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(Neb.)-Texas Now Trails Nebraska In Number Of Cattle On Feed



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LINCOLN, Neb. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Federal statistics say Nebraska has surpassed Texas in the number of cattle on feed in the state.

Texas lost its fictional crown as of Feb. 1 because the total in drought-ravaged Texas has dropped 7 percent over the past year, to 2.44 million head in feedlots with a capacity of at least 1,000 head. That compares unfavorably with Nebraska's loss of less than a half a percent, to 2.46 million head.

Nebraska remains far behind in the total number of cattle with 6.5 million head, compared with 10.9 million in Texas.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says that, as of Feb. 1 nationally, there were 10.76 million head of cattle being fattened for slaughter, compared with 11.07 million a year ago.