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On: JANUARY 1 CATTLE ON FEED
DOWN 2 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 2.87 million head on January 1, down 2 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 370,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, down 20 percent from a year ago, and down 15 percent from the November 2006 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 385,000 head during December, down 18 percent from last year and down 23 percent from last month.

On January 1, there were 2.40 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 down 1 percent from both last year and the December total.

December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 300,000 head, down 14 percent from the November total. Marketings were down 24 percent from last month to 321,000 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 January 1, 2007. This inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.71 million head, 9 percent below December 2005. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 470,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 504,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 420,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 320,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.63 million head, 5 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 December 1		Placed on feed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December		On feed January 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	328	341	35	26	27	31	2	2	334	334
California	550	540	69	77	60	63	9	4	550	550
Colorado	1,070	1,120	155	135	140	150	5	5	1,080	1,100
Idaho	280	270	48	39	50	41	3	8	275	260
Iowa	500	500	65	82	53	59	2	3	510	520
Kansas	2,470	2,550	495	410	435	390	30	30	2,500	2,540
Nebraska	2,400	2,510	350	390	305	350	15	10	2,430	2,540
New Mexico	137	137	20	15	13	15	1	1	143	136
Oklahoma	365	350	64	46	57	42	2	4	370	350
South Dakota	190	210	46	50	28	32	3	3	205	225
TEXAS	2,940	2,900	465	370	470	385	15	15	2,920	2,870
Washington	161	185	26	24	34	24	1	1	152	184
Other States	335	360	46	50	43	43	3	2	335	365
United States	11,726	11,973	1,884	1,714	1,715	1,625	91	88	11,804	11,974

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	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	35	25	45	40	45	40	30	30	155	135
Kansas	120	95	150	140	135	105	90	70	495	410
Nebraska	60	65	100	115	100	115	90	95	350	390
TEXAS	200	140	165	115	70	80	30	35	465	370
Other States	160	145	94	94	80	80	85	90	419	409
United States	575	470	554	504	430	420	325	320	1,884	1,714

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, January 1, 2005-2007

Item	Number			2007 as Percent of	
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed December 1 ^{1/2/}	11,334	11,726	11,973	106	102
Placed on feed during December ^{1/2/}	1,834	1,884	1,714	93	91
Fed cattle marketed during December ^{1/2/}	1,777	1,715	1,625	91	95
Other disappearance during December ^{1/2/3/}	92	91	88	96	97
On feed January 1 ^{3/}	11,299	11,804	11,974	106	101

^{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/}	2,429	190	87	21	32	61	80	2,900
Placed on feed during December	300	33	10	2	7	9	9	370
Marketed during December	321	26	9	4	5	7	13	385
Other disappearance during December ^{2/}	12	0	0	0	0	1	2	15
On feed January 1 ^{1/}	2,396	197	88	19	34	62	74	2,870

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