

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED
JANUARY 1, 1957

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for market in the United States on January 1, 1957 was 4 percent larger than the same date a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Numbers were estimated at 6,099,000 on the first of the year compared with 5,880,000 on January 1, 1956 and the 1951-55 average of 5,280,000 head. In the North Central States, numbers were up 5 percent from a year earlier. The 13 Western States showed only a slight increase of 2,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed in the Corn Belt at 4,425,000 head on January 1 this year compare with 4,216,000 a year earlier. Feeding in the western Corn Belt States was up 4 percent and the eastern Corn Belt was up 6 percent from a year earlier. Feeding in Iowa, the leading State, was up 9 percent from January 1, 1956, while Illinois, the second ranking State, this year showed an 8 percent increase. Minnesota showed an increase of 10 percent, Nebraska was up 3 percent, and Ohio was up 11 percent. Indiana, Missouri, and South Dakota each had the same number on feed as a year earlier. Kansas and North Dakota each had a decrease of 11 percent from January last year.

Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into 9 Corn Belt States (for which data are available) during the period October-December were 7 percent above the corresponding period a year earlier. Shipments to the same States during the July-December period were up 23 percent from a year earlier.

California, the leading feeding State in the West, showed an increase of 1 percent over a year earlier in the number of cattle and calves on feed. Colorado, the second leading Western State, was up 5 percent. Oklahoma, Texas, Idaho, New Mexico and Oregon were the only States in the western feeding areas that had fewer cattle on feed this year than on January 1, 1956. Nevada had no change, but all other Western States had more on feed.

In the 13 States for which quarterly estimates of cattle on feed are made, the number on feed January 1, 1957, was 5 percent more than a year earlier. On October 1, 1956, the number was 3 percent more than the same date a year earlier. The relatively higher level of feeding on January 1 this year was the result of an increase in the number of placements and fewer marketings during the past quarter as compared with the corresponding period a year earlier. Placements of cattle on feed during the October-December period were up 2 percent from the corresponding period a year earlier, while marketings were down 2 percent.

Data for the 13 States reveal that the number on feed over 3 months was 10 percent above last year, and the number on feed less than 3 months was up 3 percent. As a percent of total cattle on feed January 1, the number on feed less than 3 months was 72 percent compared with 73 percent a year earlier. The number on feed 3-6 months was 24 percent of the total, compared with 23 percent last year. Those on feed more than 6 months were 4 percent of the total both years.

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CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED JANUARY 1, 1957 AND COMPARISONS ^{1/}

State	October 1, 1956 ^{2/}	Average : 1951-55	January 1, 1956	1957	1957 as per-centage of 1956
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Pennsylvania..	---	88	82	90	110
Ohio.....	94	145	180	200	111
Indiana.....	167	222	321	321	100
Illinois.....	392	556	639	690	108
Michigan.....	---	104	116	124	107
Wisconsin.....	---	100	108	113	105
E. N. C.....	---	1,128	1,364	1,448	106
Minnesota.....	196	311	337	371	110
Iowa.....	844	1,118	1,188	1,295	109
Missouri.....	197	229	281	281	100
North Dakota..	---	69	110	98	89
South Dakota..	96	203	210	210	100
Nebraska.....	402	587	544	560	103
Kansas.....	225	246	182	162	89
W. N. C.....	---	2,765	2,852	2,977	104
N. C.....	---	3,892	4,216	4,425	105
Oklahoma.....	---	65	66	60	91
Texas.....	131	163	148	143	97
Montana.....	---	40	62	68	110
Idaho.....	---	103	150	121	81
Wyoming.....	---	28	28	31	111
Colorado.....	194	269	235	246	105
New Mexico....	---	25	41	37	90
Arizona.....	150	115	204	222	109
Utah.....	---	51	54	55	102
Nevada.....	---	24	24	24	100
Washington....	---	31	43	47	109
Oregon.....	---	30	38	34	90
California.....	519	355	489	496	101
Western.....	---	1,299	1,582	1,584	100
U. S.....	---	5,280	5,880	6,099	104
9 States ^{3/}	2,613	3,617	3,882	4,090	105
13 States ^{4/}	3,607	4,519	4,958	5,197	105

^{1/} Estimates include only cattle being fattened for market as a more or less distinct agricultural enterprise, and excludes small operations incidental to dairy and general farming. Cattle thus fed are presumed to produce carcasses that will grade good or better. In addition there have been a number of cattle finished on distillery slop, citrus pulp, and other by-product feeds in States not shown as well as cattle and calves being winter fed in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, and some other States to be marketed as grass fat in late summer.

^{2/} Dashes (- -) denote that data are not available and should not be assumed to mean zero.

^{3/} Includes Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas.

^{4/} Includes above 9 States and Texas, Colorado, Arizona, and California.

Cattle weighing less than 600 pounds constituted 30 percent of the total number on feed, compared with 29 percent a year earlier, those weighing 600-900 pounds made up 44 percent of the total in both years. Cattle weighing over 900 pounds made up 26 percent of the total compared with 27 percent last year.

Steers on feed January 1 represented 55 percent of the total compared with 47 percent a year earlier. Heifers made up 21 percent of the total each year. Calves accounted for 23 percent this year and 21 percent a year earlier. Cows and other cattle comprised 1 percent of the total each year. Cattle feeders in these 13 States intend to market about 45 percent of the January 1 inventory by April 1, 1957. This compares with 50 percent reported a year earlier.

CATTLE AND CALVES: INVENTORIES, MARKETINGS, AND PLACEMENTS
IN 13 STATES, OCTOBER 1 - JANUARY 1 ^{1/}

I t e m	1955	1956	Percentage of Previous Year
	<u>1,000</u> <u>head</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Cattle and Calves on Feed - October 1.	3,504	3,607	103
Total Fed Cattle Marketings Oct. 1 - Dec. 31 . . .	2,337	2,290	98
Cattle and Calves Placed on Feed Oct. 1-Dec. 31. .	3,791	3,880	102
Short Fed Cattle Marketed Oct. 1 - Dec. 31 ^{2/} . . .	169	153	91
	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	
Cattle and Calves on Feed January 1	4,958	5,197	105

^{1/} 13 States listed in table on page 2.

^{2/} Short-fed cattle are defined as those placed on feed after October 1 and marketed by December 31.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED, BY WEIGHT GROUPS, JANUARY 1, 1956 AND 1957

State	Under 600 pounds		600 - 900 pounds		900 - 1100 pounds		1100 - 1300 pounds		Over 1300 pounds	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio.....	72	74	79	88	27	34	2	4	---	---
Ind.....	125	109	135	148	48	58	10	6	3	---
Ill.....	243	207	256	297	96	145	38	41	6	---
Minn.....	101	134	169	167	51	59	13	11	3	---
Iowa.....	356	440	499	518	238	246	83	78	12	13
Mo.....	124	121	101	107	50	42	6	11	---	---
S.Dak.....	65	78	82	97	48	29	13	6	2	---
Nebr.....	109	106	239	263	158	129	27	56	11	6
Kans.....	22	29	74	65	64	52	22	14	---	2
9 N.C. States	1,217	1,298	1,634	1,750	780	794	214	227	37	21
Texas.....	47	63	73	54	23	23	5	3	---	---
Colo.....	14	21	130	137	70	67	20	20	1	1
Ariz.....	72	79	109	109	21	32	2	2	---	---
Calif.....	73	89	225	213	157	164	29	28	5	2
13 States	1,423	1,550	2,171	2,263	1,051	1,080	270	280	43	24
Idaho.....	27	20	73	56	39	34	9	10	2	1
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL										
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C. States	31	32	42	43	20	19	6	6	1	---
13 States...	29	30	44	44	21	21	5	5	1	---

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED, BY CLASSES, JANUARY 1, 1956 AND 1957

State	Steers		Heifers		Calves		Cows and Other	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio.....	110	134	23	22	45	42	2	2
Ind.....	170	180	71	67	77	71	3	3
Ill.....	326	400	102	131	205	159	6	---
Minn.....	189	200	74	59	71	104	3	8
Iowa.....	689	712	202	220	285	350	12	13
Mo.....	135	143	42	31	101	104	3	3
S.Dak.....	103	94	42	36	61	76	4	4
Nebr.....	337	302	114	168	37	84	6	6
Kans.....	122	91	42	42	16	27	2	2
9 N.C. States	2,181	2,256	712	776	948	1,017	41	41
Texas.....	70	59	42	31	32	50	4	3
Colo.....	112	98	108	129	14	18	1	1
Ariz.....	100	115	46	38	53	65	5	4
Calif.....	347	317	117	119	20	40	5	20
13 States	2,810	2,845	1,025	1,093	1,067	1,190	56	69
Idaho.....	88	76	41	32	15	8	6	5
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL								
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C. States	56	55	18	19	25	25	1	1
13 States	57	55	21	21	21	23	1	1

CATTLE AND CALVES: LENGTH OF TIME ON FEED, JANUARY 1, 1956 AND 1957

State	Less than 3 months		3 to 6 months		More than 6 months	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio	126	142	45	48	9	10
Ind.	241	241	67	70	13	10
Ill.	492	531	128	138	19	21
Minn.	273	289	40	56	24	26
Iowa	927	971	190	246	71	78
Mo.	191	213	82	62	8	6
S. Dak.	134	170	63	34	13	6
Nebr.	419	409	103	140	22	11
Kans.	102	86	78	70	2	6
9 N. C. States	2,905	3,052	796	864	181	174
Texas	97	77	48	63	3	3
Colo.	146	137	84	103	5	6
Ariz.	156	149	38	64	10	9
Calif.	318	312	1/171	1/184	--	--
13 States	3,622	3,727	1,137	1,278	199	192
Idaho	94	76	53	41	3	4
Percentage Distribution of Total						
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N. C. States	75	75	20	21	5	4
13 States	73	72	23	24	4	4

1/ Includes number on feed more than 6 months. California showed following numbers on feed last year and this year in thousands, respectively; less than 30 days 68, 79; 30 to 60 days 103, 94; 60 to 90 days 147, 139; 90 to 120 days 127, 139; 120 days and over 44, 45.

CATTLE: EXPECTED MONTHS OF MARKETING 1957

State	January	February	March	Later
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio	26	16	24	134
Ind.	42	42	29	208
Ill.	104	76	62	448
Minn.	33	30	45	263
Iowa	181	117	117	880
Mo.	34	34	36	177
S. Dak.	23	29	23	135
Nebr.	123	118	73	246
Kans.	62	47	16	37
9 N. C. States	628	509	425	2,528
Texas	44	36	33	30
Colo.	56	47	48	95
Ariz.	43	45	50	84
Calif.	144	139	94	119
13 States	915	776	650	2,856
Idaho	24	23	16	58
Percentage Distribution of Total				
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 States	15	12	11	62
13 States	18	15	12	55