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On: APRIL 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED
UP 12 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 April 1, up 12 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 2 percent from the March 1 level. Producers placed 485,000 head in commercial feedlots during March, up 1 percent from a year ago, and up 35 percent from the February 2006 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 540,000 head during March, unchanged from last year but up 46 percent from last month.

On April 1, there were 2.46 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 84 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 13 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from the March total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 401,000 head, up 31 percent from the February total. Marketings were up 44 percent from last month to 441,000 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 April 1, 2006. This inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million head, 5 percent above March 2005. March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 380,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 342,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 565,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 550,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million head, down slightly from 2005.

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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 | |
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 |
| | <i>1,000 head</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Arizona | 324 | 351 | 27 | 30 | 24 | 28 | 1 | 2 | 326 | 351 |
| California | 515 | 550 | 65 | 59 | 70 | 68 | 10 | 6 | 500 | 535 |
| Colorado | 1,040 | 1,090 | 165 | 155 | 175 | 165 | 10 | 10 | 1,020 | 1,070 |
| Idaho | 250 | 255 | 44 | 42 | 53 | 45 | 1 | 2 | 240 | 250 |
| Iowa | 465 | 520 | 55 | 55 | 64 | 73 | 1 | 2 | 455 | 500 |
| Kansas | 2,370 | 2,610 | 445 | 480 | 460 | 470 | 15 | 30 | 2,340 | 2,590 |
| Nebraska | 2,320 | 2,450 | 300 | 335 | 350 | 370 | 10 | 15 | 2,260 | 2,400 |
| New Mexico | 125 | 143 | 13 | 21 | 23 | 23 | 2 | 2 | 113 | 139 |
| Oklahoma | 340 | 365 | 61 | 68 | 73 | 72 | 3 | 1 | 325 | 360 |
| South Dakota | 210 | 210 | 31 | 36 | 34 | 35 | 2 | 1 | 205 | 210 |
| TEXAS | 2,690 | 3,010 | 480 | 485 | 540 | 540 | 10 | 15 | 2,620 | 2,940 |
| Washington | 185 | 154 | 22 | 26 | 47 | 27 | 1 | 1 | 159 | 152 |
| Other States | 320 | 315 | 42 | 45 | 50 | 42 | 2 | 3 | 310 | 315 |
| United States | 11,154 | 12,023 | 1,750 | 1,837 | 1,963 | 1,958 | 68 | 90 | 10,873 | 1,812 |

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 | |
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 |
| | <i>1,000 head</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Colorado | 15 | 25 | 35 | 30 | 65 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 165 | 155 |
| Kansas | 50 | 70 | 85 | 80 | 170 | 165 | 140 | 165 | 445 | 480 |
| Nebraska | 34 | 50 | 52 | 50 | 92 | 90 | 122 | 145 | 300 | 335 |
| TEXAS | 85 | 120 | 105 | 120 | 190 | 165 | 100 | 80 | 480 | 485 |
| Other States | 115 | 115 | 43 | 62 | 92 | 85 | 110 | 120 | 360 | 382 |
| United States | 299 | 380 | 320 | 342 | 609 | 565 | 522 | 550 | 1,750 | 1,837 |

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

| Item | Number | | | 2006 as Percent of | |
|--|-------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | <i>1,000 head</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> | |
| On feed March 1 ^{1/} | 10,987 | 11,154 | 12,023 | 109 | 108 |
| Placed on feed during March ^{1/} | 1,810 | 1,750 | 1,837 | 101 | 105 |
| Fed cattle marketed during March ^{1/} | 1,967 | 1,963 | 1,958 | 100 | 100 |
| Other disappearance during March ^{1/2/} | 67 | 68 | 90 | 134 | 132 |
| On feed April 1 ^{2/} | 10,763 | 10,873 | 11,812 | 110 | 109 |

^{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/} | 2,515 | 195 | 88 | 22 | 38 | 68 | 84 | 3,010 |
| Placed on feed during March | 401 | 42 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 485 |
| Marketed during March | 441 | 41 | 19 | 5 | 6 | 12 | 16 | 540 |
| Other disappearance during March ^{2/} | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 15 |
| On feed April 1 ^{1/} | 2,464 | 195 | 81 | 20 | 37 | 64 | 79 | 2,940 |

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