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On: MARCH 1 CATTLE ON FEED
DOWN 3 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 2.82 million head on March 1, down 3 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up slightly from the February 1 level. Producers placed 430,000 head in commercial feedlots during February, down 2 percent from a year ago, and down 2 percent from the January 2009 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 410,000 head during February, down 7 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last month.

On March 1, there were 2.36 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 4 percent from last year but up slightly from the February total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 375,000 head, up 1 percent from the January total. Marketings were up 2 percent from last month to 360,000 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 11.2 million head on March 1, 2009. This inventory was 5 percent below March 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.68 million head, 3 percent below February 2008. February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 320,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 385,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 538,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 435,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.68 million head, 5 percent below 2008.

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

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed February 1		Placed on feed during February		Marketed during February		Other disappearance during February		On feed March 1	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
<i>1,000 head</i>										
Arizona	373	349	36	26	30	32	2	1	377	342
California	555	480	60	36	63	54	7	2	545	460
Colorado	1,090	1,020	155	190	190	165	5	5	1,050	1,040
Idaho	235	215	39	38	38	37	1	1	235	215
Iowa	570	520	62	62	69	61	3	1	560	520
Kansas	2,430	2,260	390	420	400	375	10	15	2,410	2,290
Nebraska	2,510	2,400	350	310	360	370	10	10	2,490	2,330
New Mexico	160	158	15	9	14	18	1	1	160	148
Oklahoma	355	330	45	51	48	49	2	2	350	330
South Dakota	230	225	47	43	40	39	2	4	235	225
TEXAS	2,930	2,810	440	430	440	410	10	10	2,920	2,820
Washington	153	151	30	28	30	25	2	1	151	153
Other States	375	370	54	35	54	47	5	3	370	355
United States	11,966	11,288	1,723	1,678	1,776	1,682	60	56	11,853	11,228

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

State	During February									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
<i>1,000 head</i>										
Colorado	10	20	35	45	50	55	60	70	155	190
Kansas	40	50	85	95	160	165	105	110	390	420
Nebraska	40	50	70	60	110	100	130	100	350	310
TEXAS	120	100	125	115	125	140	70	75	440	430
Other States	120	100	70	70	88	78	110	80	388	328
United States	330	320	385	385	533	538	475	435	1,723	1,678

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, March 1, 2007-2009

Item	Number		2009 as percent of
	2008	2009	2008
<i>1,000 head</i>			
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	11,966	11,288	94
Placed on feed during February	1,723	1,678	97
Fed cattle marketed during February	1,776	1,682	95
Other disappearance during February ^{2/}	60	56	93
On feed March 1 ^{1/}	11,853	11,228	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 February 1, 2009 ^{1/}	2,354	184	81	20	44	68	59	2,810
Placed on feed during February	375	22	11	2	5	9	6	430
Marketed during February	360	22	7	3	6	8	4	410
Other disappearance during February ^{2/}	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	10
On feed March 1, 2009 ^{1/}	2,361	183	85	19	43	68	61	2,820

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