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On: FEBRUARY 1 CATTLE ON FEED
UP 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.93 million head on February 1, up 5 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 400,000 head in commercial feedlots during January, up 18 percent from a year ago, and up 5 percent from the December 2007 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 420,000 head during January, up 8 percent from last year but the same as last month.

On February 1, there were 2.48 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 5 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the January total.

January placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 342,000 head, up 7 percent from the December total. Marketings were down 2 percent from last month to 365,000 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 12.0 million head on February 1, 2008. This inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2007.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million head, 6 percent above January 2007. January placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 400,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 467,00 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 525,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 395,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.86 million head, 1 percent above 2007.

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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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	334	368	33	35	32	29	1	1	334	373
California	550	560	64	76	72	72	2	9	540	555
Colorado	1,100	1,100	155	180	200	185	15	5	1,040	1,090
Idaho	260	235	43	43	47	42	1	1	255	235
Iowa	520	570	76	72	64	69	2	3	530	570
Kansas	2,540	2,480	365	405	445	445	30	10	2,430	2,430
Nebraska	2,540	2,530	420	380	405	390	15	10	2,540	2,510
New Mexico	136	160	8	16	8	15	1	1	135	160
Oklahoma	350	350	50	54	48	47	2	2	350	355
South Dakota	225	230	50	45	42	43	3	2	230	230
TEXAS	2,870	2,960	340	400	390	420	20	10	2,800	2,930
Washington	184	164	27	27	33	36	1	2	177	153
Other States	365	390	59	54	55	65	4	4	365	375
United States	11,974	12,097	1,690	1,787	1,841	1,858	97	60	11,726	11,966

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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	15	20	35	45	55	55	50	60	155	180
Kansas	50	55	110	120	125	140	80	90	365	405
Nebraska	45	50	85	90	150	125	140	115	420	380
TEXAS	85	135	85	125	120	110	50	30	340	400
Other States	125	140	75	87	95	95	115	100	410	422
United States	320	400	390	467	545	525	435	395	1,690	1,787

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, February 1, 2006-2008

Item	Number			2008 as Percent of	
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed January 1 ^{1/}	11,804	11,974	12,097	102	101
Placed on feed during January	2,199	1,690	1,787	81	106
Fed cattle marketed during January	1,810	1,841	1,858	103	101
Other disappearance during January ^{2/}	83	97	60	72	62
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	12,110	11,726	11,966	99	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 ^{1/}	2,509	168	80	22	40	68	73	2,960
Placed on feed during January	342	20	8	4	6	11	9	400
Marketed during January	365	20	8	3	6	9	9	420
Other disappearance during January ^{2/}	7	1	0	0	0	1	1	10
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	2,479	167	80	23	40	69	72	2,930

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