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On: DECEMBER 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 2.76 million head on December 1, down 2 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up 1 percent from the November 1 level. Producers placed 455,000 head in commercial feedlots during November, down 11 percent from a year ago and down 25 percent from last month.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 405,000 head during November, up 3 percent from last year but down 13 percent from last month.

On December 1, there were 2.36 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 1 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the November total.

November placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 383,000 head, down 27 percent from the October total. Marketings were down 12 percent from last month to 346,000 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, 2009. This inventory was 1 percent below December 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.85 million head, 8 percent below November 2008. November placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 510,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 565,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 395,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 375,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million head, 4 percent above 2008.

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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	362	279	26	26	28	22	1	1	359	282
California	500	470	48	50	50	53	3	2	495	465
Colorado	960	1,040	185	165	130	140	5	5	1,010	1,060
Idaho	210	210	65	45	49	39	1	1	225	215
Iowa	485	540	92	108	75	85	2	3	500	560
Kansas	2,230	2,330	405	355	310	340	15	15	2,310	2,330
Nebraska	2,310	2,400	440	400	355	380	15	10	2,380	2,410
New Mexico	172	D	21	D	23	D	2	D	168	D
Oklahoma	320	375	69	57	52	53	2	4	335	375
South Dakota	200	205	57	67	35	35	2	2	220	235
TEXAS	2,710	2,730	510	455	395	405	15	20	2,810	2,760
Washington	163	155	36	47	29	29	1	1	169	172
Other States	350	400	62	70	44	50	3	2	365	418
United States	10,972	11,134	2,016	1,845	1,575	1,631	67	66	11,346	11,282

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 November									
	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	40	55	50	40	35	40	40	185	165
Kansas	85	70	125	105	120	110	75	70	405	355
Nebraska	110	80	160	140	80	80	90	100	440	400
TEXAS	145	160	180	140	130	100	55	55	510	455
Other States	175	160	110	130	81	70	110	110	476	470
United States	565	510	630	565	451	395	370	375	2,016	1,845

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

Item	2008	2009	2009 as percent of 2008
	<i>1000 head</i>		
On feed November 1 ^{1/}	10,972	11,134	101
Placed on feed during November	2,016	1,845	92
Fed cattle marketed during November	1,575	1,631	104
Other disappearance during November ^{2/}	67	66	99
On feed December 1 ^{1/}	11,346	11,282	99

^{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, 2009 ^{1/}	2,337	157	67	15	37	63	54	2,730
Placed on feed during November	383	30	12	4	6	11	9	455
Marketed during November	346	24	12	3	6	8	6	405
Other disappearance during November ^{2/}	16	1	0	0	3	0	0	20
On feed December 1, 2009 ^{1/}	2,358	162	67	16	34	66	57	2,760

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