



# Cattle on Feed

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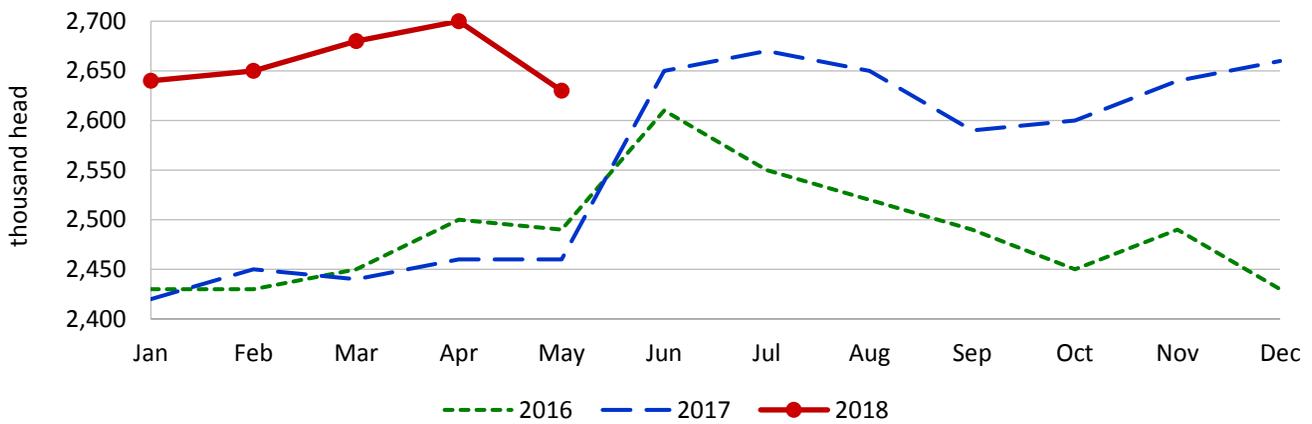
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This report contains results from the May 2018 Cattle on Feed Survey collected during the first two weeks of May. Data provided by Oklahoma and Texas producers are the foundation of the estimates made for the Southern Plains region. We would like to thank all producers who responded to the survey. Results from the next monthly survey will be made available on June 22, 2018.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in **Texas** feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.63 million head on May 1, 2018, up 7 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 385 thousand head in commercial feedlots during April, down 16 percent from a year ago. Texas commercial feeders marketed 445 thousand head during April, down 1 percent from 2017.

On May 1, there were 2.29 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 up 5 percent from last year but down 3 percent from the April 1 total. April placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 331 thousand head, down 18 percent from the March total. Marketings were up 6 percent from last month at 384 thousand head.

**Texas Cattle on Feed Inventory**



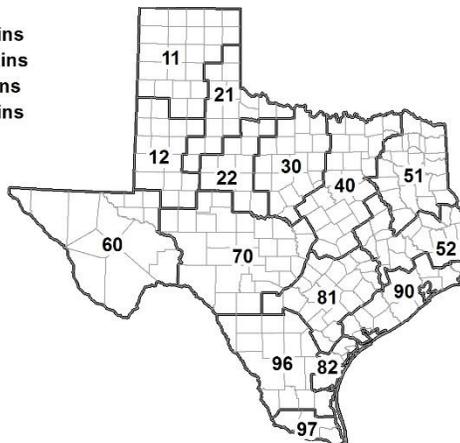
**Texas Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by District**

| Cattle and Calves                                   | District 11       | District 12 | District 21 | District 70 | District 81 | District 96 | Other districts | State total |
|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
|   | <i>1,000 head</i> |             |             |             |             |             |                 |             |
| On feed April 1, 2018 <sup>1</sup> .....            | 2,352             | 152         | 47          | 17          | 40          | 62          | 30              | 2,700       |
| Placed on feed during April.....                    | 331               | 25          | 6           | 3           | 6           | 6           | 7               | 385         |
| Fed cattle marketed during April.....               | 384               | 29          | 7           | 5           | 7           | 7           | 5               | 445         |
| Other disappearance during April <sup>2</sup> ..... | 9                 | 1           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0               | 10          |
| On feed May 1, 2018 <sup>1</sup> .....              | 2,290             | 147         | 46          | 15          | 39          | 61          | 32              | 2,630       |

<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.

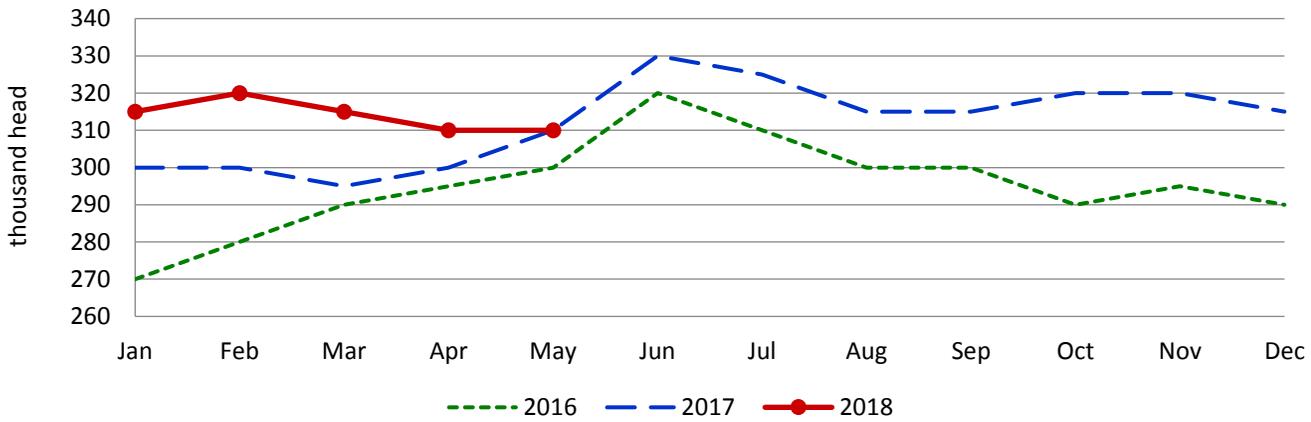
<sup>2</sup> Included death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

- 11 Northern High Plains
- 12 Southern High Plains
- 21 Northern Low Plains
- 22 Southern Low Plains
- 30 Cross Timbers
- 40 Blacklands
- 51 North East
- 52 South East
- 60 Trans-Pecos
- 70 Edwards Plateau
- 81 South Central
- 82 Coastal Bend
- 90 Upper Coast
- 96 South
- 97 Lower Valley



Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in **Oklahoma** feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 310 thousand head on May 1, 2018, unchanged from a year ago. Producers placed 60 thousand head in commercial feedlots during April, down 17 percent from a year ago. Oklahoma commercial feeders marketed 59 thousand head during April, down 2 percent from 2017. Other disappearance during April totaled 1 thousand head, down 1,000 head from a year ago.

### Oklahoma Cattle on Feed Inventory



### 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     |              |
|                      | 2017              | 2018         | 2017                        | 2018       | 2017                  | 2018       | 2017                             | 2018      | 2017              | 2018         |
|                      | <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.....         | 239               | 294          | 27                          | 26         | 22                    | 21         | 1                                | 1         | 243               | 298          |
| California.....      | 415               | 500          | 65                          | 59         | 53                    | 56         | 2                                | 3         | 425               | 500          |
| Colorado.....        | 940               | 950          | 155                         | 145        | 125                   | 150        | 10                               | 5         | 960               | 940          |
| Idaho.....           | 260               | 250          | 40                          | 28         | 24                    | 21         | 1                                | 2         | 275               | 255          |
| Iowa.....            | 670               | 740          | 95                          | 80         | 82                    | 87         | 3                                | 3         | 680               | 730          |
| Kansas.....          | 2,260             | 2,340        | 420                         | 380        | 385                   | 420        | 15                               | 10        | 2,280             | 2,290        |
| Minnesota.....       | 160               | 160          | 12                          | 12         | 16                    | 16         | 1                                | 1         | 155               | 155          |
| Nebraska.....        | 2,460             | 2,690        | 395                         | 420        | 390                   | 430        | 15                               | 20        | 2,450             | 2,660        |
| <b>Oklahoma.....</b> | <b>300</b>        | <b>310</b>   | <b>72</b>                   | <b>60</b>  | <b>60</b>             | <b>59</b>  | <b>2</b>                         | <b>1</b>  | <b>310</b>        | <b>310</b>   |
| South Dakota.....    | 250               | 260          | 34                          | 25         | 27                    | 27         | 2                                | 3         | 255               | 255          |
| <b>Texas.....</b>    | <b>2,460</b>      | <b>2,700</b> | <b>460</b>                  | <b>385</b> | <b>450</b>            | <b>445</b> | <b>10</b>                        | <b>10</b> | <b>2,460</b>      | <b>2,630</b> |
| Washington.....      | 195               | 210          | 36                          | 27         | 29                    | 26         | 2                                | 1         | 200               | 210          |
| Other States.....    | 310               | 325          | 37                          | 48         | 40                    | 45         | 2                                | 3         | 305               | 325          |
| United States.....   | 10,919            | 11,729       | 1,848                       | 1,695      | 1,703                 | 1,803      | 66                               | 63        | 10,998            | 11,558       |

### Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1</sup>

| State              | During April 2017 |                   |                   |                   |                       |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|                    | Under 600 lbs     | 600-699 lbs       | 700-799 lbs       | 800-899 lbs       | 900+ lbs <sup>2</sup> | Total             |
|                    | <i>1,000 head</i>     | <i>1,000 head</i> |
| Colorado.....      | 25                | 25                | 40                | 40                | 25                    | 155               |
| Kansas.....        | 50                | 50                | 125               | 130               | 65                    | 420               |
| Nebraska.....      | 45                | 45                | 95                | 115               | 95                    | 395               |
| <b>Texas.....</b>  | <b>115</b>        | <b>85</b>         | <b>140</b>        | <b>95</b>         | <b>25</b>             | <b>460</b>        |
| Other States.....  | 113               | 50                | 90                | 115               | 50                    | 418               |
| United States..... | 348               | 255               | 490               | 495               | 260                   | 1,848             |
| State              | During April 2018 |                   |                   |                   |                       |                   |
|                    | Under 600 lbs     | 600-699 lbs       | 700-799 lbs       | 800-899 lbs       | 900+ lbs <sup>2</sup> | Total             |
|                    | <i>1,000 head</i>     | <i>1,000 head</i> |
| Colorado.....      | 25                | 20                | 35                | 40                | 25                    | 145               |
| Kansas.....        | 40                | 55                | 105               | 110               | 70                    | 380               |
| Nebraska.....      | 40                | 45                | 95                | 125               | 115                   | 420               |
| <b>Texas.....</b>  | <b>115</b>        | <b>70</b>         | <b>100</b>        | <b>75</b>         | <b>25</b>             | <b>385</b>        |
| Other States.....  | 100               | 40                | 80                | 95                | 50                    | 365               |
| United States..... | 320               | 230               | 415               | 445               | 285                   | 1,695             |

<sup>1</sup> Oklahoma is included in *Other States*.

<sup>2</sup> For the U.S., the 900+ category represents the sum of 900-999 pound and 1,000+ pound weight groups.