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On: JANUARY 1 CATTLE ON FEED
DOWN 6 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 January 1, down 6 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the December 1 level. Producers placed 405,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, up 7 percent from a year ago, but down 21 percent from the November 2008 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 405,000 head during December, down 4 percent from last year but up 3 percent from last month.

On January 1, there were 2.35 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 down 2 percent from the December total.

December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 327,000 head, down 24 percent from the November total. Marketings were up 5 percent from last month to 347,000 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 11.2 million head on January 1, 2009. This inventory was 7 percent below January 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.65 million head, 3 percent below December 2007. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 425,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 490,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 407,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 325,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.68 million head, 2 percent above 2007.

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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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	367	359	26	29	24	29	1	1	368	358
California	555	495	67	59	60	60	2	4	560	490
Colorado	1,070	1,010	170	150	135	155	5	5	1,100	1,000
Idaho	240	225	39	36	42	39	2	2	235	220
Iowa	570	500	71	66	69	64	2	2	570	500
Kansas	2,500	2,310	385	380	390	405	15	15	2,480	2,270
Nebraska	2,520	2,380	355	345	335	340	10	15	2,530	2,370
New Mexico	149	* 168	26	16	13	18	2	2	160	164
Oklahoma	345	335	44	49	37	46	2	3	350	335
South Dakota	215	220	50	38	33	37	2	1	230	220
TEXAS	3,010	2,810	380	405	420	405	10	20	2,960	2,790
Washington	168	169	25	28	28	38	1	2	164	157
Other States	390	365	63	46	59	47	4	4	390	360
United States	12,099	* 11,346	1,701	1,647	1,645	1,683	58	76	12,097	11,234

* Revised.

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

State	During December 2008									
	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	30	25	55	45	50	40	35	40	170	150
Kansas	80	70	120	120	120	120	65	70	385	380
Nebraska	65	55	100	100	100	100	90	90	355	345
TEXAS	145	140	125	135	80	90	30	40	380	405
Other States	160	135	105	90	70	57	76	85	411	367
United States	480	425	505	490	420	407	296	325	1,701	1,647

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, January 1, 2007-2009

Item	Number			2009 as Percent of	
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed December 1 ^{1/2/}	11,973	12,099	* 11,346	95	94
Placed on feed during December ^{2/}	1,714	1,701	1,647	96	97
Fed cattle marketed during December ^{2/}	1,625	1,645	1,683	104	102
Other disappearance during December ^{2/3/}	88	58	76	86	131
On feed January 1 ^{1/}	11,974	12,097	11,234	94	93

^{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, 2008 ^{1/}	2,383	180	72	16	39	67	53	2,810
Placed on feed during December	327	29	17	4	9	9	10	405
Marketed during December	347	27	11	2	6	6	6	405
Other disappearance during December ^{2/}	16	2	1	0	0	1	0	20
On feed January 1, 2009 ^{1/}	2,347	180	77	18	42	69	57	2,790

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