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On: NOVEMBER 1 CATTLE ON FEED
UP 1 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 2.73 million head on November 1, up 1 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up 5 percent from the October 1 level. Producers placed 610,000 head in commercial feedlots during October, down 3 percent from a year ago but up 7 percent from last month.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 465,000 head during October, down 6 percent from last year and down 4 percent from last month.

On October 1, there were 2.34 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 86 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 2 percent from last year and up 5 percent from the October total.

October placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 524,000 head, up 4 percent from the September total. Marketings were down 5 percent from last month to 395,000 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 11.1 million head on November 1, 2009. This inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.47 million head, 1 percent above October 2008. October placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 615,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 645,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 579,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 635,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.76 million head, 3 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 October 1 | | Placed on feed during October | | Marketed during October | | Other disappearance during October | | On feed November 1 | |
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | <i>1,000 head</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Arizona | 360 | 275 | 31 | 29 | 28 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 362 | 279 |
| California | 505 | 465 | 54 | 57 | 57 | 50 | 2 | 2 | 500 | 470 |
| Colorado | 870 | 960 | 245 | 245 | 150 | 160 | 5 | 5 | 960 | 1,040 |
| Idaho | 195 | 205 | 55 | 50 | 39 | 44 | 1 | 1 | 210 | 210 |
| Iowa | 475 | 520 | 104 | 123 | 93 | 100 | 1 | 3 | 485 | 540 |
| Kansas | 2,160 | 2,220 | 450 | 465 | 360 | 340 | 20 | 15 | 2,230 | 2,330 |
| Nebraska | 2,110 | 2,170 | 590 | 620 | 375 | 380 | 15 | 10 | 2,310 | 2,400 |
| New Mexico | 173 | D | 17 | D | 17 | D | 1 | D | 172 | D |
| Oklahoma | 315 | 355 | 75 | 83 | 68 | 60 | 2 | 3 | 320 | 375 |
| South Dakota | 175 | 195 | 70 | 65 | 43 | 54 | 2 | 1 | 200 | 205 |
| TEXAS | 2,590 | 2,600 | 630 | 610 | 495 | 465 | 15 | 15 | 2,710 | 2,730 |
| Washington | 157 | 147 | 38 | 38 | 31 | 29 | 1 | 1 | 163 | 155 |
| Other States | 330 | 362 | 79 | 89 | 58 | 49 | 1 | 2 | 350 | 400 |
| United States | 10,415 | 10,474 | 2,438 | 2,474 | 1,814 | 1,755 | 67 | 59 | 10,972 | 11,134 |

D - Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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

| State | During October | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 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 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 45 | 45 | 60 | 80 | 90 | 245 | 245 |
| Kansas | 100 | 85 | 120 | 120 | 125 | 150 | 105 | 110 | 450 | 465 |
| Nebraska | 160 | 160 | 160 | 175 | 100 | 95 | 170 | 190 | 590 | 620 |
| TEXAS | 195 | 150 | 160 | 180 | 190 | 180 | 85 | 100 | 630 | 610 |
| Other States | 195 | 170 | 105 | 125 | 83 | 94 | 140 | 145 | 523 | 534 |
| United States | 700 | 615 | 615 | 645 | 543 | 579 | 580 | 635 | 2,438 | 2,474 |

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

| Item | | | 2009 as Percent of 2008 |
|--|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | |
| | <i>1,000 head</i> | | |
| On feed October 1 ^{1/} | 10,415 | 10,474 | 101 |
| Placed on feed during October | 2,438 | 2,474 | 101 |
| Fed cattle marketed during October | 1,814 | 1,755 | 97 |
| Other disappearance during October ^{2/} | 67 | 59 | 88 |
| On feed November 1 ^{1/} | 10,972 | 11,134 | 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/} 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 October 1, 2009 ^{1/} | 2,221 | 152 | 61 | 14 | 39 | 62 | 51 | 2,600 |
| Placed on feed during October | 524 | 40 | 17 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 610 |
| Marketed during October | 395 | 34 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 465 |
| Other disappearance during October ^{2/} | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 |
| On feed November 1, 2009 ^{1/} | 2,337 | 157 | 67 | 15 | 37 | 63 | 54 | 2,730 |

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