



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 2.65 million head on August 1, down 6 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the July 1 level. Producers placed 475 thousand head in commercial feedlots during July, down 25 percent from a year ago, but up 13 percent from the June 2012 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 475 thousand head during July, up 1 percent from last year but down 5 percent from last month.

On August 1, there were 2.3 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 87 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 5 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the July total.

July placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 425 thousand head, up 15 percent from the June total. Marketings were down 3 percent from last month to 419 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 10.7 million head on August 1, 2012. This inventory was 1 percent above August 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.92 million head, 10 percent below July 2011. July placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 500 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 325 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 470 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 627 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.91 million head, slightly 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 July 1		Placed on feed during July		Marketed during July		Other disappearance during July		On feed August 1	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona.....	287	279	24	22	23	26	1	1	287	274
California	470	480	62	52	48	54	4	3	480	475
Colorado	1,000	970	170	155	195	180	5	5	970	940
Idaho.....	215	200	24	35	41	44	3	1	195	190
Iowa.....	590	620	55	52	93	70	2	2	550	600
Kansas.....	2,030	2,050	580	540	420	415	10	15	2,180	2,160
Nebraska.....	2,020	2,270	390	410	415	440	15	10	1,980	2,230
Oklahoma	350	320	86	68	74	66	2	2	360	320
South Dakota	210	210	22	20	35	39	2	1	195	190
Texas.....	2,690	2,670	630	475	470	475	20	20	2,830	2,650
Washington	192	210	42	40	41	39	3	1	190	210
Other States.....	379	431	50	53	63	65	4	2	362	417
United States	10,433	10,710	2,135	1,922	1,918	1,913	71	63	10,579	10,656

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

State	During July									
	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	45	25	25	20	40	40	60	70	170	155
Kansas.....	95	85	115	105	190	180	180	170	580	540
Nebraska.....	60	70	70	70	100	90	160	180	390	410
Texas.....	300	225	140	85	95	100	95	65	630	475
Other States.....	120	95	50	45	70	60	125	142	365	342
United States	620	500	400	325	495	470	620	627	2,135	1,922

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

Item	Number		2012 as percent of 2011
	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed July 1 ¹	10,433	10,710	103
Placed on feed during July	2,135	1,922	90
Fed cattle marketed during July	1,918	1,913	100
Other disappearance during July ²	71	63	89
On feed August 1 ¹	10,579	10,656	101

¹Cattle 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 July 1, 2012 ¹	2,310	160	64	11	30	51	44	2,670
Placed on feed during July	425	22	4	2	6	8	8	475
Fed cattle marketed during July	419	26	7	2	6	7	8	475
Other disappearance during July ²	18	1	0	0	0	1	0	20
On feed August 1, 2012 ¹	2,298	155	61	11	30	51	44	2,650

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