



# Southern Plains Cattle on Feed

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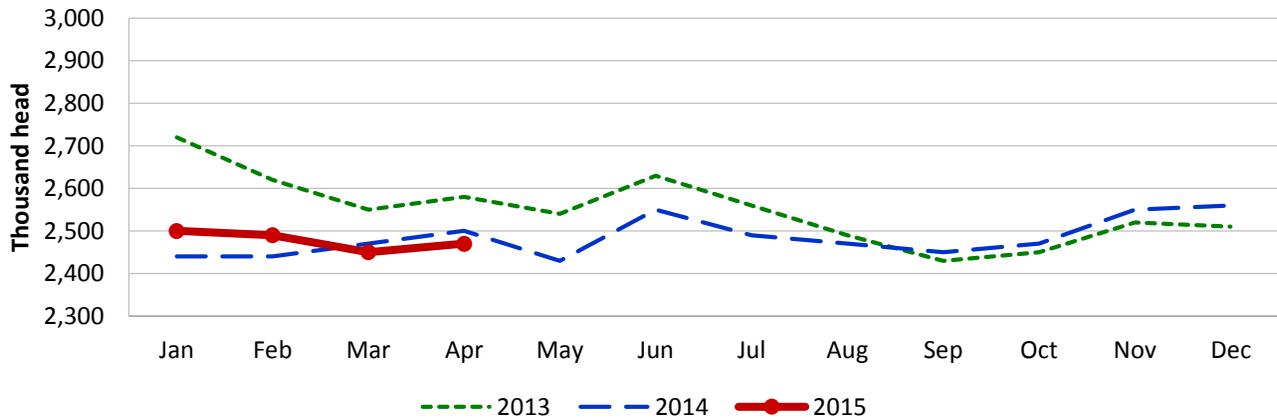
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This report contains results from the April 2015 Cattle on Feed Survey collected during the first two weeks of April. Data provided by Oklahoma and Texas producers are the foundation of the estimates made for the Southern Plains region. We would like to thank all producers who responded to the survey. Results from the next monthly survey will be made available on May 22, 2015.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in **Texas** feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.47 million head on April 1, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 420 thousand head in commercial feedlots during March, down 11 percent from a year ago. Texas commercial feeders marketed 385 thousand head during March, down 10 percent from 2014.

On April 1, there were 2.19 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 89 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up slightly from last year and up 1 percent from the March 1 total. March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 376 thousand head, up 53 percent from the February total. Marketings were up 25 percent from last month to 340 thousand head.

## Texas Cattle on Feed Inventory

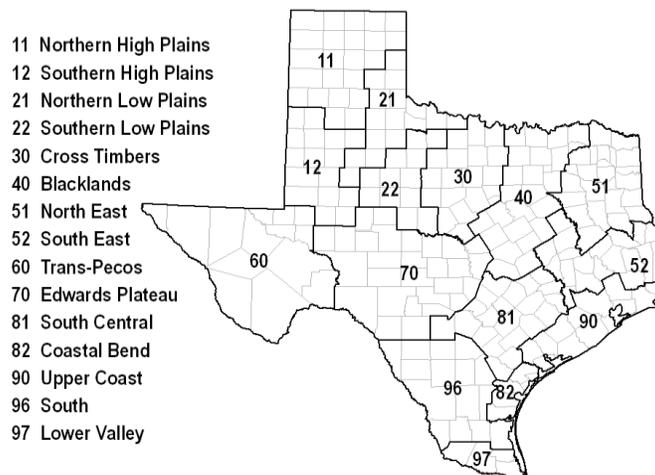


Texas Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by District

Cattle and Calves	District 11	District 12	District 21	District 70	District 81	District 96	Other districts	State total
	1,000 head	1,000 head						
On feed March 1, 2015 <sup>1</sup> .....	2,165	130	32	14	30	52	27	2,450
Placed on feed during March.....	376	22	6	2	3	9	2	420
Fed cattle marketed during March.....	340	19	6	2	3	9	6	385
Other disappearance during March <sup>2</sup> .....	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	15
On feed April 1, 2015 <sup>1</sup> .....	2,189	131	32	14	30	51	23	2,470

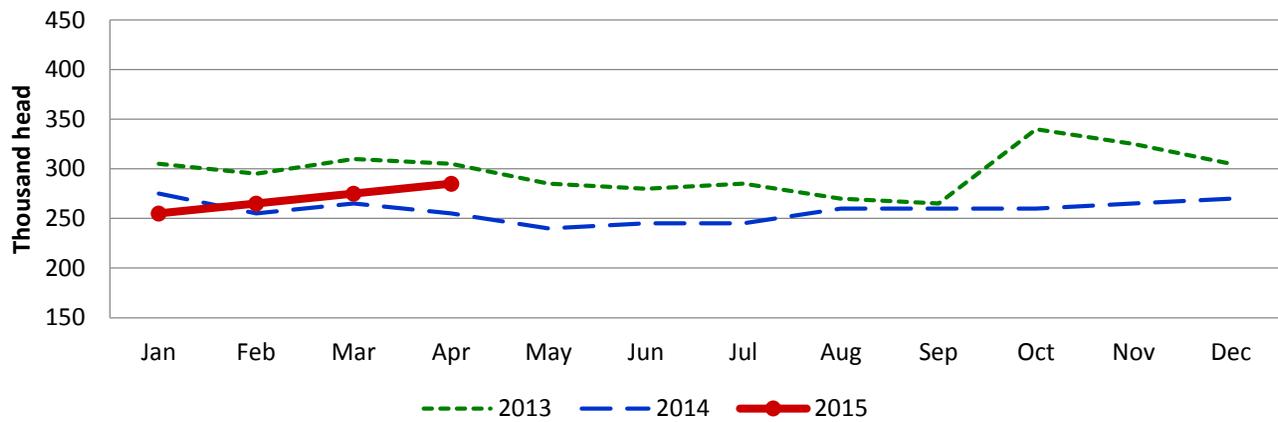
<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2</sup> Included death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.



Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in **Oklahoma** feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 285 thousand head on April 1, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 49 thousand head in commercial feedlots during March, down 6 percent from a year ago. Oklahoma commercial feeders marketed 38 thousand head during March, down 17 percent from 2014. Other disappearance during March totaled 1 thousand head, unchanged from a year ago.

### Oklahoma Cattle on Feed Inventory



Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the **United States** in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.8 million head on April 1, 2015. This inventory was up slightly from April 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.81 million head, slightly above March 2014. March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 365 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 275 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 449 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 720 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.63 million head, 2 percent below 2014.

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

State	Cattle and Calves										
	On feed March 1		Placed on feed during March		Marketed during March		Other Disappearance during March		On feed April 1		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	<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>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Arizona .....	272	243	30	25	24	21	1	6	277	241	
California .....	500	440	53	55	70	46	8	4	475	445	
Colorado .....	920	890	165	150	130	140	5	10	950	890	
Idaho .....	205	230	34	30	33	29	1	1	205	230	
Iowa .....	670	660	71	90	69	79	2	1	670	670	
Kansas.....	2,060	2,080	390	410	345	370	15	10	2,090	2,110	
Minnesota .....	134	145	18	23	16	21	1	1	135	146	
Nebraska .....	2,470	2,500	410	440	395	395	15	15	2,470	2,530	
<b>Oklahoma .....</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>285</b>	
South Dakota .....	220	235	42	33	35	32	2	1	225	235	
<b>Texas .....</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,470</b>	
Washington.....	200	215	31	39	29	28	2	1	200	225	
Other States.....	325	325	35	45	38	47	2	3	320	320	
United States .....	10,716	10,688	1,801	1,809	1,660	1,631	65	69	10,792	10,797	

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1</sup>**

State	During March									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<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 .....	35	30	30	25	50	40	50	55	165	150
Kansas.....	65	60	55	65	110	110	160	175	390	410
Nebraska .....	55	55	65	65	105	100	185	220	410	440
<b>Texas .....</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>420</b>
Other States.....	100	105	50	50	76	79	140	155	366	389
United States .....	425	365	290	275	466	449	620	720	1,801	1,809

<sup>1</sup> Oklahoma is included in *Other States*.