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On: OCTOBER 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED
UP 4 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 2.93 million head on October 1, up 4 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the September 1 level. Producers placed 495,000 head in commercial feedlots during September, down 10 percent from a year ago and down 13 percent from the August 2006 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 510,000 head during September, unchanged from last year but down 11 percent from the previous month.

On October 1, there were 2.45 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 4 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from the September total.

September placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 425,000 head, down 12 percent from the August total. Marketings were down 11 percent from last month to 440,000 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 11.4 million head on October 1, 2006. This inventory was 9 percent above October 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.23 million head, 5 percent below September 2005. September placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 725,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 412,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 450,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 645,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.77 million head, 3 percent below 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 September 1		Placed on feed during September		Marketed during September		Other disappearance during September		On feed October 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	314	336	29	28	24	26	1	2	318	336
California	530	520	68	72	57	64	6	3	535	525
Colorado	770	960	280	245	145	140	5	5	900	1,060
Idaho	250	235	69	72	48	41	1	1	270	265
Iowa	395	455	90	81	74	73	1	3	410	460
Kansas	2,210	2,390	510	500	455	420	15	20	2,250	2,450
Nebraska	1,770	2,050	500	500	320	320	10	10	1,940	2,220
New Mexico	135	142	26	21	22	16	3	4	136	143
Oklahoma	320	345	69	71	53	59	1	2	335	355
South Dakota	132	155	40	50	40	34	2	1	130	170
TEXAS	2,800	2,960	550	495	510	510	10	15	2,830	2,930
Washington	139	158	40	37	25	23	1	1	153	171
Other States	235	280	84	60	43	39	1	1	275	300
United States	10,000	10,986	2,355	2,232	1,816	1,765	57	68	10,482	11,385

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

State	During September									
	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	30	50	45	35	70	50	135	110	280	245
Kansas	120	185	120	105	130	100	140	110	510	500
Nebraska	85	105	90	70	120	120	205	205	500	500
TEXAS	175	230	185	135	130	85	60	45	550	495
Other States	155	155	65	67	100	95	195	175	515	492
United States	565	725	505	412	550	450	735	645	2,355	2,232

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

Item	Number			2006 as Percent of	
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed September 1 ^{1/}	9,988	10,000	10,986	110	110
Placed on feed during September ^{1/}	2,375	2,355	2,232	94	95
Fed cattle marketed during September ^{1/}	1,800	1,816	1,765	98	97
Other disappearance during September ^{1/2/}	61	57	68	111	119
On feed October 1 ^{2/}	10,502	10,482	11,385	108	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 September 1 ^{1/}	2,478	201	94	22	36	61	68	2,960
Placed on feed during September	425	25	11	5	5	10	14	495
Marketed during September	440	28	15	4	6	9	8	510
Other disappearance during September ^{2/}	12	1	1	1	0	0	0	15
On feed October 1 ^{1/}	2,451	197	89	22	35	62	74	2,930

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