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On: SEPTEMBER 1 CATTLE ON FEED
DOWN 6 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 2.58 million head on September 1, down 6 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down slightly from the August 1 level. Producers placed 510,000 head in commercial feedlots during August, down 2 percent from a year ago, but up 11 percent from the July 2008 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 510,000 head during August, down 7 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last month.

On August 1, there were 2.18 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 down 7 percent from last year and down slightly from the August total.

August placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 453,000 head, up 11 percent from the July total. Marketings were down less than 1 percent from last month to 449,000 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 10 million head on September 1, 2008. This inventory was 3 percent below September 1, 2007.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.06 million head, 3 percent below August 2007. August placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 365,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 410,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 566,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 720,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.88 million head, 9 percent below 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 August 1		Placed on feed during August		Marketed during August		Other disappearance during August		On feed September 1	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	341	357	36	33	28	27	1	1	348	362
California	540	515	54	37	62	45	2	2	530	505
Colorado	870	750	170	190	185	165	5	5	850	770
Idaho	205	180	48	45	47	44	1	1	205	180
Iowa	500	475	71	72	80	75	1	2	490	470
Kansas	2,100	2,010	520	520	465	430	15	10	2,140	2,090
Nebraska	1,910	1,920	465	445	435	395	10	10	1,930	1,960
New Mexico	129	164	22	27	19	23	1	1	131	167
Oklahoma	305	290	75	70	69	54	1	1	310	305
South Dakota	175	170	37	28	36	32	1	1	175	165
Texas	2,780	2,590	520	510	550	510	10	10	2,740	2,580
Washington	144	133	35	36	30	30	1	1	148	138
Other States	300	315	66	48	60	54	1	4	305	305
United States	10,299	9,869	2,119	2,061	2,066	1,884	50	49	10,302	9,997

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

State	During August									
	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	25	15	30	20	40	50	75	105	170	190
Kansas	100	65	120	105	160	190	140	160	520	520
Nebraska	75	60	70	60	115	105	205	220	465	445
Texas	160	125	160	170	140	140	60	75	520	510
Other States	130	100	60	55	94	81	160	160	444	396
United States	490	365	440	410	549	566	640	720	2,119	2,061

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

Item	Number			2008 as Percent of	
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed August 1 ^{1/}	10,822	10,299	9,869	91	96
Placed on feed during August	2,290	2,119	2,061	90	97
Fed cattle marketed during August	2,067	2,066	1,884	91	91
Other disappearance during August ^{2/}	59	50	49	83	98
On feed September 1 ^{1/}	10,986	10,302	9,997	91	97

^{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 August 1, 2008 ^{1/}	2,186	179	63	17	39	54	52	2,590
Placed on feed during August	453	24	11	2	5	7	8	510
Marketed during August	449	26	10	3	5	8	9	510
Other disappearance during August ^{2/}	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
On feed September 1, 2008 ^{1/}	2,181	176	64	16	39	53	51	2,580

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