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On: JANUARY 1 CATTLE ON FEED
UP 3 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 2.96 million head on January 1, up 3 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 2 percent from the December 1 level. Producers placed 380,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, up 3 percent from a year ago, but down 25 percent from the November 2007 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 420,000 head during December, up 9 percent from last year but down 14 percent from last month.

On January 1, there were 2.51 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 5 percent from last year but down 2 percent from the December total.

December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 319,000 head, down 26 percent from the November total. Marketings were down 13 percent from last month to 371,000 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 January 1, 2008. This inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2007.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million head, 1 percent below December 2006. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 480,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 505,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 420,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 296,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.65 million head, 1 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 December 1		Placed on feed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December		On feed January 1	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	341	367	26	26	31	24	2	1	334	368
California	540	555	77	67	63	60	4	2	550	560
Colorado	1,120	1,070	135	170	150	135	5	5	1,100	1,100
Idaho	270	240	39	39	41	42	8	2	260	235
Iowa	500	570	82	71	59	69	3	2	520	570
Kansas	2,550	2,500	410	385	390	390	30	15	2,540	2,480
Nebraska	2,510	2,520	390	355	350	335	10	10	2,540	2,530
New Mexico	137	*149	15	26	15	13	1	2	136	160
Oklahoma	350	345	46	44	42	37	4	2	350	350
South Dakota	210	215	50	50	32	33	3	2	225	230
Texas	2,900	3,010	370	380	385	420	15	10	2,870	2,960
Washington	185	168	24	25	24	28	1	1	184	164
Other States	360	390	50	63	43	59	2	4	365	390
United States	11,973	*12,099	1,714	1,701	1,625	1,645	88	58	11,974	12,097

* Revised.

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	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	25	30	40	55	40	50	30	35	135	170
Kansas	95	80	140	120	105	120	70	65	410	385
Nebraska	65	65	115	100	115	100	95	90	390	355
Texas	140	145	115	125	80	80	35	30	370	380
Other States	145	160	94	105	80	70	90	76	409	411
United States	470	480	504	505	420	420	320	296	1,714	1,701

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, January 1, 2006-2008

Item	Number			2008 as Percent of	
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed December 1 ^{1/2/}	11,726	11,973	*12,099	103	101
Placed on feed during December ^{2/}	1,884	1,714	1,701	90	99
Fed cattle marketed during December ^{2/}	1,715	1,625	1,645	96	101
Other disappearance during December ^{2/3/}	91	88	58	64	66
On feed January 1 ^{1/}	11,804	11,974	12,097	102	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/} Data is for December previous year. ^{3/} 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 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>							
On feed December 1, 2007 ^{1/}	2,569	164	77	23	39	66	72	3,010
Placed on feed during December	319	25	9	2	6	9	10	380
Marketed during December	371	19	6	3	5	7	9	420
Other disappearance during December ^{2/}	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
On feed January 1, 2008 ^{1/}	2,509	168	80	22	40	68	73	2,960

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