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On: MARCH 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED  
UNCHANGED 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 2.69 million head on March 1, unchanged from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down 1 percent from the February 1 level. Producers placed 340,000 head in commercial feedlots during February, down 3 percent from a year ago, and 20 percent below the January 2005 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 360,000 head during February, down 14 percent from last year and down 9 percent from the January 2005 total.

On March 1, there were 2.24 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 up 2 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the February total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 279,000 head, down 20 percent from the January total. Marketings were down 7 percent from last month to 298,000 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 11.2 million head on March 1, 2005. This inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million head, 6 percent below February 2004. February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 277,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 308,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 526,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 412,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.63 million head, 4 percent below 2004.

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

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed February 1		Placed on feed during February		Marketed during February		Other disappearance during February		On feed March 1	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	296	325	27	23	25	24	3	2	295	322
California	500	525	56	49	52	54	4	5	500	515
Colorado	1,040	1,060	155	175	165	185	10	10	1,020	1,040
Idaho	275	* 270	43	33	52	52	1	1	265	250
Iowa	385	465	61	57	40	55	1	2	405	465
Kansas	2,420	2,420	390	360	405	390	15	20	2,390	2,370
Nebraska	2,280	2,350	350	315	345	330	15	15	2,270	2,320
New Mexico	117	129	16	13	20	14	1	3	112	125
Oklahoma	350	350	47	48	59	56	3	2	335	340
South Dakota	200	205	43	32	32	26	1	1	210	210
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,690</b>	<b>2,690</b>
Washington	195	190	26	32	34	35	2	2	185	185
Other States	310	330	48	46	45	53	3	3	310	320
United States	11,138	* 11,339	1612	1,523	1,694	1,634	69	76	10,987	11,152

\* Revised.

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

State	During February									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	13	15	38	45	58	70	46	45	155	175
Kansas	55	50	85	75	150	125	100	110	390	360
Nebraska	51	42	63	63	125	111	111	99	350	315
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>340</b>
Other States	115	100	65	50	90	85	97	98	367	333
United States	319	277	351	308	548	526	394	412	1,612	1,523

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, March 1, 2003-2005**

Item	Number			2005 as Percent of	
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed February 1 <sup>1/</sup>	10,700	11,138	* 11,339	106	102
Placed on feed during February	1,650	1,612	1,523	92	94
Fed cattle marketed during February	1,733	1,694	1,634	94	96
Other disappearance during February <sup>2/</sup>	71	69	76	107	110
On feed March 1 <sup>1/</sup>	10,546	10,987	11,152	106	102

<sup>1</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>2</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. \*Revised.

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

Cattle and calves	District 1-N	District 1-S	District 2-N	District 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>							
On feed February 1 <sup>1/</sup>	2,271	172	75	19	33	70	80	2,720
Placed on feed during February	279	21	20	2	3	7	8	340
Marketed during February	298	22	9	5	4	11	11	360
Other disappearance during February <sup>2/</sup>	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
On feed March 1 <sup>1/</sup>	2,243	171	86	16	32	66	76	2,690

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