



# Press Release

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On: DECEMBER 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED  
UP 7 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 2.94 million head on December 1, up 7 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the November 1 level. Producers placed 495,000 head in commercial feedlots during November, up 55 percent from a year ago, but down 26 percent from the October 2005 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 510,000 head during November, up 19 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last month.

On December 1, there were 2.45 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 7 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from the November total.

November placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 403,000 head, down 29 percent from the October total. Marketings were down 3 percent from last month to 421,000 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 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005. This inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million head, 17 percent above November 2004. November placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 660,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 650,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 420,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 315,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million head, 4 percent above 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 November 1		Placed on feed during November		Marketed during November		Other disappearance during November		On feed December 1	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	321	*323	35	35	23	29	4	1	329	328
California	525	545	66	66	53	53	8	8	530	550
Colorado	1,090	1,030	175	165	155	115	10	10	1,100	1,070
Idaho	305	290	50	49	48	57	2	2	305	280
Iowa	430	475	90	108	82	80	3	3	435	500
Kansas	2,400	2,410	390	465	370	375	30	30	2,390	2,470
Nebraska	2,210	2,280	410	440	310	305	10	15	2,300	2,400
New Mexico	134	141	14	18	16	20	3	2	129	137
Oklahoma	360	360	43	68	44	62	4	1	355	365
South Dakota	169	161	51	63	33	33	1	1	186	190
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>2,940</b>
Washington	185	163	37	27	36	28	1	1	185	161
Other States	325	325	62	46	35	34	2	2	350	335
United States	11,334	*11,473	1,743	2,045	1,635	1,701	108	91	11,334	11,726

\* Revised.

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

State	During November									
	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	60	45	55	60	35	35	25	25	175	165
Kansas	115	155	125	145	90	100	60	65	390	465
Nebraska	115	120	157	145	66	85	72	90	410	440
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>495</b>
Other States	185	180	115	130	65	80	83	90	448	480
United States	590	660	557	650	326	420	270	315	1,743	2,045

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

Item	Number			2005 as Percent of	
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed November 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,043	11,334	*11,473	104	101
Placed on feed during November	1,926	1,743	2,045	106	117
Fed cattle marketed during November	1,537	1,635	1,701	111	104
Other disappearance during November <sup>2/</sup>	97	108	91	94	84
On feed December 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,335	11,334	11,726	103	103

<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 2-S	District 3	District 4	District 5-N	District 5-S	District 6	District 7	District 8-N	District 8-S	District 9	District 10-N	District 10-S	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>																
On feed November 1 <sup>1/</sup>	2,480	200	86	20	35	70	79	2,970									
Placed on feed during November	403	35	15	3	7	15	17	495									
Marketed during November	421	39	14	3	5	15	13	510									
Other disappearance during November <sup>2/</sup>	12	1	0	0	0	1	1	15									
On feed December 1 <sup>1/</sup>	2,450	195	87	20	37	69	82	2,940									

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