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On: MAY 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED
UP 3 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 2.63 million head on May 1, up 3 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was up 10,000 head from the April 1 level. Producers placed 500,000 head in commercial feedlots during April, up 20 percent from a year ago, and up 4 percent from the March 2005 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 480,000 head during April, unchanged from last year but down 11 percent from the March 2005 total.

On May 1, there were 2.19 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 4 percent from last year, and up slightly from the April total.

April placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 415,000 head, down slightly from the March total. Marketings were down 15 percent from last month to 398,000 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 10.6 million head on May 1, 2005. This inventory was 3 percent above May 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.66 million head, 4 percent above April 2004. April placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 340,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 225,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 500,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 595,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.80 million head, 5 percent below 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 April 1		Placed on feed during April		Marketed during April		Other disappearance during April		On feed May 1	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	293	323	31	31	27	24	2	2	295	328
California	495	500	75	64	67	59	3	5	500	500
Colorado	970	1,020	150	120	170	150	10	20	940	970
Idaho	255	240	45	39	47	37	3	2	250	240
Iowa	415	455	57	55	53	53	4	2	415	455
Kansas	2,360	2,340	355	375	440	425	35	30	2,240	2,260
Nebraska	2,210	2,260	320	320	420	380	10	10	2,100	2,190
New Mexico	105	113	14	19	11	16	3	2	105	114
Oklahoma	330	325	51	52	68	70	3	2	310	305
South Dakota	205	205	26	27	28	31	3	1	200	200
TEXAS	2,640	2,620	415	500	480	480	15	10	2,560	2,630
Washington	185	159	26	19	35	30	1	1	175	147
Other States	300	310	35	39	45	46	5	3	285	300
United States	10,763	10,870	1,600	1,660	1,891	1,801	97	90	10,375	10,639

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

State	During April									
	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	20	37	20	61	35	37	45	150	120
Kansas	45	50	60	50	140	120	110	155	355	375
Nebraska	50	45	52	40	105	105	113	130	320	320
TEXAS	85	105	100	70	175	170	55	155	415	500
Other States	120	120	55	45	85	70	100	110	360	345
United States	315	340	304	225	566	500	415	595	1,600	1,660

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

Item	Number			2005 as Percent of	
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed April 1 ^{1/}	10,713	10,763	10,870	101	101
Placed on feed during April	1,870	1,600	1,660	89	104
Fed cattle marketed during April	1,985	1,891	1,801	91	95
Other disappearance during April ^{2/}	63	97	90	143	93
On feed May 1 ^{1/}	10,535	10,375	10,639	101	103

^{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 April 1 ^{1/}	2,184	171	83	17	31	63	71	2,620
Placed on feed during April	415	34	9	4	6	14	18	500
Marketed during April	398	33	14	4	6	12	13	480
Other disappearance during April ^{2/}	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	10
On feed May 1 ^{1/}	2,193	171	78	17	31	65	75	2,630

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