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On: DECEMBER 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 2.90 million head on December 1, down 1 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 3 percent from the November 1 level. Producers placed 435,000 head in commercial feedlots during November, down 12 percent from a year ago and down 26 percent from the October 2006 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 500,000 head during November, down 2 percent from both last year and the previous month.

On December 1, there were 2.43 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 down 1 percent from last year, and down 4 percent from the November total.

November placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 348,000 head, down 31 percent from the October total. Marketings were up 1 percent from last month to 421,000 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 12.0 million head on December 1, 2006. This inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.89 million head, 8 percent below November 2005. November placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 555,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 565,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 404,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 365,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.80 million head, 6 percent above 2005.

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

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed November 1		Placed on feed during November		Marketed during November		Other disappearance during November		On feed December 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	323	342	35	30	29	29	1	2	328	341
California	545	530	66	69	53	55	8	4	550	540
Colorado	1,030	*1,130	165	150	115	150	10	10	1,070	1,120
Idaho	290	285	49	43	57	56	2	2	280	270
Iowa	475	490	108	82	80	70	3	2	500	500
Kansas	2,410	2,550	465	405	375	385	30	20	2,470	2,550
Nebraska	2,280	2,440	440	460	305	380	15	10	2,400	2,510
New Mexico	141	141	18	14	20	16	2	2	137	137
Oklahoma	360	360	68	50	62	57	1	3	365	350
South Dakota	161	190	63	56	33	35	1	1	190	210
TEXAS	2,970	2,990	495	435	510	500	15	25	2,940	2,900
Washington	163	181	27	31	28	26	1	1	161	185
Other States	325	340	46	64	34	43	2	1	335	360
United States	11,473	*11,969	2,045	1,889	1,701	1,802	91	83	11,726	11,973

* Revised.

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

State	During November									
	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	45	45	60	45	35	30	25	30	165	150
Kansas	155	110	145	115	100	105	65	75	465	405
Nebraska	120	100	145	165	85	95	90	100	440	460
TEXAS	160	145	170	130	120	100	45	60	495	435
Other States	180	155	130	110	80	74	90	100	480	439
United States	660	555	650	565	420	404	315	365	2,045	1,889

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

Item	Number			2006 as Percent of	
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed November 1 ^{1/}	11,334	11,473	*11,969	106	104
Placed on feed during November ^{1/}	1,743	2,045	1,889	108	92
Fed cattle marketed during November ^{1/}	1,635	1,701	1,802	110	106
Other disappearance during November ^{1/2/}	108	91	83	77	91
On feed December 1 ^{2/}	11,334	11,726	11,973	106	102

^{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. * Revised.

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 3	District 4	District 5-N	District 5-S	District 6	District 7	District 8-N	District 8-S	District 9	District 10-N	District 10-S	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>																
On feed November 1 ^{1/}	2,522	189	86	23	33	61	76	2,990									
Placed on feed during November	348	33	18	3	6	9	18	435									
Marketed during November	421	30	17	5	7	8	12	500									
Other disappearance during November ^{2/}	20	2	0	0	0	1	2	25									
On feed December 1 ^{1/}	2,429	190	87	21	32	61	80	2,900									

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