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On: MAY 1 CATTLE ON FEED
UP SLIGHTLY 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 2.69 million head on May 1, up slightly from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 7 percent from the April 1 level. Producers placed 360,000 head in commercial feedlots during April, down 5 percent from a year ago, and down 20 percent from the March 2008 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 540,000 head during April, up 10 percent from last year and up 13 percent from last month.

On May 1, there were 2.25 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 1 percent from last year but down 7 percent from the April total.

April placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 294,000 head, down 23 percent from the March total. Marketings were up 12 percent from last month to 465,000 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 11.1 million head on May 1, 2008. This inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2007.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.54 million head, 2 percent below April 2007. April placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 315,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 278,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 428,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 515,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 2.01 million head, 11 percent above 2007.

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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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	340	374	31	34	30	37	1	1	340	370
California	530	530	85	64	61	70	4	4	550	520
Colorado	1,020	1,020	150	115	130	165	20	20	1,020	950
Idaho	245	230	35	28	40	32	5	1	235	225
Iowa	530	550	61	59	59	77	2	2	530	530
Kansas	2,480	2,420	355	360	445	470	40	20	2,350	2,290
Nebraska	2,480	2,450	290	340	340	400	10	10	2,420	2,380
New Mexico	131	158	12	9	24	16	1	1	118	150
Oklahoma	350	340	54	40	68	74	1	1	335	305
South Dakota	230	225	36	33	34	37	2	1	230	220
TEXAS	2,800	2,880	380	360	490	540	10	10	2,680	2,690
Washington	163	152	22	33	30	29	1	1	154	155
Other States	345	355	57	61	65	63	2	3	335	350
United States	11,644	11,684	1,568	1,536	1,816	2,010	99	75	11,297	11,135

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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	30	15	30	25	40	35	50	40	150	115
Kansas	60	45	65	70	110	115	120	130	355	360
Nebraska	50	50	40	60	80	90	120	140	290	340
TEXAS	105	90	75	80	110	110	90	80	380	360
Other States	130	115	53	43	90	78	120	125	393	361
United States	375	315	263	278	430	428	500	515	1,568	1,536

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

Item	Number			2008 as Percent of	
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
On feed April 1 ^{1/}	11,812	11,644	11,684	99	100
Placed on feed during April	1,619	1,568	1,536	95	98
Fed cattle marketed during April	1,785	1,816	2,010	113	111
Other disappearance during April ^{2/}	87	99	75	86	76
On feed May 1 ^{1/}	11,559	11,297	11,135	96	99

^{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 2-S	District 3	District 4	District 5-N	District 5-S	District 6	District 7	District 8-N	District 8-S	District 9	District 10-N	District 10-S	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>																
On feed April 1 ^{1/}	2,430	176	79	21	40	67	67	2,880									
Placed on feed during April	294	31	9	2	6	9	9	360									
Marketed during April	465	31	13	3	6	11	11	540									
Other disappearance during April ^{2/}	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	10									
On feed May 1 ^{1/}	2,251	175	75	20	40	65	64	2,690									

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