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On: AUGUST 1 CATTLE ON FEED
DOWN 7 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 2.59 million head on August 1, down 7 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 3 percent from the July 1 level. Producers placed 460,000 head in commercial feedlots during July, up 18 percent from a year ago, but unchanged from the June 2008 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 520,000 head during July, up 11 percent from last year and up 8 percent from last month.

On July 1, there were 2.19 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 down 8 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the July total.

July placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 409,000 head, up 3 percent from the June total. Marketings were up 8 percent from last month to 450,000 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 9.87 million head on August 1, 2008. This inventory was 4 percent below August 1, 2007.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.66 million head, 2 percent above July 2007. July placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 360,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 320,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 476,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 505,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.04 million head, 2 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 July 1		Placed on feed during July		Marketed during July		Other disappearance during July		On feed August 1	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	343	356	32	37	33	35	1	1	341	357
California	545	520	51	45	54	48	2	2	540	515
Colorado	940	820	115	105	175	170	10	5	870	750
Idaho	220	200	35	29	49	48	1	1	205	180
Iowa	510	800	64	51	73	75	1	1	500	475
Kansas	2,140	2,080	430	440	450	500	20	10	2,100	2,010
Nebraska	2,050	2,050	350	320	480	440	10	10	1,910	1,920
New Mexico	132	154	12	32	14	21	1	1	129	164
Oklahoma	325	300	48	46	67	55	1	1	305	290
South Dakota	197	185	22	21	42	35	2	1	175	170
TEXAS	2,870	2,660	390	460	470	520	10	10	2,780	2,590
Washington	150	140	27	32	32	38	1	1	144	133
Other States	315	330	46	43	60	57	1	1	300	315
United States	10,737	10,295	1,622	1,661	1,999	2,042	61	45	10,299	9,869

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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	15	15	20	20	35	30	45	40	115	105
Kansas	75	70	90	90	140	155	125	125	430	440
Nebraska	55	40	60	50	90	90	145	140	350	320
TEXAS	110	130	100	110	115	130	65	90	390	460
Other States	105	105	42	50	65	71	125	110	337	336
United States	360	360	312	320	445	476	505	505	1,622	1,661

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

Item	Number			2008 as Percent of	
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed July 1 ^{1/}	10,872	10,737	10,295	95	96
Placed on feed during July	1,958	1,622	1,661	85	102
Fed cattle marketed during July	1,950	1,999	2,042	105	102
Other disappearance during July ^{2/}	58	61	45	78	74
On feed August 1 ^{1/}	10,822	10,299	9,869	91	96

^{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 July 1 ^{1/}	2,235	186	68	17	39	59	56	2,660
Placed on feed during July	409	23	6	3	6	6	7	460
Marketed during July	450	29	11	3	6	11	10	520
Other disappearance during July ^{2/}	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	10
On feed August 1 ^{1/}	2,186	179	63	17	39	54	52	2,590

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