



# Cattle on Feed Report

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 3.01 million head on December 1, up 6 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down slightly from the November 1 level. Producers placed 475,000 head in commercial feedlots during November, unchanged from a year ago but down 17 percent from last month.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 450,000 head during November, up 2 percent from last year, but down 3 percent from last month.

On December 1, there were 2.55 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 slightly from the November total.

November placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 413,000 head, down 15 percent from the October total. Marketings were down 3 percent from last month to 391,000 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 12.1 million head on December 1, 2011. This inventory was 4 percent above December 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.04 million head, 4 percent above November 2010. November placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 755,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 499,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 375,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 410,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.77 million head, slightly 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 November 1		Placed on feed during November		Marketed during November		Other disappearance during November		On feed December 1	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona .....	251	292	22	27	23	27	1	1	249	291
California .....	460	495	69	68	55	48	4	5	470	510
Colorado .....	1,090	1,140	155	175	150	145	5	10	1,090	1,160
Idaho .....	220	225	52	46	35	35	2	1	235	235
Iowa .....	610	570	114	138	90	95	4	3	630	610
Kansas .....	2,400	2,400	375	375	400	395	15	20	2,360	2,360
Nebraska .....	2,420	2,470	445	480	395	375	10	15	2,460	2,560
Oklahoma .....	385	390	60	60	63	61	2	4	380	385
South Dakota .....	230	240	62	70	36	41	1	4	255	265
<b>Texas .....</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>3,020</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>3,010</b>
Washington .....	197	226	54	54	36	43	1	1	214	236
Other States .....	414	446	76	71	51	55	2	3	437	459
United States .....	11,497	11,914	1,959	2,039	1,774	1,770	62	102	11,620	12,081

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

State	During November									
	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 .....	45	55	40	40	30	30	40	50	155	175
Kansas .....	80	85	105	100	120	120	70	70	375	375
Nebraska .....	110	130	160	135	65	85	110	130	445	480
<b>Texas .....</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>475</b>
Other States .....	195	210	140	124	74	80	100	120	509	534
United States .....	625	755	590	499	374	375	370	410	1,959	2,039

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

Item	Number		2011 as Percent of 2010
	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed November 1 <sup>1</sup> .....	11,497	11,914	104
Placed on feed during November .....	1,959	2,039	104
Marketed during November .....	1,774	1,770	100
Other disappearance during November <sup>2</sup> .....	62	102	165
On feed December 1 <sup>1</sup> .....	11,620	12,081	104

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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 November 1, 2011 <sup>1/</sup> .....	2,559	197	71	17	34	71	71	3,020
Placed on feed during November .....	413	25	8	3	4	12	10	475
Marketed during November .....	391	26	7	4	6	8	8	450
Other disappearance during November <sup>2/</sup> .....	32	1	0	0	0	1	1	35
On feed December 1, 2011 <sup>3/</sup> .....	2,549	195	72	16	32	74	72	3,010

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