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APRIL 1 CATTLE ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.78 million head on April 1, up 5 percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 2 percent from the March 1 level. Producers placed 490,000 head in commercial feedlots during March, unchanged from a year ago, but up 29 percent from the February 2011 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 540,000 head during March, up 11 percent from last year and up 33 percent from last month.

On April 1, there were 2.37 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 4 percent from last year but down 2 percent from the March total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 431,000 head, up 30 percent from the February total. Marketings were up 31 percent from last month to 460,000 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 April 1, 2011. This inventory was 5 percent above April 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.92 million head, 3 percent above March 2010. March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 380,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 360,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 588,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 590,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.99 million head, 4 percent above 2010.

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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	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona.....	286	269	20	37	27	23	1	1	278	282
California	425	460	47	48	51	55	6	3	415	450
Colorado	940	1,070	185	215	190	190	5	5	930	1,090
Idaho.....	195	220	34	35	23	34	1	1	205	220
Iowa.....	610	650	77	81	84	78	3	3	600	650
Kansas.....	2,220	2,220	440	415	410	435	10	10	2,240	2,190
Nebraska.....	2,350	2,430	380	390	430	430	10	10	2,290	2,380
Oklahoma	355	360	64	75	77	78	2	2	340	355
South Dakota	240	265	42	46	45	44	2	2	235	265
Texas	2,650	2,840	490	490	485	540	15	10	2,640	2,780
Washington	168	208	32	33	28	28	1	2	171	211
Other States	410	407	45	53	53	53	4	3	398	404
United States	10,849	11,399	1,856	1,918	1,903	1,988	60	52	10,742	11,277

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	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	30	40	40	35	70	70	45	70	185	215
Kansas.....	70	55	90	70	165	145	115	145	440	415
Nebraska.....	60	60	70	70	120	120	130	140	380	390
Texas	145	135	125	110	150	150	70	95	490	490
Other States.....	90	90	50	75	96	103	125	140	361	408
United States	395	380	375	360	601	588	485	590	1,856	1,918

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

Item	Number		2011 as percent of 2010
	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed March 1 ¹	10,849	11,399	105
Placed on feed during March	1,856	1,918	103
Fed cattle marketed during March	1,903	1,988	104
Other disappearance during March ²	60	52	87
On feed April 1 ¹	10,742	11,277	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 March 1,2011 ¹	2,406	175	66	20	37	67	69	2,840
Placed on feed during March	431	22	10	2	3	10	12	490
Fed cattle marketed during March	460	28	16	5	8	12	11	540
Other disappearance during March ²	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
On feed April 1,2011 ¹	2,367	169	60	17	32	65	70	2,780

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