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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1 thousand head or more totaled 2.9 million head on February 1, up 1 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the January 1 level. Producers placed 400 thousand head in commercial feedlots during January, down 7 percent from last year and unchanged from the December 2011 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 415 thousand head during January, up 6 percent from last year and down 1 percent from last month.

On February 1, there were 2.45 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 1 percent from last year but down 1 percent from the January total.

January placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 348 thousand head, up 3 percent from the December total. Marketings were down 4 percent from last month to 353 thousand head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1 thousand head or more totaled 11.8 million head on February 1, 2012. This inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.85 million head, 2 percent below January 2011. January placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 445 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 430 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 525 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 447 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.82 million head, 2 percent above 2011.

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Cattle and Calves: Placements, Marketings, Other Disappearance and Inventory in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed January 1		Placed on feed during January		Marketed during January		Other disappearance during January		On feed February 1	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	258	279	36	28	27	30	1	1	266	276
California	470	510	54	55	51	57	3	3	470	505
Colorado	1,080	1,150	185	190	190	190	5	10	1,070	1,140
Idaho	240	230	31	47	40	41	1	1	230	235
Iowa	640	620	93	103	69	70	4	3	660	650
Kansas	2,280	2,250	435	410	435	415	10	15	2,270	2,230
Nebraska	2,430	2,550	430	430	385	395	15	15	2,460	2,570
Oklahoma	375	375	66	50	64	68	2	2	375	355
South Dakota	260	260	51	45	40	44	1	1	270	260
Texas	2,840	2,940	430	400	390	415	10	25	2,870	2,900
Washington	208	232	31	35	30	39	2	1	207	227
Other States	432	465	47	54	53	52	3	4	423	463
United States	11,513	11,861	1,889	1,847	1,774	1,816	57	81	11,571	11,811

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

State	During January									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	25	30	50	50	65	60	45	50	185	190
Kansas	55	70	120	100	165	155	95	85	435	410
Nebraska	70	60	105	110	130	120	125	140	430	430
Texas	160	150	115	85	100	105	55	60	430	400
Other States	150	135	85	85	84	85	90	112	409	417
United States	460	445	475	430	544	525	410	447	1,889	1,847

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

Item	Number		2012 as Percent of 2011
	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed January 1 ¹	11,513	11,861	103
Placed on feed during January	1,889	1,847	98
Fed cattle marketed during January	1,774	1,816	102
Other disappearance during January ²	57	81	142
On feed February 1 ¹	11,571	11,811	102

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 January 1, 2012 ¹	2,475	204	70	16	30	73	72	2,940
Placed on feed during January	348	21	8	1	6	7	9	400
Fed cattle marketed during January	353	24	9	3	7	8	11	415
Other disappearance during January ²	20	1	0	0	0	1	3	25
On feed February 1, 2012 ¹	2,450	200	69	14	29	71	67	2,900

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