



# Press Release

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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 2.64 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 2 percent from the March 1 level. Producers placed 490,000 head in commercial feedlots during March, down 18 percent from a year ago, but up 40 percent from the February 2004 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 530,000 head during March, up 10 percent from last year and up 26 percent from the February 2004 total.

On April 1, there were 2.17 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 82 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 4 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the March total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 431,000 head, up 49 percent from the February total. Marketings were up 24 percent from last month to 451,000 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 10.75 million head on April 1, 2004. This inventory was slightly above April 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.80 million head, 11 percent below March 2003. March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 347,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 346,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 641,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 470,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.97 million head, 9 percent above 2003.

**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	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	279	295	31	33	29	32	3	3	278	293
California	475	500	62	70	58	71	4	4	475	495
Colorado	990	1,020	160	150	175	190	5	10	970	970
Idaho	280	265	58	39	57	46	1	3	280	255
Iowa	380	405	56	69	60	56	1	3	375	415
Kansas	2,240	2,390	510	460	410	470	20	20	2,320	2,360
Nebraska	2,190	2,270	320	295	310	350	10	5	2,190	2,210
New Mexico	112	112	16	16	22	21	1	2	105	105
Oklahoma	320	335	94	74	71	77	3	2	340	330
South Dakota	215	210	39	33	43	36	1	2	210	205
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>2,690</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>2,640</b>
Washington	180	175	31	29	30	33	1	1	180	170
Other States	325	310	55	46	58	54	2	2	320	300
United States	10,546	10,977	2,032	1,804	1,803	1,966	62	67	10,713	10,748

**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	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	15	15	26	30	61	60	58	45	160	150
Kansas	45	55	105	95	200	195	160	115	510	460
Nebraska	22	32	55	47	113	106	130	110	320	295
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>490</b>
Other States	110	125	75	54	120	100	137	130	442	409
United States	270	347	389	346	742	641	631	470	2,032	1,804

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States <sup>1</sup>, April 1, 2002-2004**

Item	Number			2004 as Percent of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed March 1 <sup>2/</sup>	11,518	10,546	10,977	95	104
Placed on feed during March <sup>2/</sup>	1,953	2,032	1,804	92	89
Fed cattle marketed during March <sup>2/</sup>	1,825	1,803	1,966	108	109
Other disappearance during March <sup>2/ 3/</sup>	69	62	67	97	108
On feed April 1 <sup>3</sup>	11,577	10,713	10,748	93	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> 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>3</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 March 1 <sup>1</sup>	2,195	218	78	24	21	34	67	53	2,690
Placed on feed during March	431	23	11	2	3	7	5	8	490
Marketed during March	451	30	11	6	4	7	10	11	530
Other disappearance during March <sup>2</sup>	8	1	1	-	-	-	0	-	10
On feed April 1 <sup>1</sup>	2,167	210	77	20	20	34	62	50	2,640

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