



Press Release

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On: MAY 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED
DOWN 4 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 2.56 million head on May 1, down 4 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down 3 percent from the April 1 level. Producers placed 415,000 head in commercial feedlots during April, down 23 percent from a year ago, and down 15 percent from the March 2004 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 480,000 head during April, down 8 percent from last year and down 9 percent from the March 2004 total.

On May 1, there were 2.10 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 82 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 7 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from the April total.

April placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 345,000 head, down 20 percent from the March total. Marketings were down 12 percent from last month to 398,000 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 10.36 million head on May 1, 2004. This inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.60 million head, 14 percent below April 2003. April placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 316,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 302,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 567,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 418,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.89 million head, 5 percent below 2003.

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Cattle and Calves: Placements, Marketings, Other Disappearance and Inventory in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed April 1		Placed on feed during April		Marketed during April		Other disappearance during April		On feed May 1	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	278	293	32	31	40	27	1	2	269	295
California	475	495	61	75	63	67	3	3	470	500
Colorado	970	970	200	155	165	175	5	10	1,000	940
Idaho	280	255	45	45	49	47	1	3	275	250
Iowa	375	415	57	57	60	53	2	4	370	415
Kansas	2,320	2,360	420	355	450	440	20	35	2,270	2,240
Nebraska	2,190	2,210	320	320	420	420	10	10	2,080	2,100
New Mexico	105	105	21	14	24	11	1	3	101	105
Oklahoma	340	330	68	51	75	68	3	3	330	310
South Dakota	210	205	31	26	29	28	2	3	210	200
TEXAS	2,670	2,640	540	415	520	480	10	15	2,680	2,560
Washington	180	170	25	24	34	33	1	1	170	160
Other States	320	300	50	35	56	45	4	5	310	285
United States	10,713	10,748	1,870	1,603	1,985	1,894	63	97	10,535	10,360

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

State	During April									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	17	16	36	37	72	62	75	40	200	155
Kansas	50	45	85	60	145	140	140	110	420	355
Nebraska	39	50	53	52	99	105	129	113	320	320
TEXAS	80	85	90	100	192	175	178	55	540	415
Other States	110	120	60	53	105	85	115	100	390	358
United States	296	316	324	302	613	567	637	418	1,870	1,603

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States¹, May 1, 2002-2004

Item	Number			2004 as Percent of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed April 1 ^{2/}	11,587	10,713	10,748	93	100
Placed on feed during April ^{2/}	1,463	1,870	1,603	110	86
Fed cattle marketed during April ^{2/}	1,996	1,985	1,894	95	95
Other disappearance during April ^{2/ 3/}	83	63	97	117	154
On feed May 1 ³	10,971	10,535	10,360	94	98

¹ The Cattle on Feed release has been modified to exclude calculation and publication of this historic 7 States. ² 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. ³ 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 2-S	District 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>								
On feed April 1 ¹	2,167	210	77	20	20	34	62	50	2,640
Placed on feed during April	345	28	12	3	2	4	14	7	415
Marketed during April	398	32	14	5	4	7	11	9	480
Other disappearance during April ²	11	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	15
On feed May 1 ¹	2,103	205	74	18	18	29	65	48	2,560

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