feed on January 1, 2002 were down 7% from last year at 1,121,087 head, a difference of almost 80,000 head. Placements were lower this December when compared with last. Just over 5,500 less heifers were placed on feed last month and almost 10,000 fewer steers. The largest drop in placements was in the heavier feeders with calves 800 lbs. and over having 16,500 less placed when compared to last year. This loss of heavier weight placements was made up in more light weight cattle placed on feed this December. Some of the lower placement number this December can be imported. Marketings this month were 5% larger. That consisted of 53% more exports and 2% smaller domestic slaughter. Saskatchewan down 9% from last year as a result of fewer kill days this January.