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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1 thousand head or more totaled 2.84 million head on March 1. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up slightly from last year, but down 2 percent from February 1, 2012. Producers placed 380 thousand head in commercial feedlots during February, unchanged from last year, but down 5 percent from the January 2012 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 415 thousand head during February, up 2 percent from last year, but unchanged from last month.

On March 1, there were 2.41 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 85 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 1 percent from last year but down 2 percent from the February total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 343 thousand head, down 1 percent from the January total. Marketings were up 2 percent from last month to 360 thousand head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1 thousand head or more totaled 11.7 million head on March 1, 2012. This inventory was 3 percent above March 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.71 million head, 3 percent above February 2011. February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 400 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 335 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 469 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 510 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.76 million head, 2 percent below 2011.

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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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona.....	266	276	29	25	25	21	1	1	269	279
California	470	505	43	50	50	53	3	2	460	500
Colorado	1,070	1,140	215	165	210	200	5	15	1,070	1,090
Idaho.....	230	235	31	37	40	41	1	1	220	230
Iowa.....	660	650	71	85	79	62	2	3	650	670
Kansas.....	2,270	2,230	365	370	405	385	10	15	2,220	2,200
Nebraska.....	2,460	2,570	350	410	365	390	15	20	2,430	2,570
Oklahoma	375	355	60	48	73	61	2	2	360	340
South Dakota	270	260	45	47	48	45	2	2	265	260
Texas.....	2,870	2,900	380	380	405	415	15	25	2,830	2,840
Washington	207	227	31	41	30	32	3	3	205	233
Other States	423	463	47	56	61	50	2	4	407	465
United States	11,571	11,811	1,667	1,714	1,791	1,755	61	93	11,386	11,677

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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	30	30	45	30	65	40	75	65	215	165
Kansas.....	55	70	80	75	150	130	80	95	365	370
Nebraska.....	60	60	85	70	100	110	105	170	350	410
Texas	160	145	85	85	85	95	50	55	380	380
Other States.....	95	95	70	75	92	94	100	125	357	389
United States	400	400	365	335	492	469	410	510	1,667	1,714

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, March 1, 2011-2012

Item	Number		2012 as percent of 2011
	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed February 1 ¹	11,571	11,811	102
Placed on feed during February	1,667	1,714	103
Fed cattle marketed during February	1,791	1,755	98
Other disappearance during February ²	61	93	152
On feed March 1 ¹	11,386	11,677	103

¹Cattle 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, 2012 ¹	2,450	200	69	14	29	71	67	2,900
Placed on feed during February.....	343	16	4	2	5	7	3	380
Marketed during February	360	24	8	3	4	9	7	415
Other disappearance during February ²	21	2	0	0	0	0	2	25
On feed March 1, 2012 ¹	2,412	190	65	13	30	69	61	2,840

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