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On: MAY 1 CATTLE ON FEED  
DOWN SLIGHTLY 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 2.68 million head on May 1, down slightly from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 5 percent from the April 1 level. Producers placed 395,000 head in commercial feedlots during April, up 10 percent from a year ago, and down 23 percent from the March 2009 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 510,000 head during April, down 6 percent from last year and unchanged from last month.

On May 1, there were 2.24 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 slightly from last year and down 5 percent from the April total.

April placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 342,000 head, down 23 percent from the March total. Marketings were down 3 percent from last month to 437,000 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 10.8 million head on May 1, 2009. This inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.60 million head, 4 percent above April 2008. April placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 355,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 315,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 405,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 525,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.87 million head, 7 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 April 1		Placed on feed during April		Marketed during April		Other disappearance during April		On feed May 1	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Arizona	374	330	34	21	37	38	1	2	370	311
California	530	445	64	68	70	61	4	2	520	450
Colorado	1,020	1,040	115	150	165	165	20	15	950	1,010
Idaho	230	210	28	30	32	29	1	1	225	210
Iowa	550	* 530	59	79	77	68	2	1	530	540
Kansas	2,420	2,280	360	330	470	410	20	20	2,290	2,180
Nebraska	2,450	2,320	340	350	400	395	10	5	2,380	2,270
New Mexico	158	137	9	11	16	25	1	3	150	120
Oklahoma	340	330	40	52	74	66	1	1	305	315
South Dakota	225	225	33	39	37	33	1	1	220	230
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>2,810</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2,690</b>	<b>2,680</b>
Washington	152	160	33	26	29	24	1	1	155	161
Other States	355	345	61	49	63	47	3	2	350	345
United States	11,684	* 11,162	1,536	1,600	2,010	1,871	75	69	11,135	10,822

\*Revised

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

State	During April									
	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	15	20	25	30	35	40	40	60	115	150
Kansas	45	55	70	70	115	90	130	115	360	330
Nebraska	50	55	60	65	90	90	140	140	340	350
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>395</b>
Other States	115	100	43	60	78	90	125	125	361	375
United States	315	355	278	315	428	405	515	525	1,536	1,600

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

Item	Number		2009 as percent of 2008
	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
On feed April 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,684	* 11,162	96
Placed on feed during April	1,536	1,600	104
Fed cattle marketed during April	2,010	1,871	93
Other disappearance during April <sup>2/</sup>	75	69	92
On feed May 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,135	10,822	97

<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 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 April 1, 2009 <sup>1/</sup>	2348	186	85	18	43	68	62	2,810									
Placed on feed during April	342	24	4	2	6	9	8	395									
Marketed during April	437	30	14	4	5	11	9	510									
Other disappearance during April <sup>2/</sup>	13	1	0	0	0	1	0	15									
On feed May 1, 2009 <sup>1/</sup>	2240	179	75	16	44	65	61	2,680									

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