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On: MARCH 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 2.65 million head on March 1, down 6 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 2 percent from the February 1 level. Producers placed 365,000 head in commercial feedlots during February, down 15 percent from a year ago, and down 13 percent from the January 2010 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 400,000 head during February, down 2 percent from last year but up 3 percent from last month.

On March 1, there were 2.27 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 4 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the February total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 331,000 head, down 9 percent from the January total. Marketings were up 7 percent from last month to 357,000 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 10.9 million head on March 1, 2010. This inventory was 3 percent below March 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.67 million head, 1 percent below February 2009. February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 320,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 365,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 520,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 460,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.72 million head, 2 percent above 2009.

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Cattle and Calves: Placements, Marketings, Other Disappearance and Inventory in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed February 1		Placed on feed during February		Marketed during February		Other disappearance during February		On feed March 1	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	349	290	26	21	32	24	1	1	342	286
California	480	455	36	51	54	48	2	8	460	450
Colorado	1,020	960	190	160	165	175	5	5	1,040	940
Idaho	215	* 200	38	36	37	40	1	1	215	195
Iowa	520	600	62	69	61	66	1	3	520	600
Kansas	2,260	2,240	420	405	375	415	15	10	2,290	2,220
Nebraska	2,400	2,370	310	365	370	370	10	15	2,330	2,350
New Mexico	158	(D)	9	(D)	18	(D)	1	(D)	148	(D)
Oklahoma	330	365	51	54	49	62	2	2	330	355
South Dakota	225	235	43	52	39	44	4	3	225	240
Texas	2,810	2,700	430	365	410	400	10	15	2,820	2,650
Washington	151	166	28	30	25	27	1	1	153	168
Other States ^{1/}	370	403	35	57	47	46	3	4	355	410
United States	11,288	* 10,984	1,678	1,665	1,682	1,717	56	68	11,228	10,864

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ^{1/} For 2010, New Mexico is included in the Other State total. * Revised.

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

State	During February									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	20	15	45	35	55	50	70	60	190	160
Kansas	50	50	95	90	165	150	110	115	420	405
Nebraska	50	55	60	80	100	110	100	120	310	365
Texas	100	105	115	95	140	110	75	55	430	365
Other States	100	95	70	65	78	100	80	110	328	370
United States	320	320	385	365	538	520	435	460	1,678	1,665

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, March 1, 2009-2010

Item	Number		2010 as percent of
	2009	2010	2009
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	11,288	* 10,984	97
Placed on feed during February	1,678	1,665	99
Fed cattle marketed during February	1,682	1,717	102
Other disappearance during February ^{2/}	56	68	121
On feed March 1 ^{1/}	11,228	10,864	97

^{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 February 1, 2010 ^{1/}	2,303	158	70	15	32	65	57	2,700
Placed on feed during February	331	12	7	2	5	5	3	365
Marketed during February	357	19	4	2	5	6	7	400
Other disappearance during February ^{2/}	12	1	1	0	0	1	0	15
On feed March 1, 2010 ^{1/}	2,265	150	72	15	32	63	53	2,650

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