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On: MARCH 1 CATTLE ON FEED
DOWN 7 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 2.79 million head on March 1, down 7 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down slightly from the February 1 level. Producers placed 390,000 head in commercial feedlots during February, up 8 percent from a year ago, and up 15 percent from the January 2007 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 385,000 head during February, up 4 percent from last year but down 1 percent from last month.

On March 1, there were 2.36 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 6 percent from last year and up slightly from the February total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 337,000 head, up 13 percent from the January total. Marketings were up slightly from last month to 325,000 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 March 1, 2007. This inventory was 4 percent below March 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million head, 4 percent above February 2006. February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 325,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 334,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 505,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 495,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.71 million head, 7 percent above 2006.

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

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed February 1		Placed on feed during February		Marketed during February		Other disappearance during February		On feed March 1	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	346	334	31	24	24	28	2	1	351	329
California	550	540	63	60	56	67	7	3	550	530
Colorado	1,110	1,040	140	140	155	160	5	10	1,090	1,010
Idaho	265	255	32	39	38	43	4	1	255	250
Iowa	520	530	60	64	58	63	2	1	520	530
Kansas	2,580	2,430	410	395	360	380	20	25	2,610	2,420
Nebraska	2,490	2,540	330	360	360	380	10	10	2,450	2,510
New Mexico	146	135	13	14	14	18	2	1	143	130
Oklahoma	375	350	49	59	56	58	3	1	365	350
South Dakota	210	230	33	43	29	41	4	2	210	230
TEXAS	3,030	2,800	360	390	370	385	10	15	3,010	2,790
Washington	153	177	25	25	22	31	2	1	154	170
Other States	335	365	42	46	60	57	2	4	315	350
United States	12,110	11,726	1,588	1,659	1,602	1,711	73	75	12,023	11,599

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

State	During February									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	20	15	30	30	50	45	40	50	140	140
Kansas	60	50	85	85	145	145	120	115	410	395
Nebraska	55	40	60	60	105	110	110	150	330	360
TEXAS	110	100	70	100	120	120	60	70	360	390
Other States	110	120	55	59	85	85	98	110	348	374
United States	355	325	300	334	505	505	428	495	1,588	1,659

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

Item	Number			2007 as Percent of	
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	11,342	12,110	11,726	103	97
Placed on feed during February	1,523	1,588	1,659	109	104
Fed cattle marketed during February	1,634	1,602	1,711	105	107
Other disappearance during February ^{2/}	77	73	75	97	103
On feed March 1 ^{1/}	11,154	12,023	11,599	104	96

^{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 February 1 ^{1/}	2,356	178	86	19	33	57	71	2,800
Placed on feed during February	337	20	9	3	6	7	8	390
Marketed during February	325	26	11	4	5	7	7	385
Other disappearance during February ^{2/}	11	2	0	0	0	1	1	15
On feed March 1 ^{1/}	2,357	170	84	18	34	56	71	2,790

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