



Cattle on Feed Report

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.72 million head on January 1, 2013, down 7 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up 1 percent from the December 1, 2012 level. Producers placed 415 thousand head in commercial feedlots during December, up 4 percent from a year ago but down 11 percent from November.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 380 thousand head during December, down 10 percent from 2011 and down 8 percent from November.

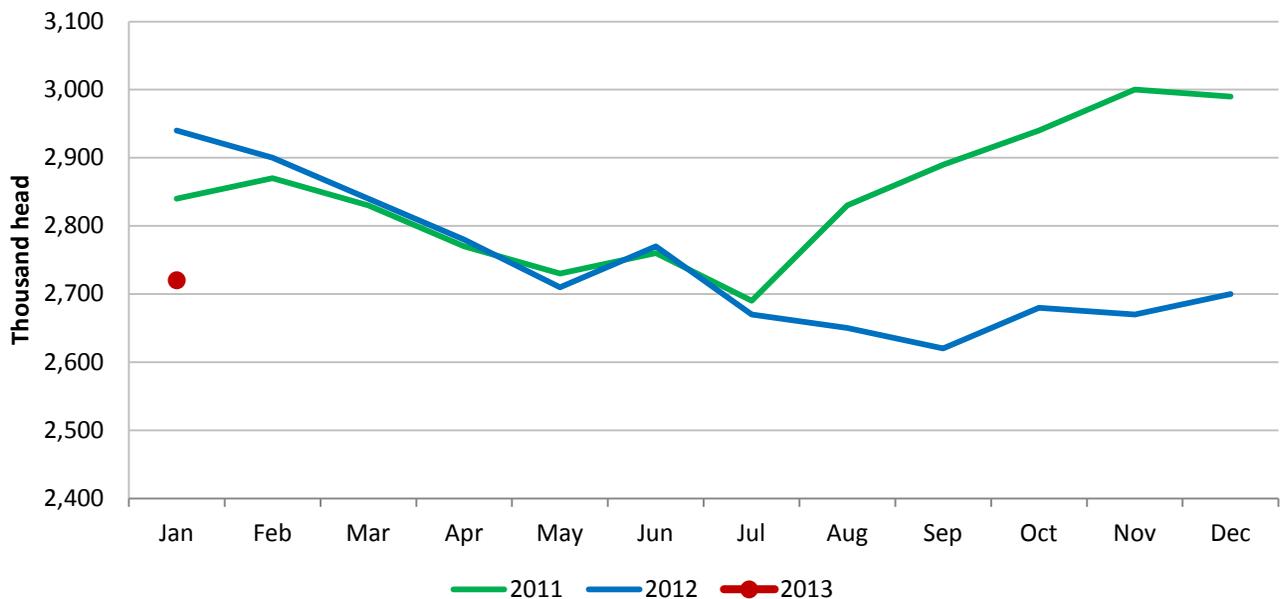
On January 1, there were 2.35 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 86 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 5 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the December 1 total.

December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 362 thousand head, down 12 percent from the November total. Marketings were down 7 percent from last month to 337 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 11.2 million head on January 1, 2013. This inventory was down 6 percent from January 1, 2012.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.66 million head, 1 percent below December 2011. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 495 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 415 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 379 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 375 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.75 million head, 2 percent below 2011.

Texas Cattle on Feed Inventory



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

State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed December 1		Placed on feed during December		Marketed during December		Other Disappearance during December		On feed January 1	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2012	2013
	<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	290	267	26	29	36	23	1	1	279	272
California.....	505	490	61	50	52	55	4	5	510	480
Colorado.....	1,160	1,020	160	140	160	155	10	5	1,150	1,000
Idaho.....	235	245	36	26	40	40	1	1	230	230
Iowa.....	610	610	77	82	63	68	4	4	620	620
Kansas	2,360	2,190	350	365	445	425	15	20	2,250	2,110
Nebraska.....	2,560	2,530	380	390	380	425	10	15	2,550	2,480
Oklahoma	385	345	45	52	52	49	3	3	375	345
South Dakota	265	230	37	34	37	33	5	1	260	230
Texas.....	2,990	2,700	400	415	420	380	30	15	2,940	2,720
Washington.....	236	261	44	25	45	38	3	1	232	247
Other States	459	460	57	56	46	54	5	3	465	459
United States.....	12,055	11,348	1,673	1,664	1,776	1,745	91	74	11,861	11,193

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

State	During December									
	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>	<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	50	35	35	35	30	35	45	35	160	140
Kansas	75	70	100	100	105	105	70	90	350	365
Nebraska.....	60	70	90	90	100	110	130	120	380	390
Texas.....	225	200	75	100	55	65	45	50	400	415
Other States	140	120	85	90	70	64	88	80	383	354
United States...	550	495	385	415	360	379	378	375	1,673	1,664

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, January 1, 2012-13

Item	Number		Percent of previous year
	2012	2013	
On feed December 1 ^{1 2}	<i>1,000 head</i> 12,055	<i>1,000 head</i> 11,348	94
Placed on feed during December ²	1,673	1,664	99
Fed cattle marketed during December ²	1,776	1,745	98
Other disappearance during December ^{2 3}	91	74	81
On feed January 1 ¹	11,861	11,193	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 Data is for December of the previous year.

³ Included death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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

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>	<i>1,000 head</i>						
On feed December 1, 2012 ¹	2,339	153	60	14	30	58	46	2,700
Placed on feed during December.....	362	19	7	7	7	10	3	415
Fed cattle marketed during December.....	337	17	7	2	4	6	7	380
Other disappearance during December ²	12	1	0	0	0	1	1	15
On feed January 1, 2013 ¹	2,352	154	60	19	33	61	41	2,720

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