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On: JANUARY 1 CATTLE ON FEED
UP 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 284 million head on January 1, up 6 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was the same as the December 1 level. Producers placed 420,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, up 20 percent from a year ago, but down 12 percent from the November 2010 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 400,000 head during December, down 2 percent from last year and down 9 percent from the November total.

On January 1, there were 2.39 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 up 5 percent from last year but down 1 percent from the December total.

December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 347,000 head, down 9 percent from the November total. Marketings were down 10 percent from last month to 350,000 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 11.5 million head on January 1, 2011. This inventory was 5 percent above January 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.8 million head, 16 percent above December 2009. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 480,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 495,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 440,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 380,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.83 million head, 5 percent above 2009.

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

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed December 1		Placed on feed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December		On feed January 1	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona.....	282	249	32	36	26	26	1	1	287	258
California	465	470	63	61	59	57	4	4	465	470
Colorado	1,060	1,090	110	160	155	165	5	5	1,010	1,080
Idaho.....	210	235	41	42	35	35	1	2	215	240
Iowa.....	560	630	85	93	73	80	2	3	570	640
Kansas.....	2,330	2,360	375	410	445	480	10	10	2,250	2,280
Nebraska.....	2,410	2,460	320	380	350	400	20	10	2,360	2,430
Oklahoma	375	380	50	55	58	58	2	2	365	375
South Dakota	235	255	38	45	36	39	2	1	235	260
TEXAS	2,760	2,840	350	420	410	400	20	20	2,680	2,840
Washington	172	208	29	42	34	36	1	2	166	212
Other States.....	418	437	53	51	62	51	4	5	405	432
United States	11,277	11,614	1,546	1,795	1,743	1,827	72	65	11,008	11,517

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

State	During December									
	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.....	25	30	30	50	30	40	25	40	110	160
Kansas.....	70	75	100	115	135	130	70	90	375	410
Nebraska.....	60	55	80	110	100	105	80	110	320	380
TEXAS	140	180	110	120	70	80	30	40	350	420
Other States.....	135	140	100	100	66	85	90	100	391	425
United States	430	480	420	495	401	440	295	380	1,546	1,795

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, January 1, 2010-2011

Item	Number		2011 as Percent of 2010
	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed December 1 ¹	11,277	11,614	103
Placed on feed during December.....	1,546	1,795	116
Fed cattle marketed during December	1,743	1,827	105
Other disappearance during December ²	72	65	90
On feed January 1 ¹	11,008	11,517	105

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 December 1, 2010 ¹	2,407	169	73	20	33	72	66	2,840
Placed on feed during December	347	31	8	3	5	11	15	420
Marketed during December	350	22	8	2	3	7	8	400
Other disappearance during December ²	13	2	0	0	0	2	3	20
On feed January 1, 2011 ¹	2,391	176	73	21	35	74	70	2,840

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