



Southern Plains Cattle on Feed

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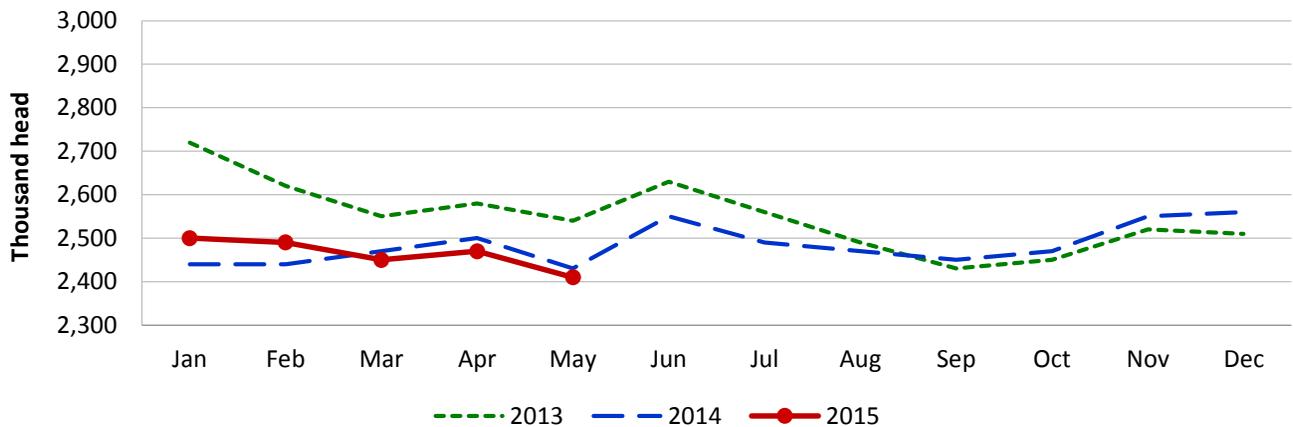
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This report contains results from the May 2015 Cattle on Feed Survey collected during the first two weeks of May. Data provided by Oklahoma and Texas producers are the foundation of the estimates made for the Southern Plains region. We would like to thank all producers who responded to the survey. Results from the next monthly survey will be made available on June 19, 2015.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in **Texas** feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.41 million head on May 1, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 385 thousand head in commercial feedlots during April, down 8 percent from a year ago. Texas commercial feeders marketed 435 thousand head during April, down 9 percent from 2014.

On May 1, there were 2.14 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 89 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up slightly from last year and down 2 percent from the April 1 total. April placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 340 thousand head, down 10 percent from the March total. Marketings were up 11 percent from last month to 377 thousand head.

Texas Cattle on Feed Inventory

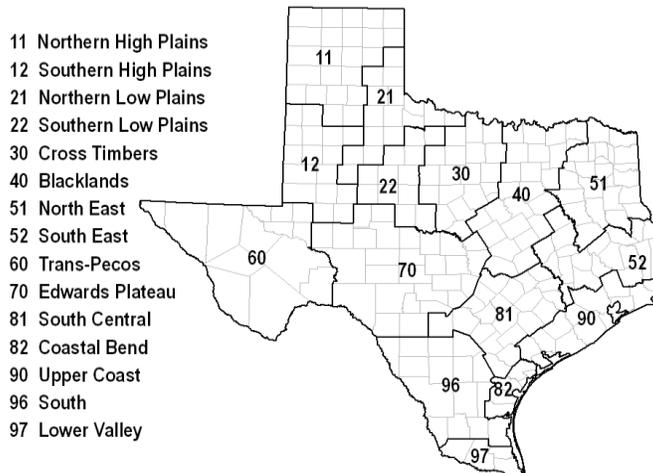


Texas Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by District

Cattle and Calves	District 11	District 12	District 21	District 70	District 81	District 96	Other districts	State total
	1,000 head	1,000 head						
On feed April 1, 2015 ¹	2,189	131	32	14	30	51	23	2,470
Placed on feed during April	340	23	5	3	5	7	2	385
Fed cattle marketed during April	377	32	6	2	5	10	3	435
Other disappearance during April ²	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	10
On feed May 1, 2015 ¹	2,144	121	31	15	30	47	22	2,410

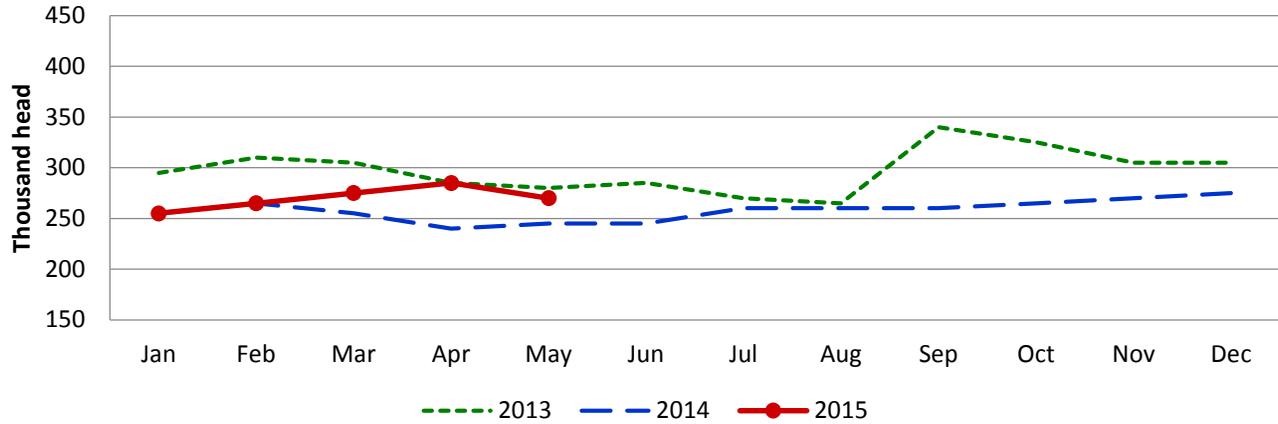
¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Included death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.



Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in **Oklahoma** feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 270 thousand head on May 1, 2015, up 6 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 34 thousand head in commercial feedlots during April, down 21 percent from a year ago. Oklahoma commercial feeders marketed 48 thousand head during April, down 23 percent from 2014. Other disappearance during April totaled 1 thousand head, unchanged from a year ago.

Oklahoma Cattle on Feed Inventory



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 May 1, 2015. This inventory was up 1 percent from May 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.55 million head, 5 percent below April 2014. April placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 320 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 240 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 348 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 640 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.64 million head, 8 percent below 2014.

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

State	Cattle and Calves										
	On feed April 1		Placed on feed during April		Marketed during April		Other Disappearance during April		On feed May 1		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	<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>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Arizona	277	241	26	24	25	24	1	1	277	240	
California	475	445	57	49	67	40	15	4	450	450	
Colorado	950	890	130	145	130	120	10	15	940	900	
Idaho	205	230	27	30	26	24	1	1	205	235	
Iowa	670	670	69	63	76	72	3	1	660	660	
Kansas.....	2,090	2,110	325	315	385	355	20	10	2,010	2,060	
Minnesota	135	146	16	11	13	11	1	1	137	145	
Nebraska	2,470	2,530	420	390	415	405	15	15	2,460	2,500	
Oklahoma	275	285	43	34	62	48	1	1	255	270	
South Dakota	225	235	28	28	30	21	3	2	220	240	
Texas	2,500	2,470	420	385	480	435	10	10	2,430	2,410	
Washington.....	200	225	27	42	36	35	1	2	190	230	
Other States.....	320	320	35	32	33	49	2	3	320	300	
United States	10,792	10,797	1,623	1,548	1,778	1,639	83	66	10,554	10,640	

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	During April									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<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	25	25	25	25	35	35	45	60	130	145
Kansas.....	60	55	50	50	90	80	125	130	325	315
Nebraska	65	50	65	55	95	85	195	200	420	390
Texas	140	105	70	70	110	95	100	115	420	385
Other States.....	90	85	40	40	63	53	135	135	328	313
United States	380	320	250	240	393	348	600	640	1,623	1,548

¹ Oklahoma is included in *Other States*.