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MARCH 1 CATTLE ON FEED UP 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.84 million head on March 1, up 7 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the February 1 level. Producers placed 380,000 head in commercial feedlots during February, up 4 percent from a year ago, but down 14 percent from the January 2011 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 405,000 head during February, up 1 percent from last year and up 4 percent from last month.

On March 1, there were 2.41 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 up 6 percent from last year but down 1 percent from the February total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 331,000 head, down 15 percent from the January total. Marketings were up 3 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 11.4 million head on March 1, 2011. This inventory was 5 percent above March 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million head, 1 percent below February 2010. February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 400,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 365,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 489,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 410,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.79 million head, 4 percent above 2010.

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	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona.....	290	266	21	29	24	25	1	1	286	269
California	430	470	51	43	48	50	8	3	425	460
Colorado	960	1,070	160	215	175	210	5	5	940	1,070
Idaho.....	200	230	36	31	40	40	1	1	195	220
Iowa.....	600	660	78	71	65	79	3	2	610	650
Kansas.....	2,240	2,270	405	365	415	405	10	10	2,220	2,220
Nebraska.....	2,370	2,460	365	350	370	365	15	15	2,350	2,430
Oklahoma	365	375	54	60	62	73	2	2	355	360
South Dakota	235	270	52	42	44	50	3	2	240	260
TEXAS	2,700	2,880	365	380	400	405	15	15	2,650	2,840
Washington	166	209	30	31	27	30	1	2	168	208
Other States	403	423	57	47	46	61	4	2	410	407
United States	10,959	11,583	1,674	1,664	1,716	1,793	68	60	10,849	11,394

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	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	15	30	35	45	50	65	60	75	160	215
Kansas.....	50	55	90	80	150	150	115	80	405	365
Nebraska.....	55	60	80	85	110	100	120	105	365	350
TEXAS	105	160	95	85	110	85	55	50	365	380
Other States.....	95	95	70	70	99	89	115	100	379	354
United States	320	400	370	365	519	489	465	410	1,674	1,664

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

Item	Number		2011 as percent of 2010
	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed February 1 ¹	10,959	11,583	106
Placed on feed during February	1,674	1,664	99
Fed cattle marketed during February	1,716	1,793	104
Other disappearance during February ²	68	60	88
On feed March 1 ¹	10,849	11,394	105

¹Cattle 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 ¹	2,436	179	68	22	34	71	70	2,880
Placed on feed during February.....	331	19	6	2	7	7	8	380
Marketed during February	350	22	8	4	4	10	7	405
Other disappearance during February ²	11	1	0	0	0	1	2	15
On feed March 1 ¹	2,406	175	66	20	37	67	69	2,840

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