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On: MARCH 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 2.92 million head on March 1, up 5 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down slightly from the February 1 level. Producers placed 440,000 head in commercial feedlots during February, up 13 percent from a year ago, and up 10 percent from the January 2008 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 440,000 head during February, up 14 percent from last year and up 5 percent from last month.

On March 1, there were 2.47 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 slightly from the February total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 376,000 head, up 10 percent from the January total. Marketings were up 4 from last month to 378,000 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 March 1, 2008. This inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2007.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.72 million head, 4 percent above February 2007. February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 330,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 385,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 533,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 475,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.78 million head, 4 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 February 1		Placed on feed during February		Marketed during February		Other disappearance during February		On feed March 1	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	334	373	24	36	28	30	1	2	329	377
California	540	555	60	60	67	63	3	7	530	545
Colorado	1,040	1,090	140	155	160	190	10	5	1,010	1,050
Idaho	255	235	39	39	43	38	1	1	250	235
Iowa	530	570	64	62	63	69	1	3	530	560
Kansas	2,430	2,430	395	390	380	400	25	10	2,420	2,410
Nebraska	2,540	2,510	360	350	380	360	10	10	2,510	2,490
New Mexico	135	160	14	15	18	14	1	1	130	160
Oklahoma	350	355	59	45	58	48	1	2	350	350
South Dakota	230	230	43	47	41	40	2	2	230	235
TEXAS	2,800	2,930	390	440	385	440	15	10	2,790	2,920
Washington	177	153	25	30	31	30	1	2	170	151
Other States	365	375	46	54	57	54	4	5	350	370
United States	11,726	11,966	1,659	1,723	1,711	1,776	75	60	11,599	11,853

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

State	During February									
	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	10	30	35	45	50	50	60	140	155
Kansas	50	40	85	85	145	160	115	105	395	390
Nebraska	40	40	60	70	110	110	150	130	360	350
TEXAS	100	120	100	125	120	125	70	70	390	440
Other States	120	120	59	70	85	88	110	110	374	388
United States	325	330	334	385	505	533	495	475	1,659	1,723

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

Item	Number			2008 as Percent of	
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	12,110	11,726	11,966	99	102
Placed on feed during February	1,588	1,659	1,723	109	104
Fed cattle marketed during February	1,602	1,711	1,776	111	104
Other disappearance during February ^{2/}	73	75	60	82	80
On feed March 1 ^{1/}	12,023	11,599	11,853	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 February 1, 2008 ^{1/}	2,479	167	80	23	40	69	72	2,930
Placed on feed during February	376	30	12	3	4	8	7	440
Marketed during February	378	23	11	4	6	9	9	440
Other disappearance during February ^{2/}	7	2	0	0	0	1	0	10
On feed March 1, 2008 ^{1/}	2,470	172	81	22	38	67	70	2,920

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