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On: JANUARY 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED  
DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.70 million head on January 1, down 5 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down 1 percent from the December 1 level. Producers placed 405,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, down 4 percent from a year ago, but 27 percent above the November 2004 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 420,000 head during December, up 2 percent from last year but down 2 percent from the November 2004 total.

On January 1, there were 2.25 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 83 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 3 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the December total.

November placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 325,000 head, up 31 percent from the November total. Marketings were down 4 percent from last month to 331,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.3 million head on January 1, 2005. This inventory was slightly above January 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.83 million head, 5 percent above December 2003. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 465,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 558,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 489,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 322,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.78 million head, 2 percent above 2003.

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**Cattle and Calves: Placements, Marketings, Other Disappearance and Inventory in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed December 1		Placed on feed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December		On feed January 1	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	284	329	32	33	22	30	1	1	293	331
California	500	530	70	72	55	62	5	5	510	535
Colorado	1,060	1,100	180	135	190	145	10	10	1,040	1,080
Idaho	310	305	53	55	60	62	3	3	300	295
Iowa	370	435	50	71	48	55	2	1	370	450
Kansas	2,480	2,390	410	490	435	450	25	20	2,430	2,410
Nebraska	2,280	2,300	350	390	340	380	10	10	2,280	2,300
New Mexico	121	129	14	14	17	15	3	2	115	126
Oklahoma	350	355	53	53	45	52	3	6	355	350
South Dakota	200	186	31	42	30	34	1	2	200	192
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>2,700</b>
Washington	210	185	30	39	38	32	2	2	200	190
Other States	330	360	55	35	50	40	5	5	330	350
United States	11,335	11,344	1,748	1,834	1,740	1,777	90	92	11,253	11,309

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

State	During December									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	45	25	50	40	60	45	25	25	180	135
Kansas	95	100	155	175	110	135	50	80	410	490
Nebraska	68	60	104	117	100	114	78	99	350	390
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>405</b>
Other States	145	150	80	91	78	85	85	88	388	414
United States	503	465	529	558	448	489	268	322	1,748	1,834

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States<sup>1</sup>, January 1, 2003-2005**

Item	Number			2005 as Percent of	
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed December 1 <sup>2/3/</sup>	10,946	11,335	11,344	104	100
Placed on feed during December <sup>2/3/</sup>	1,610	1,748	1,834	114	105
Fed cattle marketed during December <sup>2/3/</sup>	1,799	1,740	1,777	99	102
Other disappearance during December <sup>2/3/4/</sup>	99	90	92	93	102
On feed January 1 <sup>4/</sup>	10,658	11,253	11,309	106	100

<sup>1</sup> The Cattle on Feed release has been modified to exclude calculation and publication of this historic 7 States. <sup>2</sup> Data is for December previous year. <sup>3</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>4</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**Texas Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Cattle and calves	District 1-N	District 1-S	District 2-N	District 2-S	District 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>								
On feed December 1 <sup>1/</sup>	2,280	182	77	24	16	31	71	59	2,740
Placed on feed during December	325	28	14	5	4	7	11	11	405
Marketed during December	331	44	10	5	4	5	10	11	420
Other disappearance during December <sup>2/</sup>	22	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	25
On feed January 1 <sup>1/</sup>	2,252	165	80	24	16	33	71	59	2,700

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