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On: DECEMBER 1 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 3.01 million head on December 1, up 4 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up slightly from the November 1 level. Producers placed 510,000 head in commercial feedlots during November, up 17 percent from a year ago but down 27 percent from last month.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 490,000 head during November, down 2 percent from last year and down 8 percent from last month.

On December 1, there were 2.57 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 up 6 percent from last year and down slightly from the November total.

November placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 434,000 head, down 27 percent from the October total. Marketings were down 6 percent from last month to 426,000 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 12.1 million head on December 1, 2007. This inventory was 1 percent above December 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.12 million head, 12 percent above November 2006. November placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 685,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 650,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 420,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 361,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.74 million head, 3 percent below 2006.

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	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	342	360	30	37	29	27	2	3	341	367
California	530	545	69	73	55	61	4	2	540	555
Colorado	1,130	1,030	145	190	145	145	10	5	1,120	1,070
Idaho	285	235	43	48	56	42	2	1	270	240
Iowa	490	550	82	96	70	75	2	1	500	570
Kansas	2,550	2,420	405	450	385	355	20	15	2,550	2,500
Nebraska	2,440	2,400	460	485	380	355	10	10	2,510	2,520
New Mexico	141	134	14	22	16	23	2	2	137	131
Oklahoma	360	335	50	62	57	50	3	2	350	345
South Dakota	190	205	56	50	35	38	1	2	210	215
TEXAS	2,990	3,000	435	510	500	490	25	10	2,900	3,010
Washington	181	166	31	31	26	27	1	2	185	168
Other States	340	380	64	62	43	50	1	2	360	390
United States	11,969	11,760	1,884	2,116	1,797	1,738	83	57	11,973	12,081

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	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	45	55	40	60	30	35	30	40	145	190
Kansas	110	140	115	135	105	100	75	75	405	450
Nebraska	100	120	165	170	95	100	100	95	460	485
TEXAS	145	180	130	165	100	110	60	55	435	510
Other States	155	190	110	120	74	75	100	96	439	481
United States	555	685	560	650	404	420	365	361	1,884	2,116

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

Item	Number			2007 as Percent of	
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed November 1 ^{1/}	11,473	11,969	11,760	103	98
Placed on feed during November	2,045	1,884	2,116	103	112
Fed cattle marketed during November	1,701	1,797	1,738	102	97
Other disappearance during November ^{2/}	91	83	57	63	69
On feed December 1 ^{1/}	11,726	11,973	12,081	103	101

^{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 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/}	2,570	162	78	22	38	63	67	3,000									
Placed on feed during November	434	31	12	3	6	10	14	510									
Marketed during November	426	28	13	2	5	7	9	490									
Other disappearance during November ^{2/}	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	10									
On feed December 1 ^{1/}	2,569	164	77	23	39	66	72	3,010									

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