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On: APRIL 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 2.64 million head on April 1, down 6 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 490,000 head in commercial feedlots during March, down 4 percent from a year ago, but up 34 percent from the February 2010 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 485,000 head during March, down 5 percent from last year but up 21 percent from last month.

On April 1, there were 2.28 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 down 3 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the March total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 444,000 head, up 34 percent from the February total. Marketings were up 18 percent from last month to 420,000 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 April 1, 2010. This inventory was 4 percent below April 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.86 million head, 3 percent above March 2009. March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 395,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 375,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 602,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 485,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.90 million head, 4 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 March 1		Placed on feed during March		Marketed during March		Other disappearance during March		On feed April 1	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<u>1,000 head</u>									
Arizona	342	286	24	20	35	27	1	1	330	278
California	460	450	48	47	60	51	3	6	445	440
Colorado	1,040	940	165	185	155	190	10	5	1,040	930
Idaho	215	195	26	34	30	23	1	1	210	205
Iowa	520	* 610	77	77	66	84	1	3	530	600
Kansas	2,290	2,220	395	440	395	410	10	10	2,280	2,240
Nebraska	2,330	2,350	360	380	365	430	5	10	2,320	2,290
New Mexico	148	(D)	10	(D)	19	(D)	2	(D)	137	(D)
Oklahoma	330	355	68	64	66	77	2	2	330	340
South Dakota	225	240	46	42	44	45	2	2	225	235
Texas	2,820	2,650	510	490	510	485	10	15	2,810	2,640
Washington	153	168	35	32	27	28	1	1	160	171
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	355	410	44	46	52	52	2	4	345	400
United States	11,228	*10,874	1,808	1,857	1,824	1,902	50	60	11,162	10,769

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 1/ Includes unpublished New Mexico totals 2010. \* Revised.

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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<u>1,000 head</u>									
Colorado	20	30	25	40	55	70	65	45	165	185
Kansas	45	70	85	90	135	165	130	115	395	440
Nebraska	40	60	60	70	110	120	150	130	360	380
Texas	90	145	110	125	200	150	110	70	510	490
Other States	110	90	60	50	93	97	115	125	378	362
United States	305	395	340	375	593	602	570	485	1,808	1,857

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

Item	Number		2010 as percent of 2009
	2009	2010	
	<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
On feed March 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,228	* 10,874	97
Placed on feed during March	1,808	1,857	103
Fed cattle marketed during March	1,824	1,902	104
Other disappearance during March <sup>2/</sup>	50	60	120
On feed April 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,162	10,769	96

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
	<u>1,000 head</u>							
On feed March 1, 2010 <sup>1/</sup>	2,265	150	72	15	32	63	53	2,650
Placed on feed during March	444	15	8	2	5	8	8	490
Marketed during March	420	24	12	2	5	12	10	485
Other disappearance during March <sup>2/</sup>	9	0	0	0	3	3	0	15
On feed April 1, 2010 <sup>1/</sup>	2,280	141	68	15	29	56	51	2,640

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