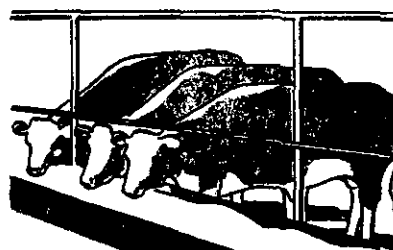


CATTLE ON FEED



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER-Selected Markets

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Cattle on Feed up 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed May 1 for slaughter market are up 3 percent from a year earlier in 6 States--Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and Texas--according to the Crop Reporting Board. Feedlots in these States had 6,616,000 cattle and calves on feed on May 1, a decline of 3 percent from the number on feed a month earlier. Compared with a year earlier, Arizona was up 3 percent, California up 8 percent, Colorado up 10 percent and Texas up 14 percent. Iowa was unchanged while Nebraska had 5 percent less than on May 1, 1969.

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Cattle and Calves: Inventories, placements and marketings
fed cattle, by States, April 1 to May 1

State	Number on feed 1/					
	April 1			May 1		
	1969	1970	:1970 as % : of 1969	1969	1970	:1970 as % : of 1969
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	422	454	108	425	436	103
California	733	759	104	746	805	108
Colorado	680	748	110	652	718	110
Iowa 2/	2,291	2,245	98	2,203	2,203	100
Nebraska	1,344	1,397	104	1,381	1,312	95
Texas	1,019	1,243	122	1,001	1,142	114
Total 6 States	6,489	6,846	106	6,408	6,616	103
State	Placements during April			Marketings during April		
	1969	1970	:1970 as % : of 1969	1969	1970	:1970 as % : of 1969
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	79	68	86	76	86	113
California	168	205	122	155	159	103
Colorado	131	137	105	159	167	105
Iowa 2/	256	303	118	344	345	100
Nebraska	330	225	68	293	310	106
Texas	228	190	83	246	291	118
Total 6 States	1,192	1,128	95	1,273	1,358	107

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fattened for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade good or better. 2/ Monthly report financed by matching funds provided jointly by State agencies and C&MS, USDA under provisions of Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
APRIL 1969 AND 1970 1/

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELWEIGHT	
	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
CHICAGO						
PRIME.....	7183	7372	1250	1275	33.34	32.93
CHOICE.....	41053	37372	1160	1191	30.98	31.56
GOOD.....	6061	4210	1078	1127	29.04	29.71
OTHER 2/.....	1533	1390	1122	1156	26.18	27.59
TOTAL.....	55830	50344	1162	1197	30.98	31.53
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	138	117	1162	1044	31.48	31.54
CHOICE.....	4377	4131	1085	1099	30.26	30.56
GOOD.....	1477	1147	1079	1136	28.05	28.52
OTHER 2/.....	188	207	1104	1161	24.68	26.65
TOTAL.....	6180	5602	1085	1107	29.59	30.00
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2131	2651	1205	1174	31.74	31.29
CHOICE.....	26282	25998	1109	1154	30.41	30.64
GOOD.....	8632	6495	1070	1145	28.44	28.95
OTHER 2/.....	722	569	1074	1137	25.30	26.97
TOTAL.....	37767	35713	1105	1153	29.96	30.32
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	425	430	1161	1157	31.75	31.93
CHOICE.....	10679	7207	1074	1099	29.97	31.10
GOOD.....	7002	5922	1007	1076	28.00	29.68
OTHER 2/.....	1336	914	1036	1104	25.09	27.06
TOTAL.....	19442	14473	1049	1091	29.00	30.29
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	2057	1849	1200	1199	31.57	31.04
CHOICE.....	22331	19761	1116	1149	30.33	30.35
GOOD.....	4757	4303	1081	1130	28.30	29.07
OTHER 2/.....	89	637	1001	1126	24.64	27.21
TOTAL.....	29234	26550	1116	1149	30.09	30.12
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	85	142	1162	1188	31.82	30.82
CHOICE.....	6278	6924	1146	1173	30.48	30.02
GOOD.....	1806	1958	1108	1194	28.84	28.49
OTHER 2/.....	515	446	1158	1144	25.64	27.07
TOTAL.....	8684	9470	1139	1176	29.87	29.58
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	1352	846	1135	1114	31.47	31.49
CHOICE.....	16425	16689	1092	1113	30.59	30.73
GOOD.....	3403	2677	1112	1165	27.91	28.60
OTHER 2/.....	230	191	1101	1173	25.38	27.03
TOTAL.....	21410	20403	1098	1121	30.16	30.43
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	111	10	1220	1257	31.82	31.75
CHOICE.....	6573	5711	1116	1155	30.24	30.65
GOOD.....	4249	3771	1093	1177	27.98	28.41
OTHER 2/.....	2907	3086	1084	1161	25.26	27.16
TOTAL.....	13840	12578	1103	1163	28.54	29.12
TOTAL 8 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	13482	13417	1219	1228	32.56	32.22
CHOICE.....	133998	123793	1122	1155	30.56	30.88
GOOD.....	37387	30483	1070	1136	28.34	29.06
OTHER 2/.....	7520	7440	1087	1148	25.44	27.20
TOTAL.....	192387	175133	1117	1157	30.10	30.52

1/ DATA COLLECTED BY LIVESTOCK DIV., C+MS AND STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE.

2/ STANDARD, COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY.

3/ PARTIAL RECEIPTS.

**HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
APRIL 1969 AND 1970 1/**

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELWEIGHT	
	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
CHICAGO						
PRIME.....	1237	1599	1024	1021	30.93	31.40
CHOICE.....	9435	9161	946	971	29.64	30.52
GOOD.....	5174	2793	917	922	28.08	28.62
OTHER 2/.....	1030	211	866	901	25.60	26.08
TOTAL.....	16876	13764	938	966	29.05	30.20
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	131	96	980	940	30.04	30.60
CHOICE.....	2100	1703	911	925	28.85	29.81
GOOD.....	1070	537	832	875	26.89	27.92
OTHER 2/.....	159	33	862	911	23.67	25.22
TOTAL.....	3460	2369	887	914	28.10	29.37
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2099	2274	992	1023	30.38	30.94
CHOICE.....	22281	23451	937	972	29.31	30.18
GOOD.....	7968	6462	904	961	27.05	28.32
OTHER 2/.....	948	1057	996	1030	22.63	24.06
TOTAL.....	33296	33244	934	975	28.66	29.70
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	249	132	988	979	30.24	30.84
CHOICE.....	4462	3946	883	913	28.34	29.95
GOOD.....	4535	3084	833	853	26.16	28.40
OTHER 2/.....	481	552	859	901	23.06	25.92
TOTAL.....	9727	7714	861	890	27.15	29.08
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	1024	1044	999	1017	30.19	30.60
CHOICE.....	12682	11788	940	965	29.07	29.68
GOOD.....	3486	2846	925	946	26.91	28.32
OTHER 2/.....	217	344	962	981	23.33	26.00
TOTAL.....	17409	16022	940	965	28.64	29.42
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	49	11	1004	1028	30.43	30.36
CHOICE.....	2691	4350	965	1001	29.21	29.55
GOOD.....	1946	1648	932	968	27.55	28.19
OTHER 2/.....	531	361	952	990	24.18	25.71
TOTAL.....	5217	6370	951	992	28.10	28.99
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	249	408	972	967	30.20	30.97
CHOICE.....	5672	4918	896	929	28.90	30.03
GOOD.....	1383	1201	882	915	26.14	28.08
OTHER 2/.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL.....	7304	6527	896	929	28.43	29.74
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	98	55	1074	1059	31.07	30.50
CHOICE.....	5247	5233	935	983	29.54	29.83
GOOD.....	3518	2265	899	958	27.00	28.04
OTHER 2/.....	2072	1264	986	1040	22.46	25.03
TOTAL.....	10935	8817	934	985	27.35	28.66
TOTAL 8 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	5136	5619	1001	1015	30.47	31.00
CHOICE.....	64570	64550	932	965	29.21	30.03
GOOD.....	29080	20836	895	933	27.07	28.30
OTHER 2/.....	5438	3822	946	998	23.32	25.33
TOTAL.....	104224	94827	926	963	28.39	29.53

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Placements down 5 Percent

There were 1,128,000 cattle and calves placed on feed in these 6 States during April, down 5 percent from April 1969. Placements were down 14 percent in Arizona, 32 percent in Nebraska and 17 percent in Texas, more than offsetting increases of 22 percent in California, 5 percent in Colorado and 18 percent in Iowa.

Fed Marketings up 7 Percent

Marketings of fed cattle from these 6 States during April totaled 1,358,000 head, 7 percent above the same month a year earlier. Fed marketings were larger than a year earlier in each of the 6 States.

April Marketings for 8 Markets

Steers and heifers marketed out of first hand for slaughter at 8 livestock markets during April 1970 totaled 269,960 head. Steers accounted for 175,133 head, and heifers 94,827 head. The average liveweight of steers marketed during April was 1,157 pounds compared with 1,117 pounds last year. Heifers averaged 963 pounds liveweight compared with 926 pounds a year earlier.

Cattle and calves: Inventories, placements and marketings,
fed cattle, April 1 to May 1

Item	Total 6 States			
	1968	1969	1970	1970 as % of 1969
		- 1,000 head -		Percent
On feed April 1	5,989	6,489	6,846	106
Placed on feed during April	989	1,192	1,128	95
Marketed during April	1,155	1,273	1,358	107
On feed May 1	5,823	6,408	6,616	103