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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.77 million head on June 1, up slightly from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up 2 percent from the May 1 level. Producers placed 580 thousand head in commercial feedlots during May, up 4 percent from a year ago, and up 41 percent from the April 2012 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 500 thousand head during May, down 4 percent from last year but up 8 percent from last month.

On June 1, there were 2.39 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 86 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 2 percent from last year and up 3 percent from the May total.

May placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 507 thousand head, up 41 percent from the April total. Marketings were up 8 percent from last month to 427 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 11.1 million head on June 1, 2012. This inventory was 2 percent above June 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.09 million head, 15 percent above May 2011. May placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 520 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 365 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 530 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 672 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.02 million head, 1 percent above 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 May 1		Placed on feed during May		Marketed during May		Other disappearance during May		On feed June 1	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona.....	282	276	28	36	19	29	1	1	290	282
California	450	475	71	70	59	53	2	2	460	490
Colorado	1,100	1,030	140	180	150	170	10	20	1,080	1,020
Idaho.....	230	215	36	29	35	32	1	2	230	210
Iowa.....	640	650	47	59	73	64	4	5	610	640
Kansas.....	2,170	2,080	375	445	420	415	15	20	2,110	2,090
Nebraska.....	2,370	2,460	340	460	495	540	25	20	2,190	2,360
Oklahoma	355	295	66	81	65	54	1	2	355	320
South Dakota	255	245	33	38	50	43	3	5	235	235
Texas	2,730	2,710	560	580	520	500	10	20	2,760	2,770
Washington	200	224	39	43	44	46	2	1	193	220
Other States.....	393	450	75	66	72	69	7	2	389	445
United States	11,175	11,110	1,810	2,087	2,002	2,015	81	100	10,902	11,082

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

State	During May									
	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	35	25	30	35	45	50	70	140	180
Kansas.....	65	90	70	90	110	130	130	135	375	445
Nebraska.....	50	70	55	60	80	130	155	200	340	460
Texas	170	220	150	125	165	140	75	95	560	580
Other States.....	100	105	55	60	90	85	150	172	395	422
United States	415	520	355	365	480	530	560	672	1,810	2,087

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

Item	Number		2012 as percent of 2011
	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
On feed May 1 ¹	11,175	11,110	99
Placed on feed during May	1,810	2,087	115
Fed cattle marketed during May	2,002	2,015	101
Other disappearance during May ²	81	100	123
On feed June 1 ¹	10,902	11,082	102

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 May 1, 2012 ¹	2,326	175	61	11	31	55	51	2,710
Placed on feed during May	507	39	11	3	7	8	5	580
Fed cattle marketed during May	427	34	10	4	5	12	8	500
Other disappearance during May ²	18	1	0	0	0	0	1	20
On feed June 1, 2012 ¹	2,388	179	62	10	33	51	47	2,770

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