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On: APRIL 1 CATTLE ON FEED  
DOWN 5 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 2.8 million head on April 1, down 5 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up slightly from the March 1 level. Producers placed 520,000 head in commercial feedlots during March, up 7 percent from a year ago, and up 33 percent from the February 2007 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 495,000 head during March, down 8 percent from last year but up 29 percent from last month.

On April 1, there were 2.37 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 85 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 4 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the revised March total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 465,000 head, up 39 percent from the revised February total. Marketings were up 31 percent from last month to 435,000 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 April 1, 2007. This inventory was 1 percent below April 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.97 million head, 7 percent above March 2006. March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 350,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 375,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 640,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 600,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.85 million head, 6 percent below 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 March 1		Placed on feed during March		Marketed during March		Other disappearance during March		On feed April 1	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	351	329	30	46	28	33	2	2	351	340
California	550	530	59	68	68	65	6	3	535	530
Colorado	1,090	1,010	155	165	165	145	10	10	1,070	1,020
Idaho	255	250	42	38	45	42	2	1	250	245
Iowa	520	530	55	72	73	70	2	2	500	530
Kansas	2,610	2,420	480	510	470	430	30	20	2,590	2,480
Nebraska	2,450	2,510	335	350	370	370	15	10	2,400	2,480
New Mexico	143	130	21	19	23	17	2	1	139	131
Oklahoma	365	350	68	68	72	67	1	1	360	350
South Dakota	210	230	36	40	35	37	1	3	210	230
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>2,800</b>
Washington	154	170	26	26	27	32	1	1	152	163
Other States	315	350	45	43	42	45	3	3	315	345
United States	12,023	11,599	1,837	1,965	1,958	1,848	90	72	11,812	11,644

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

State	During March									
	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	25	20	30	30	60	50	40	65	155	165
Kansas	70	70	80	115	165	170	165	155	480	510
Nebraska	50	40	50	50	90	110	145	150	335	350
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>520</b>
Other States	115	130	62	60	85	110	120	120	382	420
United States	380	350	342	375	565	640	550	600	1,837	1,965

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

Item	Number			2007 as Percent of	
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed March 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,154	12,023	11,599	104	96
Placed on feed during March	1,750	1,837	1,965	112	107
Fed cattle marketed during March	1,963	1,958	1,848	94	94
Other disappearance during March <sup>2/</sup>	68	90	72	106	80
On feed April 1 <sup>1/</sup>	10,873	11,812	11,644	107	99

<sup>1/</sup> 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. <sup>2/</sup> 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 March 1 <sup>1/</sup>	* 2,349	* 178	84	18	34	56	71	2,790
Placed on feed during March	465	25	8	2	4	8	8	520
Marketed during March	435	28	10	2	4	9	7	495
Other disappearance during March <sup>2/</sup>	12	1	0	0	0	1	1	15
On feed April 1 <sup>1/</sup>	2,367	174	82	18	34	54	71	2,800

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