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On: APRIL 1 CATTLE ON FEED  
DOWN 2 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 April 1, down 2 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down slightly from the March 1 level. Producers placed 510,000 head in commercial feedlots during March, up 13 percent from a year ago, and up 19 percent from the February 2009 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 510,000 head during March, up 6 percent from last year and up 24 percent from last month.

On April 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 3 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the March total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 445,000 head, up 19 percent from the February total. Marketings were up 25 percent from last month to 451,000 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 April 1, 2009. This inventory was 5 percent below April 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.80 million head, 4 percent above March 2008. March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 300,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 340,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 592,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 570,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.83 million head, 1 percent below 2008.

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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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	377	342	30	24	31	35	2	1	374	330
California	545	460	55	48	65	60	5	3	530	445
Colorado	1,050	1,040	135	165	160	155	5	10	1,020	1,040
Idaho	235	215	37	26	39	30	3	1	230	210
Iowa	560	520	59	71	68	70	1	1	550	520
Kansas	2,410	2,290	440	395	415	395	15	10	2,420	2,280
Nebraska	2,490	2,330	360	360	390	365	10	5	2,450	2,320
New Mexico	160	148	10	10	11	19	1	2	158	137
Oklahoma	350	330	50	68	58	66	2	2	340	330
South Dakota	235	225	32	46	37	44	5	2	225	225
TEXAS	2,920	2,820	450	510	480	510	10	10	2,880	2,810
Washington	151	153	30	35	28	27	1	1	152	160
Other States	370	355	48	44	60	52	3	2	355	345
United States	11,853	11,228	1,736	1,802	1,842	1,828	63	50	11,684	11,152

**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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	20	20	25	25	45	55	45	65	135	165
Kansas	55	45	95	85	150	135	140	130	440	395
Nebraska	50	40	50	60	110	110	150	150	360	360
TEXAS	100	90	105	110	165	200	80	110	450	510
Other States	110	105	55	60	91	92	95	115	351	372
United States	335	300	330	340	561	592	510	570	1,736	1,802

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, April 1, 2008-2009**

Item	2008		2009		2008	
	<i>1,000 head</i>				<i>Percent</i>	
On feed March 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,853		11,288		95	
Placed on feed during March	1,736		1,802		104	
Fed cattle marketed during March	1,842		1,828		99	
Other disappearance during March <sup>2/</sup>	63		50		79	
On feed April 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,684		11,152		95	

<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, 2009 <sup>1/</sup>	2,361	183	85	19	43	68	61	2,820
Placed on feed during March	445	30	8	2	6	9	10	510
Marketed during March	451	26	8	3	6	8	8	510
Other disappearance during March <sup>2/</sup>	7	1	0	0	0	1	1	10
On feed April 1, 2009 <sup>1/</sup>	2,348	186	85	18	43	68	62	2,810

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