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On: JANUARY 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED
UP 8 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 2.92 million head on January 1, up 8 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the December 1 level. Producers placed 465,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, up 15 percent from a year ago, but down 6 percent from the November 2005 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 470,000 head during December, up 12 percent from last year but down 8 percent from last month.

On January 1, there were 2.41 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 December total.

December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 373,000 head, down 7 percent from the November total. Marketings were down 6 percent from last month to 397,000 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 11.8 million head on January 1, 2006. This inventory was 4 percent above January 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.88 million head, 3 percent above December 2004. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 575,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 554,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 430,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 325,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.72 million head, 3 percent below 2004.

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

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed December 1		Placed on feed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December		On feed January 1	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	329	328	33	35	30	27	1	2	331	334
California	530	550	72	69	62	60	5	9	535	550
Colorado	1,100	1,070	135	155	145	140	10	5	1,080	1,080
Idaho	305	280	55	48	62	50	3	3	295	275
Iowa	435	500	71	65	55	53	1	2	450	510
Kansas	2,390	2,470	490	495	450	435	20	30	2,410	2,500
Nebraska	2,300	2,400	390	350	380	305	10	15	2,300	2,430
New Mexico	129	137	14	20	15	13	2	1	126	143
Oklahoma	355	365	53	64	52	57	6	2	350	370
South Dakota	186	190	42	46	34	28	2	3	192	205
TEXAS	2,740	2,940	405	465	420	470	25	15	2,700	2,920
Washington	185	161	39	26	32	34	2	1	190	152
Other States	350	335	35	46	40	43	5	3	340	335
United States	11,334	11,726	1,834	1,884	1,777	1,715	92	91	11,299	11,804

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

State	During December									
	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	25	35	40	45	45	45	25	30	135	155
Kansas	100	120	175	150	135	135	80	90	490	495
Nebraska	60	60	117	100	114	100	99	90	390	350
TEXAS	130	200	135	165	110	70	30	30	405	465
Other States	150	160	91	94	85	80	88	85	414	419
United States	465	575	558	554	489	430	322	325	1,834	1,884

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, January 1, 2004-2006

Item	Number			2006 as Percent of	
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed December 1 ^{1/2/}	11,335	11,334	11,726	103	103
Placed on feed during December ^{1/2/}	1,748	1,834	1,884	108	103
Fed cattle marketed during December ^{1/2/}	1,740	1,777	1,715	99	97
Other disappearance during December ^{1/2/3/}	90	92	91	101	99
On feed January 1 ^{3/}	11,253	11,299	11,804	105	104

^{1/} Data is for December previous year. ^{2/} 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. ^{3/} 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 December 1 ^{1/}	2,450	195	87	20	37	69	82	2,940
Placed on feed during December	373	32	17	6	7	13	17	465
Marketed during December	397	31	12	4	5	10	11	470
Other disappearance during December ^{2/}	11	1	0	0	0	1	2	15
On feed January 1 ^{1/}	2,415	195	92	22	39	71	86	2,920

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