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On: APRIL 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED
DOWN 1 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 2.62 million head on April 1, down 1 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down 3 percent from the March 1 level. Producers placed 480,000 head in commercial feedlots during March, down 2 percent from a year ago, but up 41 percent from the February 2005 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 540,000 head during March, up 2 percent from last year and up 50 percent from the February 2005 total.

On April 1, there were 2.18 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 1 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from the March total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 417,000 head, up 49 percent from the February total. Marketings were up 57 percent from last month to 468,000 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 10.9 million head on April 1, 2005. This inventory was 1 percent above April 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.76 million head, 3 percent below March 2004. March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 299,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 320,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 614,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 527,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.97 million head, up slightly from 2004.

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

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed March 1		Placed on feed during March		Marketed during March		Other disappearance during March		On feed April 1	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	295	322	33	27	32	24	3	2	293	323
California	500	515	70	65	71	70	4	10	495	500
Colorado	1,020	1,040	150	175	190	185	10	10	970	1,020
Idaho	265	250	39	44	46	53	3	1	255	240
Iowa	405	465	69	55	56	64	3	1	415	455
Kansas	2,390	2,370	460	445	470	460	20	15	2,360	2,340
Nebraska	2,270	2,320	295	300	350	350	5	10	2,210	2,260
New Mexico	112	125	16	13	21	23	2	2	105	113
Oklahoma	335	340	74	61	77	73	2	3	330	325
South Dakota	210	210	33	31	36	34	2	2	205	205
TEXAS	2,690	2,690	490	480	530	540	10	10	2,640	2,620
Washington	185	185	35	22	34	47	1	1	185	159
Other States	310	320	46	42	54	50	2	2	300	310
United States	10,987	11,152	1,810	1,760	1,967	1,973	67	69	10,763	10,870

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

State	During March									
	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	15	15	30	35	60	70	45	55	150	175
Kansas	55	50	95	85	195	170	115	140	460	445
Nebraska	32	34	47	52	106	92	110	122	295	300
TEXAS	120	85	120	105	180	190	70	100	490	480
Other States	125	115	55	43	105	92	130	110	415	360
United States	347	299	347	320	646	614	470	527	1,810	1,760

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

Item	Number			2005 as Percent of	
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed March 1 ^{1/}	10,546	10,987	11,152	106	102
Placed on feed during March	2,032	1,810	1,760	87	97
Fed cattle marketed during March	1,803	1,967	1,973	109	100
Other disappearance during March ^{2/}	62	67	69	111	103
On feed April 1 ^{1/}	10,713	10,763	10,870	101	101

^{1/} 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. ^{2/} 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 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>							
On feed March 1 ^{1/}	2,243	171	86	16	32	66	76	2,690
Placed on feed during March	417	28	10	3	4	10	8	480
Marketed during March	468	28	12	2	5	12	13	540
Other disappearance during March ^{2/}	8	0	1	0	0	1	0	10
On feed April 1 ^{1/}	2,184	171	83	17	31	63	71	2,620

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