



# 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 2.78 million head on April 1, up slightly from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 2 percent from the March 1 level. Producers placed 430 thousand head in commercial feedlots during March, down 12 percent from a year ago, but up 13 percent from the February 2012 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 470 thousand head during March, down 13 percent from last year but up 13 percent from last month.

On April 1, there were 2.37 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 1 percent from last year but down 2 percent from the March total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 387 thousand, up 13 percent from the February total. Marketings were up 13 percent from last month to 407 thousand 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 11.5 million head on April 1, 2012. This inventory was 2 percent above April 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.79 million head, 6 percent below March 2011. March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 390 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 300 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 500 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 602 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.92 million head, 4 percent below 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 March 1		Placed on feed during March		Marketed during March		Other disappearance during March		On feed April 1	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona.....	269	279	33	27	25	27	1	1	276	278
California .....	460	500	48	53	55	61	3	2	450	490
Colorado .....	1,070	1,090	215	160	190	175	5	5	1,090	1,070
Idaho.....	220	230	35	34	34	38	1	1	220	225
Iowa.....	650	670	81	73	78	71	3	2	650	670
Kansas.....	2,220	2,200	415	375	435	395	10	10	2,190	2,170
Nebraska.....	2,430	2,570	390	440	430	460	10	20	2,380	2,530
Oklahoma .....	360	340	75	56	78	74	2	2	355	320
South Dakota .....	265	260	46	45	44	48	2	2	265	255
<b>TEXAS .....</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>2,780</b>
Washington .....	205	233	33	37	28	36	3	1	207	233
Other States .....	407	465	53	62	53	63	3	3	404	461
United States .....	11,386	11,677	1,914	1,792	1,990	1,918	53	69	11,257	11,482

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

State	During March									
	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 .....	40	30	35	25	70	45	70	60	215	160
Kansas.....	55	60	70	65	145	125	145	125	415	375
Nebraska.....	60	50	70	70	120	120	140	200	390	440
<b>TEXAS .....</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>430</b>
Other States.....	90	95	75	50	104	95	135	147	404	387
United States .....	380	390	360	300	589	500	585	602	1,914	1,792

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

Item	Number		2012 as percent of 2011
	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed March 1 <sup>1</sup> .....	11,386	11,677	103
Placed on feed during March .....	1,914	1,792	94
Fed cattle marketed during March .....	1,990	1,918	96
Other disappearance during March <sup>2</sup> .....	53	69	130
On feed April 1 <sup>1</sup> .....	11,257	11,482	102

<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 March 1, 2012 <sup>1</sup> .....	2,412	190	65	13	30	69	61	2,840
Placed on feed during March .....	387	24	4	2	4	4	5	430
Fed cattle marketed during March .....	407	27	8	3	3	11	11	470
Other disappearance during March <sup>2</sup> .....	18	1	0	0	0	0	1	20
On feed April 1, 2012 <sup>1</sup> .....	2,374	186	61	12	31	62	54	2,780

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