

Cattle on Feed



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Cattle on Feed Up 8 Percent in 13 Quarterly States

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the 13 States preparing quarterly estimates totaled 10.46 million head, up 8 percent from a year ago but 3 percent below April 1, 1991. The inventory included 6.88 million steers and steer calves, 9 percent above a year ago. This group accounts for 65.8 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.53 million head, 6 percent above a year ago.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 13 States during the January-March 1993 quarter totaled 5.33 million, down 1 percent from last year and 7 percent below January-March 1991. Net placements of 4.89 million for January-March were down 2 percent from last year and 7 percent below 1991.

Marketings of fed cattle during the January-March 1993 quarter totaled 5.31 million, down 2 percent from last year and fractionally below two years ago.

Other disappearance totaled 439,000 head compared to 404,000 in January-March 1992 and 462,000 in January-March 1991.

Expected Marketings for April-June 1993 Up 3 Percent

Cattle feeders expect to market 5.87 million head during the April-June quarter of 1993. This would be up 3 percent from the second quarter marketings in 1992 and 1 percent above 1991.

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Cattle on Feed in 7 Monthly States Up 9 Percent

Cattle on feed April 1, 1993, in the 7 monthly States totaled 8.71 million, up 9 percent from the previous year but down 3 percent from two years ago.

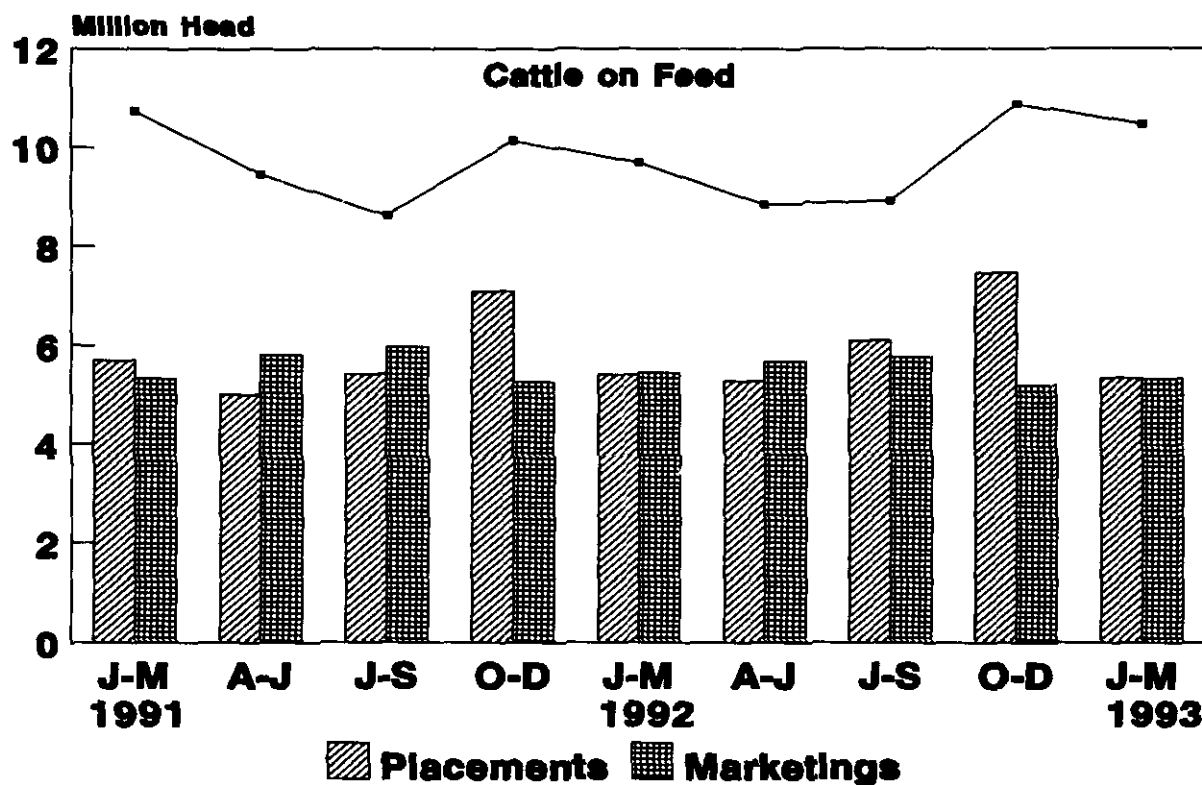
Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.62 million, 8 percent above 1992 but 5 percent below 1991.

Marketings during March totaled 1.57 million, up 2 percent from a year ago and 4 percent above 1991.

Other disappearance during March was 111,000 head, 5 percent below last year and 19 percent below 1991.

January-March 1993 quarterly marketings for the 7 States, at 4.52 million, were 2 percent below 1992 and 1 percent below 1991. Marketings for the 7 States during the January-March quarter accounted for 85 percent of the 13 State total. Expected 7 State marketings for the April-June 1993 quarter are estimated at 5.00 million, up 4 percent from last year and fractionally above 1991.

Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings by Quarters for 13 States



Cattle on Feed: Placements, Marketings, and Other
Disappearance by Quarter, 13 States, 1991-93

Date	Inventory	Current Quarter		
		Placements	Marketings	Other Disappearance
1,000 Head				
Jan 1, 1991	10,827	5,702	5,328	462
Apr 1, 1991	10,739	5,006	5,820	464
Jul 1, 1991	9,461	5,414	5,973	282
Oct 1, 1991	8,620	7,086	5,262	309
Jan 1, 1992	10,135	5,403	5,441	404
Apr 1, 1992	9,693	5,273	5,675	444
Jul 1, 1992	8,847	6,107	5,766	268
Oct 1, 1992	8,920	7,458	5,174	320
Jan 1, 1993	10,884	5,326	5,309	439
Apr 1, 1993	10,462			

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings,
and Other Disappearance, 13 States, Jan-Apr 1991-93

Item		Number			1993 as % of	
		1991	1992	1993	1991	1992
		1,000 Head			Percent	
On Feed	Jan 1	10,827	10,135	10,884	101	107
Placed on Feed	Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	5,702	5,403	5,326	93	99
Fed Cattle Marketed	Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	5,328	5,441	5,309	100	98
Other Disappearance	Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>2/</u>	462	404	439	95	109
On Feed	Apr 1	10,739	9,693	10,462	97	108
Kinds on Feed Apr 1						
Steers and Steer Calves		7,023	6,326	6,879	98	109
Heifers and Heifer Calves		3,660	3,312	3,525	96	106
Cows and Other		56	55	58	104	105
Number on Feed by Weight Groups Apr 1						
Steers and Steer Calves						
Less Than 500 Pounds		175	189	228	130	121
500-699 Pounds		787	797	753	96	94
700-899 Pounds		2,683	2,341	2,404	90	103
900-1099 Pounds		2,604	2,225	2,669	102	120
1100 Pounds and Over		774	774	825	107	107
Heifers and Heifer Calves						
Less Than 500 Pounds		80	80	80	100	100
500-699 Pounds		704	620	633	90	102
700-899 Pounds		1,783	1,524	1,545	87	101
900-1099 Pounds		972	884	1,145	118	130
1100 Pounds and Over		121	204	122	101	60
Marketings	Apr-Jun <u>3/</u>	5,820	5,675	5,865	101	103

- 1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter.
- 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.
- 3/ Total marketings including those placed on feed after Apr 1 and marketed before Jun 30 for previous yrs.; expected total marketings including an allowance for those placed on feed after Apr 1 and marketed before Jun 30 for current year.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Quarter, State,
and 13 State Total, 1992-93 1/

State	Apr 1, 1992	Jan 1, 1993	Apr 1, 1993 <u>1/</u>	
			Number	as % of 1992
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent	
AZ	203	233	196	97
CA	315	440	375	119
CO	910	1,000	910	100
ID	260	280	255	98
IL	295	330	330	112
IA	840	890	920	110
KS	1,810	1,920	1,770	98
MN	320	330	325	102
NE	1,960	2,130	2,230	114
OK	355	345	355	100
SD	290	340	300	103
TX	1,970	2,460	2,310	117
WA	165	186	186	113
13 Sts	9,693	10,884	10,462	108

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.

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Quarter, State,
and 13 State Total, 1992-93 1/

State	Jan-Mar 1992	Oct-Dec 1992	Jan - Mar 1993	
			Number	as % of 1992
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent	
AZ	63	125	79	125
CA	175	265	165	94
CO	600	685	565	94
ID	160	*215	155	97
IL	95	205	115	121
IA	345	650	400	116
KS	1,135	1,210	905	80
MN	110	225	110	100
NE	1,250	1,600	1,290	103
OK	225	240	200	89
SD	145	255	120	83
TX	995	1,660	1,100	111
WA	105	123	122	116
13 Sts	5,403	*7,458	5,326	99

1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter.

* Revised.

Cattle on Feed: Fed Cattle Marketed and Other Disappearance
by Quarter, State, and 13 State Total, 1992-93

State	Fed Cattle Marketed <u>1/</u>				Other Disappearance <u>2/</u>			
	Jan- Mar 1992	Oct- Dec 1992	Jan- Mar 1993	1993 as % of 1992	Jan- Mar 1992	Oct- Dec 1992	Jan- Mar 1993	1993 as % of 92
	---- 1,000 Head ----			Percent	--- 1,000 Head ---			Percent
AZ	66	69	105	159	11	3	11	100
CA	180	155	160	89	60	55	70	117
CO	590	510	635	108	30	15	20	67
ID	155	*180	160	103	25	20	20	80
IL	130	100	105	81	10	10	10	100
IA	355	405	335	94	30	15	35	117
KS	1,095	935	995	91	50	55	60	120
MN	90	115	105	117	10	10	10	100
NE	1,190	1,170	1,090	92	90	60	100	111
OK	205	200	180	88	10	5	10	100
SD	135	105	130	96	10	5	30	300
TX	1,140	1,105	1,195	105	65	65	55	85
WA	110	125	114	104	3	2	8	267
13 Sts	5,441	*5,174	5,309	98	404	320	439	109

1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter. 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. * Revised.

Cattle on Feed: Expected Total Marketings by State,
and 13 State Total, Apr-Jun 1992-93

State	Total Marketings Apr-Jun, 1992 <u>1/</u>	Expected Total Marketings Apr-Jun, 1993 <u>2/</u>
	Number	Number : as % of 1992
	----- 1,000 Head -----	Percent
AZ	111	105 95
CA	165	165 100
CO	520	530 102
ID	160	150 94
IL	140	130 93
IA	375	450 120
KS	1,120	1,100 98
MN	125	130 104
NE	1,250	1,350 108
OK	230	220 96
SD	120	125 104
TX	1,255	1,300 104
WA	104	110 106
13 Sts	5,675	5,865 103

1/ Total marketings of cattle including those placed on feed after Apr 1 and marketed before Jun 30. 2/ Expected total marketings including an allowance for those placed on feed after Apr 1 and marketed before Jun 30.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, Quarter,
State, and 13 State Total, 1992-93

	: Steers & Steer Calves			: Heifers & Heifer Calves:			Cows and Others		

State	: Apr 1.,	: Jan 1.,	: Apr 1.,	: Apr 1.,	: Jan 1.,	: Apr 1.,	: Apr 1.,	: Jan 1.,	: Apr 1.,
	: 1992	: 1993	: 1993	: 1992	: 1993	: 1993	: 1992	: 1993	: 1993

	1,000 Head								

AZ	: 194	222	187	9	11	9	0	0	0
CA	: 249	375	320	64	60	50	2	5	5
CO	: 560	600	575	335	380	325	15	20	10
ID	: 181	190	170	72	81	76	7	9	9
IL	: 150	190	195	145	140	135	0	0	0
IA	: 510	570	580	325	311	335	5	9	5
KS	: 1,210	1,305	1,230	600	611	538	0	4	2
MN	: 235	240	240	83	87	83	2	3	2
NE	: 1,190	1,280	1,360	750	830	850	20	20	20
OK	: 236	235	230	119	110	125	0	0	0
SD	: 171	200	174	117	134	124	2	6	2
TX	: 1,338	1,650	1,500	630	809	808	2	1	2
WA	: 102	109	118	63	76	67	0	1	1

13 Sts	: 6,326	7,166	6,879	3,312	3,640	3,525	55	78	58

Cattle on Feed: Steers and Steer Calves on Feed by Weight Group,
Quarter, State, and 13 State Total, 1992-93

	Under 500 Pounds			500-699 Pounds			700-899 Pounds		
State	Apr 1., 1992	Jan 1., 1993	Apr 1., 1993	Apr 1., 1992	Jan 1., 1993	Apr 1., 1993	Apr 1., 1992	Jan 1., 1993	Apr 1., 1993
	1,000 Head								
AZ	24	24	18	45	63	38	66	84	65
CA	48	75	65	96	100	85	49	80	95
CO	10	5	10	55	70	45	320	245	265
ID	0	6	1	20	40	14	65	45	79
IL	10	15	16	26	48	34	50	63	68
IA	20	29	25	90	170	85	190	170	220
KS	10	21	15	96	214	110	427	475	380
MN	22	25	23	50	72	50	72	70	65
NE	10	10	10	80	220	70	390	440	440
OK	3	4	4	24	27	26	99	89	95
SD	4	4	4	27	46	31	63	67	64
TX	27	82	35	187	215	160	522	545	525
WA	1	4	2	1	12	5	28	29	43
13 Sts	189	304	228	797	1,297	753	2,341	2,402	2,404
	900-1099 Pounds			1100 Pounds and Over					
	Apr 1., 1992	Jan 1., 1993	Apr 1., 1993	Apr 1., 1992	Apr 1., 1992	Jan 1., 1993	Apr 1., 1993		
	1,000 Head								
AZ	52	46	63	7	5	3			
CA	49	100	50	7	20	25			
CO	130	200	190	45	80	65			
ID	68	51	59	28	48	17			
IL	43	45	56	21	19	21			
IA	140	115	170	70	86	80			
KS	531	375	550	146	220	175			
MN	58	40	75	33	33	27			
NE	490	290	650	220	320	190			
OK	95	85	90	15	30	15			
SD	53	59	57	24	24	18			
TX	468	560	610	134	248	170			
WA	48	42	49	24	22	19			
13 Sts	2,225	2,008	2,669	774	1,155	825			

Cattle on Feed: Heifers and Heifer Calves on Feed by Weight
Group, Quarter, State, and 13 State Total, 1992-93

	Under 500 Pounds			500-699 Pounds			700-899 Pounds		
State	Apr 1, 1992	Jan 1, 1993	Apr 1, 1993	Apr 1, 1992	Jan 1, 1993	Apr 1, 1993	Apr 1, 1992	Jan 1, 1993	Apr 1, 1993
	1,000 Head								
AZ	1	1	1	3	4	3	3	4	3
CA	3	7	9	15	16	13	15	12	19
CO	2	3	3	53	60	55	220	180	165
ID	1	4	3	15	20	17	30	27	36
IL	6	10	12	27	50	35	58	47	50
IA	20	22	9	100	115	105	120	93	135
KS	8	12	7	89	166	65	295	225	230
MN	6	8	5	26	43	21	28	21	31
NE	10	10	10	110	180	80	290	280	360
OK	2	4	2	20	32	33	67	40	61
SD	2	5	4	29	55	32	48	32	45
TX	19	50	15	132	195	170	321	330	380
WA	0	0	0	1	6	4	29	28	30
13 Sts	80	136	80	620	942	633	1,524	1,319	1,545
	900-1099 Pounds			1100 Pounds and Over					
	Apr 1, 1992	Jan 1, 1993	Apr 1, 1993	Apr 1, 1992	Apr 1, 1993	Jan 1, 1993	Apr 1, 1993	Apr 1, 1993	Apr 1, 1993
	1,000 Head								
AZ	2	2	2	0	0	0			
CA	21	21	8	10	4	1			
CO	55	115	95	5	22	7			
ID	20	24	17	6	6	3			
IL	46	27	34	8	6	4			
IA	70	66	80	15	15	6			
KS	183	190	217	25	18	19			
MN	18	11	23	5	4	3			
NE	240	270	360	100	90	40			
OK	28	31	27	2	3	2			
SD	30	32	33	8	10	10			
TX	145	202	220	13	32	23			
WA	26	34	29	7	8	4			
13 Sts	884	1,025	1,145	204	218	122			

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings,
and Other Disappearance, 7 States, Jan-Apr 1991-93

Item		Number			1993 as % of	
		1991	1992	1993	1991	1992
		----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
On Feed	Jan 1	8,992	8,397	9,073	101	108
Placed on Feed	Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	4,879	4,563	4,504	92	99
Fed Cattle Marketed	Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	4,562	4,616	4,515	99	98
Other Disappearance	Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>2/</u>	368	336	351	95	104
On Feed	Apr 1	8,941	8,008	8,711	97	109
Kinds on Feed	Apr 1					
Steers and Steer Calves		5,888	5,251	5,752	98	110
Heifers and Heifer Calves		3,009	2,713	2,915	97	107
Cows and Other		44	44	44	100	100
Number on Feed by Weight Groups	Apr 1					
Steers and Steer Calves						
Less Than 500 Pounds		146	149	178	122	119
500-699 Pounds		638	649	593	93	91
700-899 Pounds		2,259	1,964	1,990	88	101
900-1099 Pounds		2,225	1,860	2,283	103	123
1100 Pounds and Over		620	629	708	114	113
Heifers and Heifer Calves						
Less Than 500 Pounds		70	63	54	77	86
500-699 Pounds		563	502	491	87	98
700-899 Pounds		1,481	1,264	1,292	87	102
900-1099 Pounds		801	716	982	123	137
1100 Pounds and Over		94	168	96	102	57
Marketings	Apr-Jun <u>3/</u>	4,982	4,796	5,000	100	104

- 1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter.
- 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.
- 3/ Total marketings including those placed on feed after Apr 1 and marketed before Jun 30 for previous yrs.; expected total marketings including an allowance for those placed on feed after Apr 1 and marketed before Jun 30 for current year.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings,
and Other Disappearance, 7 States, Mar-Apr 1991-93

Item	Number			1993 as % of	
	1991	1992	1993	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
On Feed Mar 1 <u>1/</u>	8,874	8,155	8,766	99	107
Placed on Feed During Mar	1,703	1,506	1,621	95	108
Fed Cattle Marketed During Mar	1,499	1,536	1,565	104	102
Other Disappearance During Mar <u>2/</u>	137	117	111	81	95
On Feed Apr 1 <u>1/</u>	8,941	8,008	8,711	97	109

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- 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other
Disappearance by State and 7 State Total, Oct-Apr 1991-93

State:	Number on Feed			Placements			Marketings			Other Disappear.		
	1991:1992:92/91			1991:1992:92/91			1991:1992:92/91			1991:1992:92/91		
	1,000 Head		Pct	1,000 Head		Pct	1,000 Head		Pct	1,000 Head		Pct
	Oct 1			During Oct			During Oct			During Oct		
AZ	151	180	119	59	58	98	15	23	153	2	1	50
CA	355	385	108	80	105	131	55	45	82	10	15	150
CO	770	840	109	330	310	94	185	185	100	10	5	50
IA	630	660	105	250	230	92	165	145	88	5	5	100
KS	1,550	1,700	110	510	500	98	325	295	91	15	15	100
NE	1,800	1,760	98	620	610	98	440	360	82	20	20	100
TX	1,960	1,970	101	690	845	122	480	440	92	15	15	100
7 Sts:	7,216	7,495	104	2,539	2,658	105	1,665	1,493	90	77	76	99
	Nov 1			During Nov			During Nov			During Nov		
AZ	193	214	111	52	43	83	16	22	138	2	1	50
CA	370	430	116	80	70	88	55	50	91	10	20	200
CO	905	960	106	195	195	100	165	160	97	10	5	50
IA	710	740	104	245	210	86	150	145	97	5	5	100
KS	1,720	1,890	110	380	370	97	260	310	119	10	20	200
NE	1,960	1,990	102	490	520	106	330	390	118	20	20	100
TX	2,155	2,360	110	475	435	92	400	365	91	20	20	100
7 Sts:	8,013	8,584	107	1,917	1,843	96	1,376	1,442	105	77	91	118
	Dec 1			During Dec			During Dec			During Dec		
AZ	227	234	103	21	24	114	18	24	133	13	1	8
CA	385	430	112	70	90	129	60	60	100	15	20	133
CO	925	990	107	160	180	113	150	165	110	5	5	100
IA	800	800	100	225	210	93	135	115	85	10	5	50
KS	1,830	1,930	105	340	340	100	335	330	99	15	20	133
NE	2,100	2,100	100	320	470	147	410	420	102	20	20	100
TX	2,210	2,410	109	320	380	119	335	300	90	15	30	200
7 Sts:	8,477	8,894	105	1,456	1,694	116	1,443	1,414	98	93	101	109

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other
Disappearance by State and 7 State Total, Oct-Apr 1991-93 (continued)

State:	Number on Feed			Placements			Marketings			Other Disappear.		
	1992:1993:93/92			1992:1993:93/92			1992:1993:93/92			1992:1993:93/92		
	1,000 Head		Pct	1,000 Head		Pct	1,000 Head		Pct	1,000 Head		Pct
	Jan 1			During Jan			During Jan			During Jan		
AZ	217	233	107	20	26	130	20	39	195	4	5	125
CA	380	440	116	75	50	67	65	55	85	10	15	150
CO	930	1,000	108	160	*185	116	195	*225	115	10	10	100
IA	880	890	101	130	160	123	125	120	96	10	10	100
KS	1,820	1,920	105	415	330	80	405	340	84	20	30	150
NE	1,990	2,130	107	460	540	117	470	380	81	30	40	133
TX	2,180	2,460	113	305	330	108	380	350	92	15	20	133
7 Sts:	8,397	9,073	108	1,565	*1,621	104	1,660	*1,509	91	99	130	131
	Feb 1			During Feb			During Feb			During Feb		
AZ	213	215	101	17	22	129	20	31	155	5	5	100
CA	380	420	111	55	55	100	55	50	91	20	20	100
CO	885	*950	107	210	155	74	205	*200	98	10	5	50
IA	875	920	105	115	115	100	100	115	115	10	10	100
KS	1,810	1,880	104	350	245	70	330	305	92	20	20	100
NE	1,950	2,250	115	450	370	82	370	380	103	30	30	100
TX	2,090	2,420	116	295	300	102	340	360	106	25	20	80
7 Sts:	8,203	*9,055	110	1,492	1,262	85	1,420	*1,441	101	120	110	92
	Mar 1			During Mar			During Mar			During Mar		
AZ	205	201	98	26	31	119	26	35	135	2	1	50
CA	360	405	113	45	60	133	60	55	92	30	35	117
CO	880	*900	102	230	225	98	190	210	111	10	5	50
IA	880	910	103	100	125	125	130	100	77	10	15	150
KS	1,810	1,800	99	370	330	89	360	350	97	10	10	100
NE	2,000	2,210	111	340	380	112	350	330	94	30	30	100
TX	2,020	2,340	116	395	470	119	420	485	115	25	15	60
7 Sts:	8,155	*8,766	107	1,506	1,621	108	1,536	1,565	102	117	111	95
	Apr 1											
AZ	203	196	97									
CA	315	375	119									
CO	910	910	100									
IA	840	920	110									
KS	1,810	1,770	98									
NE	1,960	2,230	114									
TX	1,970	2,310	117									
7 Sts:	8,008	8,711	109									

* Revised.

Reliability of April 1 Cattle on Feed Estimates

Terminology: Cattle on feed are animals being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

Placements are cattle put into a feedlot, fed a ration which will produce a carcass that will grade select or better, and are intended for the slaughter market.

Marketings are cattle shipped out of feedlots to a slaughter market.

Other disappearance includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Survey Procedures: A random sample of producers in the 13 major cattle on feed States were surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all cattle on feed producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. Data were collected from about 6,000 operators during the first half of April by mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of April 1.

Estimation Procedures: These cattle on feed estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by each State office. Regional and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from the previous month and/or quarter when setting the current estimates.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve month to month and/or quarter to quarter relationships. Estimates for the previous quarter are subject to revision in all 13 States each quarter when current quarterly estimates are made. In January, all monthly and quarterly estimates for the previous year are reviewed and subject to revisions. The reviews are primarily based on slaughter data, state check-off or brand data, and any other data that may have been received after the original estimate was made. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the Department of Commerce's five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date and estimates become final.

Reliability: Since all cattle on feed operators are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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