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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.94 million head on January 1, up 4 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 2 percent from the December 1 level. Producers placed 400,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, down 5 percent from a year ago, and down 15 percent from the November 2011 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 430,000 head during December, up 8 percent from last year but down 5 percent from the November total.

On January 1, there were 2.48 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 4 percent from last year but down 2 percent from the December total.

December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 341,000 head, down 16 percent from the November total. Marketings were up 7 percent from last month to 375,000 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 11.9 million head on January 1, 2012. This inventory was 3 percent above January 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.68 million head, 6 percent below December 2010. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 550,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 390,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 365,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 378,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.80 million head, 2 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 December 1		Placed on feed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December		On feed January 1	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona.....	249	290	36	26	26	36	1	1	258	279
California	470	505	61	61	57	52	4	4	470	510
Colorado	1,090	1,160	160	170	165	170	5	10	1,080	1,150
Idaho.....	235	235	42	36	35	40	2	1	240	230
Iowa.....	630	610	93	77	80	63	3	4	640	620
Kansas.....	2,360	2,360	410	350	480	445	10	15	2,280	2,250
Nebraska.....	2,460	2,560	380	380	400	380	10	10	2,430	2,550
Oklahoma	380	385	55	45	58	52	2	3	375	375
South Dakota	255	265	45	37	39	37	1	5	260	260
Texas	2,840	3,000	420	400	400	430	20	30	2,840	2,940
Washington	208	236	36	44	39	45	2	3	209	232
Other States.....	437	459	51	57	51	46	5	5	432	465
United States	11,614	12,065	1,789	1,683	1,830	1,796	65	91	11,514	11,861

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	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado.....	30	50	50	40	40	35	40	45	160	170
Kansas.....	75	75	115	100	130	105	90	70	410	350
Nebraska.....	55	60	110	90	105	100	110	130	380	380
Texas	180	225	120	75	80	55	40	45	420	400
Other States.....	135	140	100	85	84	70	100	88	419	383
United States	475	550	495	390	439	365	380	378	1,789	1,683

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, January 1, 2011-2012

Item	Number		2012 as Percent of 2011
	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed December 1 ¹	11,620	12,065	104
Placed on feed during December.....	1,789	1,683	94
Fed cattle marketed during December	1,830	1,796	98
Other disappearance during December ²	65	91	140
On feed January 1 ¹	11,514	11,861	103

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, 2011 ¹	2,534	200	72	16	32	74	72	3,000
Placed on feed during December	341	27	9	3	4	9	7	400
Marketed during December	375	22	10	3	6	8	6	430
Other disappearance during December ²	24	1	1	0	0	2	2	30
On feed January 1, 2012 ¹	2,476	204	70	16	30	73	71	2,940

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