



# 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 2.44 million head on January 1, 2014, down 10 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 3 percent from the December 1, 2013 level. Producers placed 370 thousand head in commercial feedlots during December, down 11 percent from a year ago and down 9 percent from November.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 420 thousand head during December, up 11 percent from 2013 and up 4 percent from November.

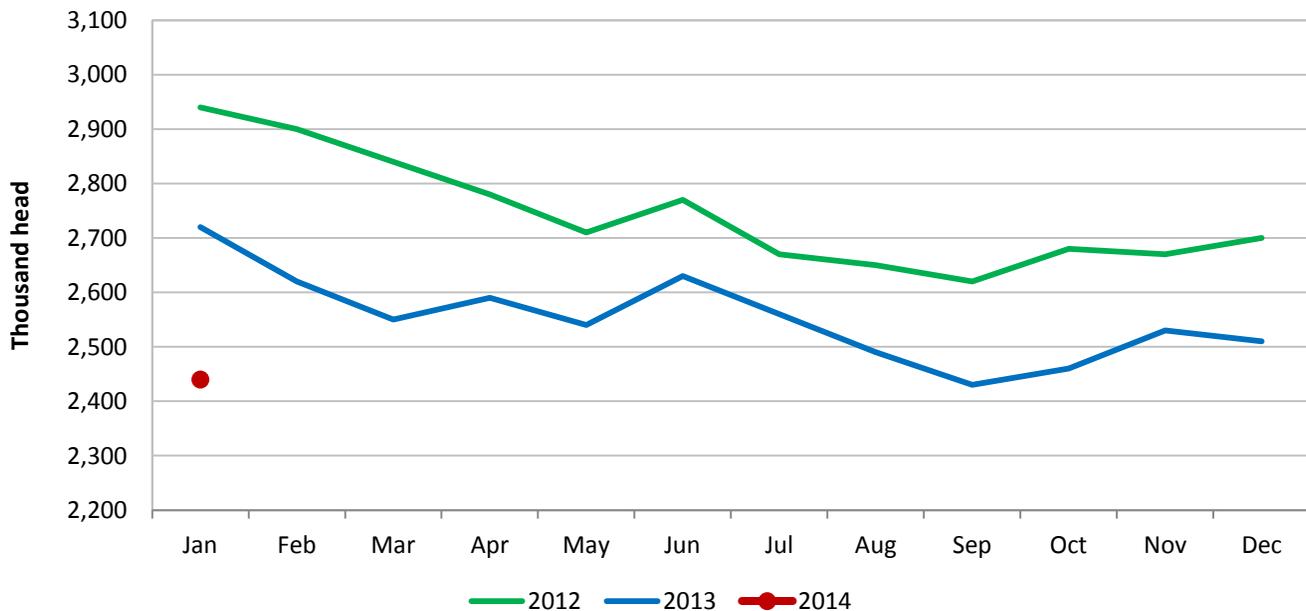
On January 1, there were 2.17 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 87 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 1 percent from last year and down 7 percent from the December 1 total.

December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 349 thousand head, down 25 percent from the November total. Marketings were down 9 percent from last month at 346 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 10.6 million head on January 1, 2014. This inventory was down 5 percent from January 1, 2013.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.68 million head, 1 percent above December 2012. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 485 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 420 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 391 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 385 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million head, 1 percent below 2012.

### 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 |                   |
|                    | 2012               | 2013              | 2012                           | 2013              | 2012                     | 2013              | 2012                                | 2013              | 2013              | 2014              |
|                    | <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 .....      | 267                | 275               | 29                             | 28                | 23                       | 28                | 1                                   | 1                 | 272               | 274               |
| California.....    | 490                | 505               | 50                             | 59                | 55                       | 52                | 5                                   | 2                 | 480               | 510               |
| Colorado.....      | 1,020              | 970               | 140                            | 150               | 155                      | 150               | 5                                   | 10                | 1,000             | 960               |
| Idaho.....         | 245                | 225               | 26                             | 32                | 40                       | 36                | 1                                   | 1                 | 230               | 220               |
| Iowa.....          | 610                | 610               | 82                             | 96                | 68                       | 84                | 4                                   | 2                 | 620               | 620               |
| Kansas .....       | 2,190              | 2,050             | 365                            | 360               | 425                      | 385               | 20                                  | 15                | 2,110             | 2,010             |
| Nebraska.....      | 2,530              | 2,430             | 390                            | 405               | 425                      | 420               | 15                                  | 15                | 2,480             | 2,400             |
| Oklahoma .....     | 345                | 265               | 52                             | 43                | 49                       | 45                | 3                                   | 3                 | 345               | 260               |
| South Dakota ..... | 230                | 220               | 34                             | 43                | 33                       | 30                | 1                                   | 3                 | 230               | 230               |
| <b>Texas.....</b>  | <b>2,700</b>       | <b>2,510</b>      | <b>415</b>                     | <b>370</b>        | <b>380</b>               | <b>420</b>        | <b>15</b>                           | <b>20</b>         | <b>2,720</b>      | <b>2,440</b>      |
| Washington.....    | 261                | 207               | 25                             | 34                | 38                       | 37                | 1                                   | 3                 | 247               | 201               |
| Other States ..... | 460                | 458               | 56                             | 61                | 54                       | 49                | 3                                   | 2                 | 459               | 468               |
| United States..... | 11,348             | 10,725            | 1,664                          | 1,681             | 1,745                    | 1,736             | 74                                  | 77                | 11,193            | 10,593            |

**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             |                   |
|                    | 2012                 | 2013              | 2012              | 2013              | 2012              | 2013              | 2012               | 2013              | 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> |
| Colorado.....      | 35                   | 40                | 35                | 40                | 35                | 35                | 35                 | 35                | 140               | 150               |
| Kansas .....       | 70                   | 70                | 100               | 90                | 105               | 110               | 90                 | 90                | 365               | 360               |
| Nebraska.....      | 70                   | 80                | 90                | 100               | 110               | 95                | 120                | 130               | 390               | 405               |
| <b>Texas.....</b>  | <b>200</b>           | <b>160</b>        | <b>100</b>        | <b>90</b>         | <b>65</b>         | <b>75</b>         | <b>50</b>          | <b>45</b>         | <b>415</b>        | <b>370</b>        |
| Other States ..... | 120                  | 135               | 90                | 100               | 64                | 76                | 80                 | 85                | 354               | 396               |
| United States..... | 495                  | 485               | 415               | 420               | 379               | 391               | 375                | 385               | 1,664             | 1,681             |

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, January 1, 2013-14**

| Item   | Number                      |                             | Percent of previous year |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | 2013                        | 2014                        |                          |
| On feed December 1 <sup>1</sup> .....                  | <i>1,000 head</i><br>11,348 | <i>1,000 head</i><br>10,725 | 95                       |
| Placed on feed during December.....                    | 1,664                       | 1,681                       | 101                      |
| Fed cattle marketed during December.....               | 1,745                       | 1,736                       | 99                       |
| Other disappearance during December <sup>2</sup> ..... | 74                          | 77                          | 104                      |
| On feed January 1 <sup>1</sup> .....                   | 11,193                      | 10,593                      | 95                       |

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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> |
| On feed December 1, 2013 <sup>1</sup> .....            | 2,174             | 154               | 34                | 14                | 32                | 58                | 44                | 2,510             |
| Placed on feed during December.....                    | 316               | 27                | 5                 | 2                 | 6                 | 9                 | 5                 | 370               |
| Fed cattle marketed during December.....               | 368               | 26                | 6                 | 2                 | 4                 | 8                 | 6                 | 420               |
| Other disappearance during December <sup>2</sup> ..... | 18                | 1                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 1                 | 0                 | 20                |
| On feed January 1, 2014 <sup>1</sup> .....             | 2,104             | 154               | 33                | 14                | 34                | 58                | 43                | 2,440             |

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