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CATTLE ON FEED UP 10 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.75 million head on May 1, up 10 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the April 1 level. Producers placed 510,000 head in commercial feedlots during April, up 28 percent from a year ago, and up 4 percent from the March 2011 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 530,000 head during April, up 4 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last month.

On May 1, there were 2.35 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 8 percent from last year but down 1 percent from the April total.

April placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 439,000 head, up 2 percent from the March total. Marketings were down 3 percent from last month to 448,000 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 11.2 million head on May 1, 2011. This inventory was 7 percent above May 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.80 million head, 10 percent above April 2010. April placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 450,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 310,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 490,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 545,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.81 million head, 3 percent below 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 April 1		Placed on feed during April		Marketed during April		Other disappearance during April		On feed May 1	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona.....	278	276	16	25	24	18	2	1	268	282
California	416	450	54	57	54	55	5	2	410	450
Colorado	930	1,090	170	165	145	150	15	5	940	1,100
Idaho.....	205	220	27	34	21	23	1	1	210	230
Iowa.....	600	650	76	69	72	76	4	3	600	640
Kansas.....	2,240	2,190	315	380	405	385	20	15	2,130	2,170
Nebraska.....	2,290	2,380	400	370	435	370	15	10	2,240	2,370
Oklahoma	340	355	57	76	70	74	2	2	325	355
South Dakota	235	265	39	31	38	39	1	2	235	255
TEXAS	2,640	2,780	400	510	510	530	20	10	2,510	2,750
Washington	171	211	29	28	24	33	1	1	175	205
Other States.....	398	404	51	50	59	54	5	7	385	393
United States	10,742	11,271	1,634	1,795	1,857	1,807	91	59	10,428	11,200

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

State	During April									
	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	35	35	30	45	45	60	55	170	165
Kansas.....	55	60	60	60	100	130	100	130	315	380
Nebraska.....	70	60	70	60	120	100	140	150	400	370
TEXAS	115	195	85	95	120	125	80	95	400	510
Other States.....	95	100	55	65	84	90	115	115	349	370
United States	365	450	305	310	469	490	495	545	1,634	1,795

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

Item	Number		2011 as percent of 2010
	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed April 1 ¹	10,742	11,271	105
Placed on feed during April	1,634	1,795	110
Fed cattle marketed during April	1,857	1,807	97
Other disappearance during April ²	91	59	65
On feed May 1 ¹	10,428	11,200	107

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 April 1 ¹	2,367	169	60	17	32	65	70	2,780
Placed on feed during April	439	31	10	2	5	13	10	510
Fed cattle marketed during April	448	35	16	3	5	12	11	530
Other disappearance during April ²	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	10
On feed May 1 ¹	2,350	164	54	16	32	66	68	2,750

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