



# ANNUAL CATTLE REVIEW

## TEXAS AND U.S. INVENTORY

Texas' January 1, 2018 inventory of all cattle and calves, at 12.5 million head, an increase of 200 thousand head from the January 1, 2017 inventory. All cows and heifers that calved, at 5.10 million head, were up 3 percent. All heifers over 500 pounds, at 2.52 million head, were up 4 percent from last year. Steers over 500 pounds, at 2.57 million head, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2017. The 2017 annual calf crop for Texas, at 4.40 million head, was up 4 percent from the previous year.

The United States all cattle and calves inventory increased 1 percent; totaling 94.4 million head on January 1, 2018. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.1 million head, were up 1 percent from the 40.6 million head on January 1, 2017. The 2017 annual calf crop for the United States was estimated at 35.8 million head, up 2 percent from the previous year.

**Cattle and Calves: Inventory by Class and Calf Crop, Texas and United States, January 1, 2017-2018**

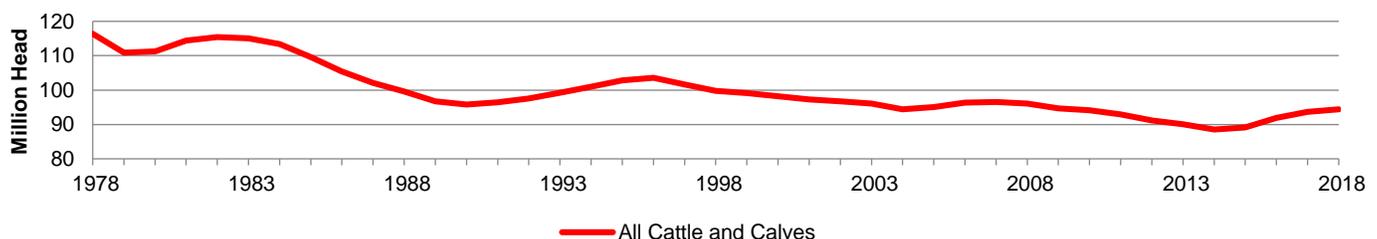
Class	Texas			United States <sup>1</sup>		
	2017	2018	Percent of Previous Year	2017	2018	Percent of Previous Year
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
<b>All Cattle and Calves</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>93,705</b>	<b>94,399</b>	<b>101</b>
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	4,950	5,100	103	40,559	41,123	101
Beef Cows	4,460	4,585	103	31,213	31,723	102
Milk Cows	490	515	105	9,346	9,400	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	2,420	2,520	104	20,132	20,245	101
Beef Cow Replacements	810	800	99	6,368	6,131	96
Milk Cow Replacements	260	250	96	4,754	4,781	101
Other Heifers	1,350	1,470	109	9,010	9,332	104
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	2,590	2,570	99	16,384	16,352	100
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	340	340	100	2,244	2,252	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	2,000	1,970	99	14,386	14,427	100
<b>Cattle on Feed</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>13,067</b>	<b>14,006</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Calf Crop <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>4,250</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>35,093</b>	<b>35,808</b>	<b>102</b>
Born January 1 - June 30	(X)	(X)	(X)	25,550	26,000	102
Born July 1 - December 31	(X)	(X)	(X)	9,543	9,808	103

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Calf crop refers to calves born during the previous year.

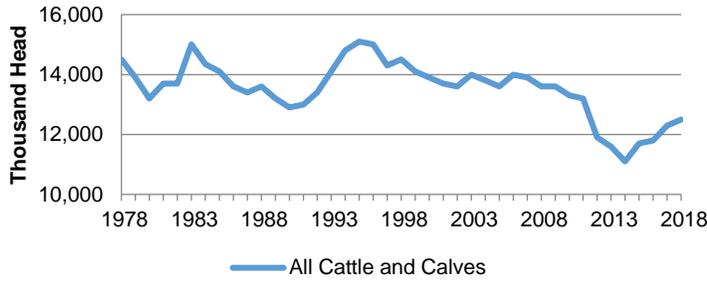
**All Cattle and Calves: Inventory, United States, 1978-2018**



Data Source: USDA-NASS January Cattle Report.

# TEXAS AND U.S. INVENTORY (CONTINUED)

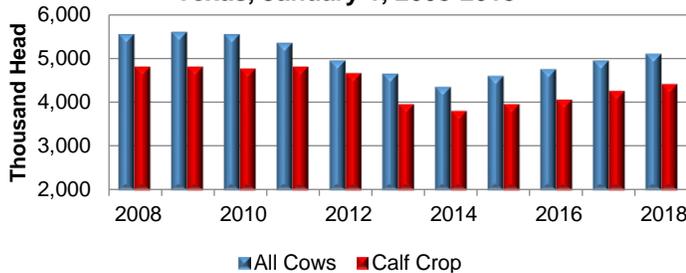
**All Cattle and Calves:  
Texas, January 1, 1978-2018**



This year's 2 percent increase in inventory of all cattle and calves marks the fourth consecutive year of increased total cattle inventory in Texas.

Texas continues to rank highest in inventory of all cattle and calves. The top five states as of January 1, 2018 inventory levels are as follows: Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, California, and Oklahoma.

**All Cows and Calf Crop <sup>1</sup>:  
Texas, January 1, 2008-2018**



**Top 5 States Cattle Inventory  
January 1, 2017 and 2018**

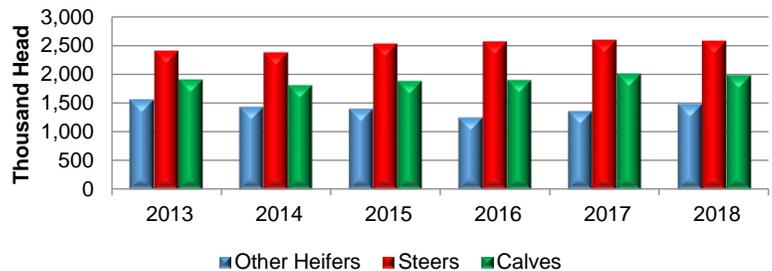
Rank	State	2017	2018	Percent of previous year
1	Texas	12,300	12,500	102
2	Nebraska	6,450	6,800	105
3	Kansas	6,400	6,300	98
4	California	5,150	5,200	101
5	Oklahoma	5,000	5,100	102

Data Source: USDA-NASS *January Cattle Report*.

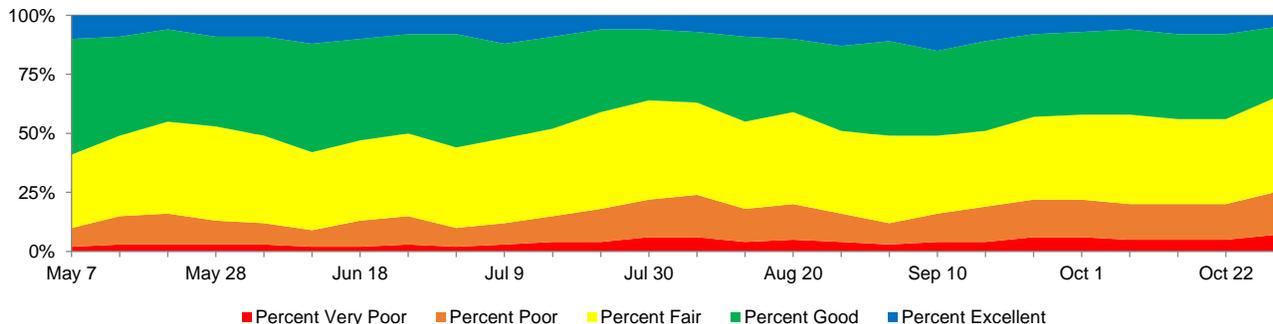
# TEXAS FEEDER SUPPLY AND PASTURE CONDITION

Total Texas feeder cattle supply, consisting of other heifers, steers, and calves, is up 1 percent from one year ago. Other heifers over 500 pounds, at 1.47 million head, were up 9 percent from last year. Steers over 500 pounds, at 2.57 million head, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2017. Calves less than 500 pounds, at 1.97 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

**Feeder Cattle Supply: Texas, January 1, 2013-2018**



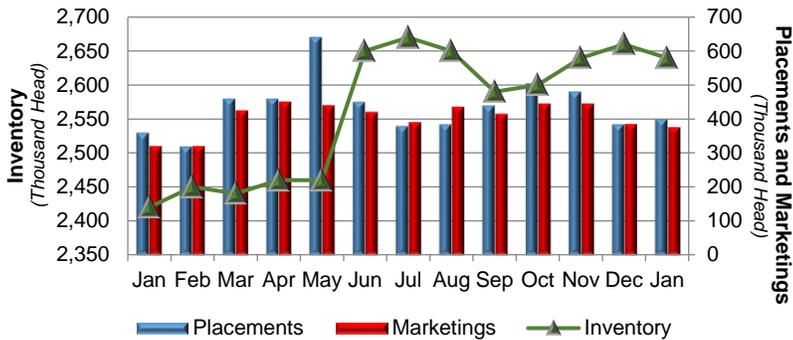
**2017 Weekly Pasture Condition: Texas**



Data Source: USDA-NASS *January Cattle* and weekly *Crop Progress Reports*.

# TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle on Feed: Inventory, Placements, Marketings, 1000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Texas, 2017-2018**



Data Source: USDA-NASS monthly *Cattle on Feed Report*

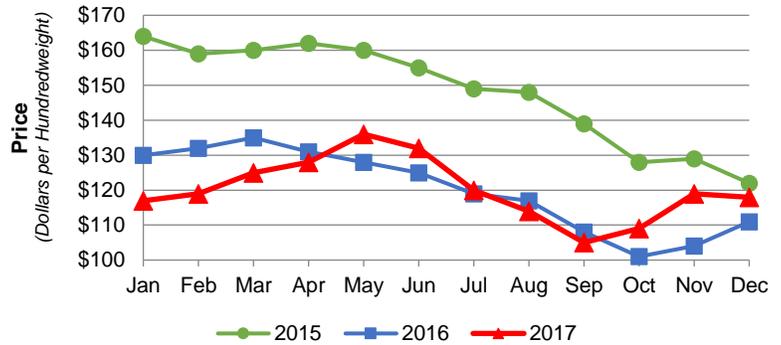
January 1, 2018 cattle on feed inventory for Texas totaled 2.64 million head in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, down 1 percent from the previous month and up 9 percent from January 1, 2017.

Cumulative placements of cattle in Texas feedlots during 2017 totaled 5.27 million head, up 8 percent from the prior year. Cattle marketed for slaughter from Texas feedlots during 2017 totaled 4.89 million head, up 3 percent from 2016.

# U.S. MONTHLY CATTLE PRICES

Nationally, prices began January, 2017 at \$117 per hundredweight, \$13.0 lower than January 2016. Prices increased through May 2017, before experiencing a seasonal decrease from June through September. Prices rebounded towards the end of the year to close at \$118 per hundredweight, 6 percent higher than December 2016.

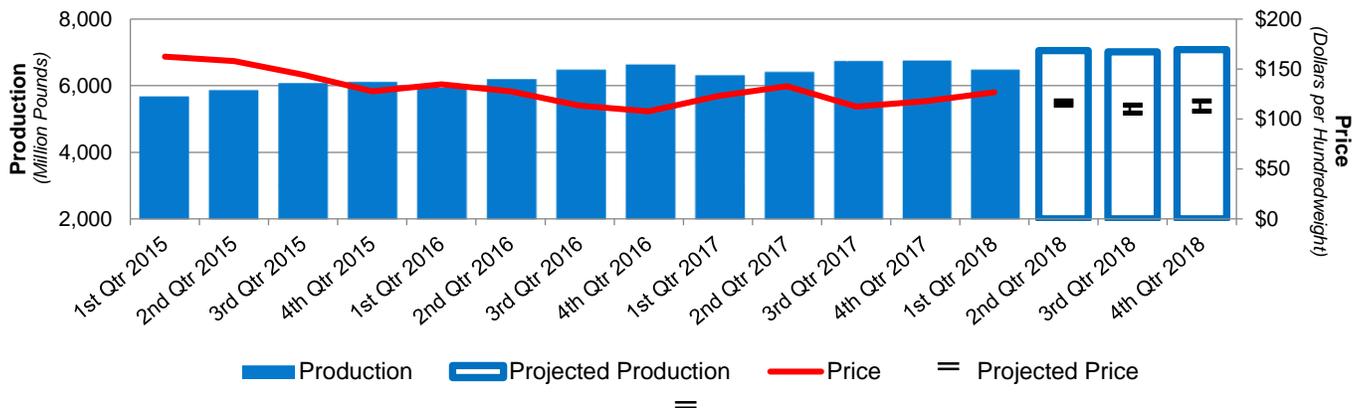
**Cattle 500+ Pounds: Monthly Prices Received, United States, 2015-2017**



Data Source: USDA-NASS monthly *Agricultural Prices Report*

# U.S. PRODUCTION AND PRICE OUTLOOK

**Beef Production and Price by Quarter: United States, 2015-2017, Projected 2018**



Data Source: USDA-WAOB monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report*

The Southern Plains Regional Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics service would like to take this opportunity to present you with the 2018 edition of the *Annual Cattle Review*. This review represents highlights of the Texas cattle data resulting from our various cattle surveys collected throughout the year and will be issued annually following the release of the USDA-NASS *Meat Animals Production, Disposition and Income Annual Summary*. For a more comprehensive listing of our data products, or to subscribe to our reports, please visit our website at: [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

We would like to offer our sincere gratitude to all participants in the cattle industry for their continued support and cooperation. We are especially thankful for the producers who provide data for the bi-annual Cattle and monthly Cattle on Feed surveys. Without their commitment and participation, this report would not be possible.

Please feel free to contact our office with any comments or questions you may have at (800) 626-3142, or by email at [nassfospr@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nassfospr@nass.usda.gov). I hope you find this information useful!

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