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On: DECEMBER 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 2.81 million head on December 1, down 7 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up 4 percent from the November 1 level. Producers placed 510,000 head in commercial feedlots during November, the same as a year ago but down 19 percent from last month.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 395,000 head during November, down 19 percent from last year and down 20 percent from last month.

On December 1, there were 2.38 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 7 percent from last year but up 4 percent from the November total.

November placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 431,000 head, down 18 percent from the October total. Marketings were down 22 percent from last month to 329,000 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 11.3 million head on December 1, 2008. This inventory was 6 percent below December 1, 2007.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.02 million head, 5 percent below November 2007. November placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 565,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 630,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 450,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 370,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.58 million head, 9 percent below 2007.

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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	360	362	37	26	27	28	3	1	367	359
California	545	500	73	48	61	50	2	3	555	495
Colorado	1,030	960	190	185	145	130	5	5	1,070	1,010
Idaho	235	210	48	65	42	49	1	1	240	225
Iowa	550	485	96	92	75	75	1	2	570	500
Kansas	2,420	2,230	450	405	355	310	15	15	2,500	2,310
Nebraska	2,400	2,310	485	440	355	355	10	15	2,520	2,380
New Mexico	143	172	31	20	23	23	2	2	149	167
Oklahoma	335	320	62	69	50	52	2	2	345	335
South Dakota	205	200	50	57	38	35	2	2	215	220
TEXAS	3,000	2,710	510	510	490	395	10	15	3,010	2,810
Washington	166	163	31	36	27	29	2	1	168	169
Other States	380	350	62	62	50	44	2	3	390	365
United States	11,769	10,972	2,125	2,015	1,738	1,575	57	67	12,099	11,345

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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	55	50	60	55	35	40	40	40	190	185
Kansas	140	85	135	125	100	120	75	75	450	405
Nebraska	120	110	170	160	100	80	95	90	485	440
TEXAS	180	145	165	180	110	130	55	55	510	510
Other States	190	175	130	110	75	80	95	110	490	475
United States	685	565	660	630	420	450	360	370	2,125	2,015

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

Item	Number			2008 as Percent of	
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed November 1 ^{1/}	11,969	11,769	10,972	92	93
Placed on feed during November	1,884	2,125	2,015	107	95
Fed cattle marketed during November	1,797	1,738	1,575	88	91
Other disappearance during November ^{2/}	83	57	67	81	118
On feed December 1 ^{1/}	11,973	12,099	11,345	95	94

^{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 November 1, 2008 ^{1/}	2,295	171	68	17	39	67	53	2,710
Placed on feed during November	431	34	16	4	5	9	11	510
Marketed during November	329	24	12	5	5	9	11	395
Other disappearance during November ^{2/}	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	15
On feed December 1, 2008 ^{1/}	2,383	180	72	16	39	67	53	2,810

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