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On: FEBRUARY 1 CATTLE ON FEED
Down 4 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 2.81 million head on February 1, down 4 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up 1 percent from the January 1 level. Producers placed 440,000 head in commercial feedlots during January, up 10 percent from a year ago, and up 9 percent from the December 2008 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 405,000 head during January, down 4 percent from last year but the same as last month.

On February 1, there were 2.35 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 5 percent from last year but up slightly from the January total.

January placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 372,000 head, up 14 percent from the December total. Marketings were up 2 percent from last month to 353,000 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 11.3 million head on February 1, 2009. This inventory was 6 percent below February 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.86 million head, 4 percent above January 2008. January placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 380,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 505,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 553,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 420,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.74 million head, 6 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 January 1		Placed on feed during January		Marketed during January		Other disappearance during January		On feed February 1	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	368	358	35	27	29	35	1	1	373	349
California	560	490	76	51	72	59	9	2	555	480
Colorado	1,100	1,000	180	200	185	170	5	10	1,090	1,020
Idaho	235	220	43	37	42	41	1	1	235	215
Iowa	570	500	72	81	69	59	3	2	570	520
Kansas	2,480	2,270	405	435	445	430	10	15	2,430	2,260
Nebraska	2,530	2,370	380	400	390	360	10	10	2,510	2,400
New Mexico	160	164	16	9	15	13	1	2	160	158
Oklahoma	350	335	54	54	47	57	2	2	355	330
South Dakota	230	220	45	43	43	35	2	3	230	225
TEXAS	2,960	2,790	400	440	420	405	10	15	2,930	2,810
Washington	* 159	157	27	30	* 31	35	2	1	153	151
Other States	390	360	54	51	65	38	4	3	375	370
United States	* 12,092	11,234	1,787	1,858	* 1,853	1,737	60	67	11,966	11,288

*Revised

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

State	During January									
	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	20	20	45	55	55	55	60	70	180	200
Kansas	55	60	120	130	140	160	90	85	405	435
Nebraska	50	65	90	95	125	130	115	110	380	400
TEXAS	135	105	125	135	110	135	30	65	400	440
Other States	140	130	87	90	95	73	100	90	422	383
United States	400	380	467	505	525	553	395	420	1,787	1,858

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, February 1, 2008-2009

Item	Number		2009 as Percent of 2008
	2008	2009	
On feed January 1 ^{1/}	* 12,092	11,234	93
Placed on feed during January	1,787	1,858	104
Fed cattle marketed during January	* 1,853	1,737	94
Other disappearance during January ^{2/}	60	67	112
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	11,966	11,288	94

^{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. *Revised

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 January 1 ^{1/}	2,347	180	77	18	42	69	57	2,790
Placed on feed during January	372	25	12	5	8	8	10	440
Marketed during January	353	20	8	3	6	8	7	405
Other disappearance during January ^{2/}	12	1	0	0	0	1	1	15
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	2,354	184	81	20	44	68	59	2,810

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