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On: OCTOBER 1 CATTLE ON FEED
DOWN 9 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 October 1, down 9 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up slightly from the September 1 level. Producers placed 510,000 head in commercial feedlots during September, down 14 percent from a year ago, but the same number as the August 2008 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 490,000 head during September, up 2 percent from last year but down 4 percent from last month.

On September 1, there were 2.21 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 9 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the September total.

September placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 443,000 head, down 2 percent from the August total. Marketings were down 9 percent from last month to 410,000 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 10.4 million head on October 1, 2008. This inventory was 5 percent below October 1, 2007.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.28 million head, 6 percent below September 2007. September placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 445,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 415,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 541,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 880,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.81 million head, 7 percent above 2007.

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

| State | Cattle and Calves | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
| | On feed September 1 | | Placed on feed during September | | Marketed during September | | Other disappearance during September | | On feed October 1 | |
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| | <i>1,000 head</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Arizona | 348 | 362 | 28 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 2 | 1 | 350 | 360 |
| California | 530 | 505 | 60 | 55 | 47 | 53 | 3 | 2 | 540 | 505 |
| Colorado | 850 | 770 | 255 | 255 | 160 | 150 | 5 | 5 | 940 | 870 |
| Idaho | 205 | 180 | 48 | 57 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 1 | 210 | 195 |
| Iowa | 490 | 470 | 100 | 81 | 79 | 75 | 1 | 1 | 510 | 475 |
| Kansas | 2,140 | 2,090 | 540 | 485 | 355 | 400 | 15 | 15 | 2,310 | 2,160 |
| Nebraska | 1,930 | 1,960 | 540 | 550 | 320 | 390 | 10 | 10 | 2,140 | 2,110 |
| New Mexico | 131 | 167 | 17 | 27 | 13 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 133 | 173 |
| Oklahoma | 310 | 305 | 72 | 60 | 56 | 49 | 1 | 1 | 325 | 315 |
| South Dakota | 175 | 165 | 43 | 56 | 37 | 44 | 1 | 2 | 180 | 175 |
| TEXAS | 2,740 | 2,580 | 590 | 510 | 480 | 490 | 10 | 10 | 2,840 | 2,590 |
| Washington | 148 | 138 | 36 | 44 | 29 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 154 | 157 |
| Other States | 305 | 305 | 86 | 77 | 55 | 51 | 1 | 1 | 335 | 330 |
| United States | 10,302 | 9,997 | 2,415 | 2,281 | 1,696 | 1,812 | 54 | 51 | 10,967 | 10,415 |

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

| State | During September | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | 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 | 35 | 20 | 40 | 30 | 60 | 45 | 120 | 160 | 255 | 255 |
| Kansas | 140 | 80 | 140 | 100 | 130 | 155 | 130 | 150 | 540 | 485 |
| Nebraska | 100 | 80 | 80 | 70 | 120 | 120 | 240 | 280 | 540 | 550 |
| TEXAS | 190 | 145 | 170 | 150 | 165 | 130 | 65 | 85 | 590 | 510 |
| Other States | 145 | 120 | 75 | 65 | 90 | 91 | 180 | 205 | 490 | 481 |
| United States | 610 | 445 | 505 | 415 | 565 | 541 | 735 | 880 | 2,415 | 2,281 |

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

| Item | Number | | | 2008 as Percent of | |
|--|-------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2006 | 2007 |
| | <i>1,000 head</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> | |
| On feed September 1 ^{1/} | 10,986 | 10,302 | 9,997 | 91 | 97 |
| Placed on feed during September | 2,227 | 2,415 | 2,281 | 102 | 94 |
| Fed cattle marketed during September | 1,760 | 1,696 | 1,812 | 103 | 107 |
| Other disappearance during September ^{2/} | 68 | 54 | 51 | 75 | 94 |
| On feed October 1 ^{1/} | 11,385 | 10,967 | 10,415 | 91 | 95 |

^{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 September 1, 2008 ^{1/} | 2,181 | 176 | 64 | 16 | 39 | 53 | 51 | 2,580 |
| Placed on feed during September | 443 | 24 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 11 | 510 |
| Marketed during September | 410 | 36 | 13 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 490 |
| Other disappearance during September ^{2/} | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| On feed October 1, 2008 ^{1/} | 2,205 | 163 | 61 | 15 | 38 | 58 | 50 | 2,590 |

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