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On: MAY 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED
UP 11 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 2.91 million head on May 1, up 11 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the April 1 level. Producers placed 455,000 head in commercial feedlots during April, down 9 percent from a year ago, and down 6 percent from the March 2006 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 470,000 head during April, down 2 from last year and down 13 percent from last month.

On May 1, there were 2.44 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 11 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from the April total.

April placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 378,000 head, down 6 percent from the March total. Marketings were down 12 percent from last month to 388,000 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 11.6 million head on May 1, 2006. This inventory was 9 percent above May 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million head, 2 percent below April 2005. April placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 385,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 270,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 444,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 530,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.79 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 April 1		Placed on feed during April		Marketed during April		Other disappearance during April		On feed May 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	326	351	31	27	24	23	3	9	330	346
California	500	535	64	60	59	60	5	5	500	530
Colorado	1,020	1,070	120	140	150	140	20	10	970	1,060
Idaho	240	250	39	31	37	34	2	2	240	245
Iowa	455	500	55	64	53	66	2	3	455	495
Kansas	2,340	2,590	375	375	425	410	30	25	2,260	2,530
Nebraska	2,260	2,400	320	320	380	390	10	10	2,190	2,320
New Mexico	113	139	19	18	16	24	2	1	114	132
Oklahoma	325	360	52	48	70	66	2	2	305	340
South Dakota	205	210	27	28	31	35	1	3	200	200
TEXAS	2,620	2,940	500	455	480	470	10	15	2,630	2,910
Washington	159	152	19	23	30	22	1	1	147	152
Other States	310	315	39	40	46	54	3	1	300	300
United States	10,873	11,812	1,660	1,629	1,801	1,794	91	87	10,641	11,560

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	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	20	40	20	25	35	35	45	40	120	140
Kansas	50	60	50	65	120	115	155	135	375	375
Nebraska	45	60	40	45	105	85	130	130	320	320
TEXAS	105	120	70	95	170	135	155	105	500	455
Other States	120	105	45	40	70	74	110	120	345	339
United States	340	385	225	270	500	444	595	530	1,660	1,629

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

Item	Number			2006 as Percent of	
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed April 1 ^{1/}	10,763	10,873	11,812	110	109
Placed on feed during April ^{1/}	1,600	1,660	1,629	102	98
Fed cattle marketed during April ^{1/}	1,891	1,801	1,794	95	100
Other disappearance during April ^{1/2/}	97	91	87	90	96
On feed May 1 ^{2/}	10,375	10,641	11,560	111	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 April 1 ^{1/}	2,464	195	81	20	37	64	79	2,940
Placed on feed during April	378	36	15	3	5	11	7	455
Marketed during April	388	35	12	3	6	13	13	470
Other disappearance during April ^{2/}	13	0	0	0	0	2	0	15
On feed May 1 ^{1/}	2,441	196	84	20	36	60	73	2,910

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