



Cattle on Feed Report

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.55 million head on March 1, 2013, down 10 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 3 percent from the February 1, 2013 level. Producers placed 340 thousand head in commercial feedlots during February, down 11 percent from a year ago and down 13 percent from January.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 395 thousand head during February, down 5 percent from 2012 and down 15 percent from January.

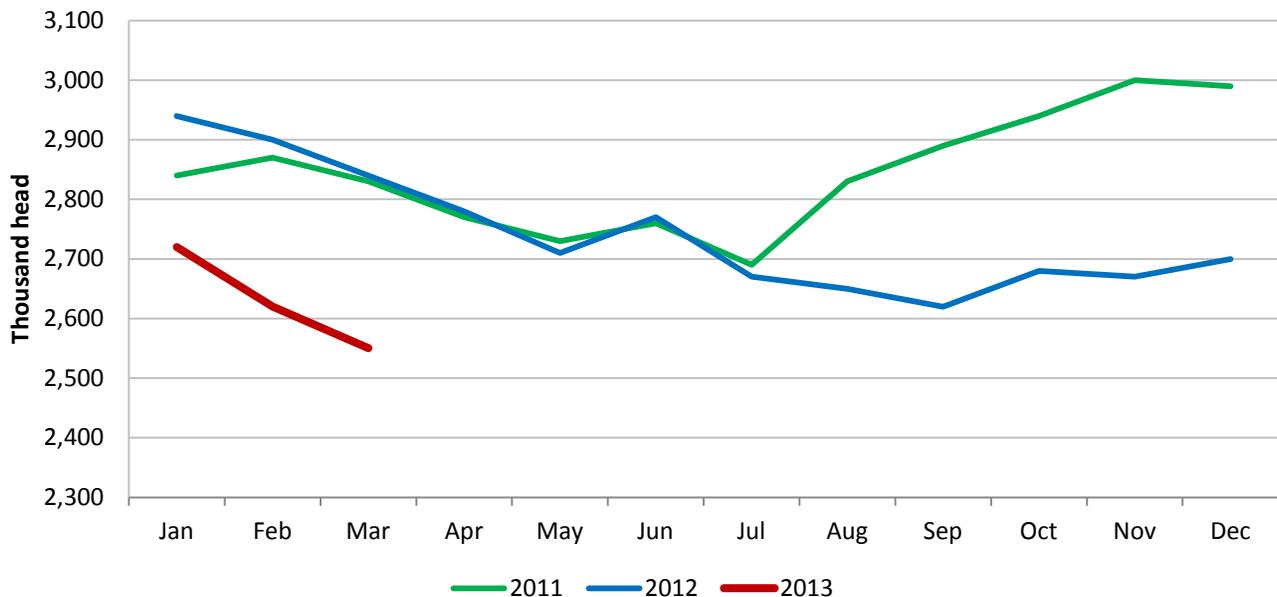
On March 1, there were 2.21 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 87 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 9 percent from last year and down 3 percent from the February 1 total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 291 thousand head, down 16 percent from the January total. Marketings were down 15 percent from last month to 346 thousand 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 10.9 million head on March 1, 2013. This inventory was down 7 percent from March 1, 2012.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.48 million head, 14 percent below February 2012. February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 355 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 270 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 407 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 450 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.64 million head, 7 percent below 2012.

Texas Cattle on Feed Inventory



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	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Arizona	276	275	25	23	21	27	1	1	279	270
California.....	505	480	50	48	53	46	2	2	500	480
Colorado.....	1,140	1,010	165	160	200	170	15	10	1,090	990
Idaho.....	235	225	37	36	41	35	1	1	230	225
Iowa.....	650	640	85	71	62	68	3	3	670	640
Kansas	2,230	2,110	370	295	385	345	15	10	2,200	2,050
Nebraska.....	2,570	2,470	410	350	390	380	20	10	2,570	2,430
Oklahoma	355	325	48	37	61	55	2	2	340	305
South Dakota ...	260	225	47	45	45	39	2	1	260	230
Texas.....	2,900	2,620	380	340	415	395	25	15	2,840	2,550
Washington.....	227	234	41	35	32	34	3	2	233	233
Other States	463	459	56	42	50	44	4	3	465	454
United States....	11,811	11,073	1,714	1,482	1,755	1,638	93	60	11,677	10,857

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	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Colorado.....	30	30	30	25	40	50	65	55	165	160
Kansas	70	60	75	50	130	90	95	95	370	295
Nebraska.....	60	60	70	60	110	100	170	130	410	350
Texas.....	145	115	85	70	95	100	55	55	380	340
Other States	95	90	75	65	94	67	125	115	389	337
United States....	400	355	335	270	469	407	510	450	1,714	1,482

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, March 1, 2012-13

Item	Number		Percent of previous year
	2012	2013	
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	
On feed February 1 ¹	11,811	11,073	94
Placed on feed during February.....	1,714	1,482	86
Fed cattle marketed during February.....	1,755	1,638	93
Other disappearance during February ²	93	60	65
On feed March 1 ¹	11,677	10,857	93

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 Included death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Texas Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by District

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, 2013 ¹	2,274	150	54	13	32	58	39	2,620
Placed on feed during February.....	291	19	5	2	3	9	11	340
Fed cattle marketed during February.....	346	26	5	2	6	6	4	395
Other disappearance during February ²	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	15
On feed March 1, 2013 ¹	2,205	143	54	13	29	60	46	2,550

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