

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED
JULY 1, 1957

July 16, 1957

NUMBER ON FEED UP 8 PERCENT IN 13 STATES

The number of cattle and calves on feed for market in 13 major feeding States on July 1 was estimated at 3,681,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was an increase of 8 percent from the 3,397,000 head on feed July 1, 1956. On April 1 this year there was an increase of 4 percent from the number on feed April 1, 1956, and on January 1, 1957, there were 5 percent more than a year earlier. The July 1, 1957, number of cattle and calves on feed in the 13 States was 16 percent below the number on April 1, 1957, which is somewhat less than the usual seasonal decline and compares with a 20 percent drop during the April-June period of 1956.

PLACEMENTS UP - MARKETINGS DOWN

Numbers placed on feed in these States during the 1957 April-June quarter, at 1,576,000 head, were 2 percent above the 1,538,000 head placed in the corresponding quarter last year. Fed cattle marketed from the 13 States during April-June 1957, at 2,297,000 head, were 3 percent below the marketings of 2,363,000 head for the second quarter of 1956.

CORN BELT

Cattle and calves on feed in 9 of the Corn Belt States on July 1, 1957, totaled 2,832,000 head--up 7 percent from the 2,641,000 head for a year earlier. All of the Corn Belt States covered in this report showed increases over July 1, 1956, except Kansas, which was unchanged, and Nebraska, which was down 12 percent. Both the number of cattle and calves placed on feed and the fed cattle marketed in the 9 States during the second quarter of 1957 were below that for 1956. April-June placements at 912,000 head were off 3 percent from a year earlier, and marketings of 1,751,000 head were down 1 percent. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into 9 of the Corn Belt States for the April-June quarter of 1957 were off 6 percent from the same period of 1956.

WESTERN STATES

The number of cattle and calves on feed July 1, 1957, in the 4 important Western feeding States of Arizona, California, Colorado, and Texas were estimated at 849,000 head--12 percent above the 756,000 head on feed July 1 last year. This compares with a 3-percent decrease from the preceding year shown by these same States on April 1, 1957, and a 4-percent increase on January 1, 1957. Texas was the only one of the 4 States showing a decline from the preceding year in the number on feed July 1, 1957. Numbers in Colorado were up 10 percent from last July, with Arizona up 14 percent, and California

up 19 percent. Placements, at 664,000 head of cattle and calves in these 4 States during the 1957 April-June quarter, were 11 percent above the corresponding period of 1956, with both Arizona and California showing increases, while in Texas and Colorado placements declined. Marketings from these 4 States for the second quarter of 1957 at 546,000 head were off 9 percent from April-June of 1956, with all States registering a decline except California which was up 4 percent.

TIME ON FEED

Data for the 13 States indicate that the increase in total numbers on feed July 1, 1957, were largely long-fed cattle, with the number on feed over 3 months up 12 percent from last year, while the number on feed less than 3 months was up 3 percent. This increase in long-fed cattle is concentrated in the 9 Corn Belt States where numbers on feed over 3 months on July 1, 1957, at 2,007,000 head were up 231,000 head or 13 percent. In the 4 Western States numbers on feed over 3 months were 226,000 head--up 12,000 head or 6 percent. The 3-percent increase in cattle on feed less than 3 months for the 13 States is concentrated in the two Western States of Arizona and California. The 9 Corn Belt States show a net decrease of 40,000 head, or 5 percent in cattle on feed less than 3 months. Increased numbers in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota were more than offset by decreases in the other 5 States, with Nebraska showing a drop of 67,000 head, or 32 percent below July 1, 1956. Expressed as a percentage of total numbers on feed, the number on feed less than 3 months was 39 percent in 1957 compared with 41 percent in 1956. The number on feed 3 to 6 months was 32 percent in both 1957 and 1956. The number on feed more than 6 months was 29 percent of the total this year and 27 percent in 1956.

WEIGHT OF CATTLE ON FEED

The breakdown of numbers by weight groups indicates no change from July 1, 1956 in the relative distribution of weights of cattle on feed. The percent of total reported in each weight group for July 1 in both 1957 and 1956 was: Under 600 pounds, 6 percent; 600 to 900 pounds, 61 percent; 900 to 1,100 pounds, 24 percent; 1,100 to 1,300 pounds, 8 percent; over 1,300 pounds, 1 percent.

KIND OF CATTLE ON FEED

Steers represented 67 percent of the total cattle on feed July 1, 1957, compared with 68 percent for 1956. Heifers were 29 percent this year and 28 percent last year. Calves were 3 percent in 1957 and 4 percent in 1956. Cows and other cattle amounted to 1 percent of the total in 1957 but were less than 1 percent in 1956.

MARKETING INTENTIONS

Cattle feeders reported marketing intentions on July 1, 1957 indicate that of the 3,681,000 head on feed, 764,000 head or 21 percent will be marketed in July, 916,000 head or 25 percent will be marketed in August, 964,000 head or 26 percent will be marketed in September, and 1,037,000 head or 28 percent will be marketed after October 1, 1957.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN SELECTED STATES ^{1/}

State	July 1, 1956	April 1, 1957	July 1, 1957	July 1, 1957 as a percentage of July 1, 1956
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio.....	89	161	103	116
Indiana.....	162	269	191	118
Illinois.....	421	510	450	107
Minnesota.....	209	345	268	128
Iowa.....	1,003	1,302	1,083	108
Missouri.....	161	227	180	112
South Dakota.....	104	174	113	109
Nebraska.....	402	483	354	88
Kansas.....	90	100	90	100
9 N. C. States....	2,641	3,671	2,832	107
Texas.....	79	72	55	82
Colorado.....	162	222	179	110
Arizona.....	117	140	133	114
California.....	398	297	472	119
13 States.....	3,397	4,402	3,681	108
Michigan.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	110
Wisconsin.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	103

^{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.

^{2/} Not available.

Cattle and calves: Marketings and placements
in selected States, April 1 - June 30

State	Total fed cattle marketed ^{1/}			Cattle and calves placed on feed ^{1/}			Short-fed cattle ^{2/}		
	1956	1957	1957 as a % of 1956	1956	1957	1957 as a % of 1956	1956	1957	1957 as a % of 1956
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio.....	86	79	92	20	21	105	3	5	167
Indiana.....	129	128	99	37	50	135	5	4	80
Illinois....	304	319	105	150	159	106	15	19	127
Minnesota...	138	140	101	57	63	111	7	7	100
Iowa.....	495	526	106	270	307	114	19	15	79
Missouri....	134	106	79	79	59	75	5	8	160
South Dakota:	85	100	118	39	39	100	5	8	160
Nebraska....	304	285	94	218	156	72	9	14	156
Kansas.....	90	68	76	71	58	82	8	7	88
99 N.C. States	11,765	1,751	99	941	912	97	76	87	114
Texas.....	81	55	68	63	48	76	8	5	62
Colorado....	148	142	96	117	99	85	18	5	28
Arizona....	124	93	75	71	86	121	5	6	120
California..	245	256	104	346	431	125	24	25	104
13 States..	2,363	2,297	97	1,538	1,576	102	131	128	98

^{1/} Includes short-fed cattle.

^{2/} Short-fed cattle are defined as those placed on feed after April 1 and marketed by June 30.

Cattle and calves: Inventories, marketings, and placements in 13 States,
April 1 - June 30 ^{1/}

Item	1956	1957	1957 as a % of 1956
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Cattle and calves on feed - April 1.....	4,222	4,402	104
Total fed cattle marketed April 1 - June 30 ^{2/}	2,363	2,297	97
Cattle and calves placed on feed April 1 - June 30 ^{2/}	1,538	1,576	102
Short-fed cattle April 1 - June 30 ^{3/}	131	128	98
Cattle and calves on feed July 1.....	3,397	3,681	108

^{1/} States listed in above table.

^{2/} Includes short-fed cattle.

^{3/} Short-fed cattle are defined as those placed on feed after April 1 and marketed by June 30.

Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups, July 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.....	7	7	52	58	28	33	2	4	-	1
Indiana...	10	9	99	128	44	44	6	8	3	2
Illinois..	21	27	278	247	93	122	29	54	-	-
Minnesota.	16	16	134	174	42	54	17	21	-	3
Iowa.....	30	43	618	645	230	260	120	130	5	5
Missouri..	14	14	76	110	60	52	11	4	-	-
South Dakota.	8	5	65	71	20	27	7	9	4	1
Nebraska..	20	11	257	269	101	53	20	18	4	3
Kansas....	9	4	66	67	10	15	5	4	-	-
9 N.C.States	135	136	1,645	1,769	628	660	217	252	16	15
Texas.....	26	20	39	37	7	7	7	1	-	-
Colorado..	5	8	101	110	43	39	13	20	-	2
Arizona...	25	31	73	77	17	23	2	2	-	-
California..	24	28	235	274	115	137	22	28	2	5
13 States..	215	223	2,093	2,267	810	866	261	303	18	22

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C.States	5	5	62	62	24	23	8	9	1	1
13 States....	6	6	61	61	24	24	8	8	1	1

Cattle and calves on feed, by classes, July 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.....	75	82	11	18	3	2	-	1
Indiana.....	105	120	49	63	8	6	-	2
Illinois.....	303	324	101	117	17	9	-	-
Minnesota.....	132	174	60	85	15	8	2	1
Iowa.....	723	780	251	271	27	30	2	2
Missouri.....	119	126	29	41	13	13	-	-
South Dakota.....	65	69	29	38	10	5	-	1
Nebraska.....	241	184	149	159	8	7	4	4
Kansas.....	42	39	40	48	8	3	-	-
9 N. C. States.....	1,805	1,898	719	840	109	83	8	11
Texas.....	48	34	21	20	10	10	-	1
Colorado.....	55	69	102	107	5	3	-	-
Arizona.....	89	102	20	21	7	9	1	1
California.....	314	368	80	94	2	5	2	5
13 States.....	2,311	2,471	942	1,082	133	110	11	18

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N. C. States.....	69	67	27	30	4	3	1/	1/
13 States.....	68	67	28	29	4	3	1/	1/

1/ Less than 0.5 Percent

Cattle and calves: Length of time on feed, July 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	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	head	head	head	head	head	head
Ohio.....	17	16	19	24	53	63
Indiana.....	32	46	36	58	94	87
Illinois.....	135	140	164	157	122	153
Minnesota.....	50	56	59	72	100	140
Iowa.....	251	292	361	358	391	433
Missouri.....	74	51	50	66	37	63
South Dakota.....	34	31	31	42	39	40
Nebraska.....	209	142	169	180	24	32
Kansas.....	63	51	25	35	2	4
9 N. C. States...	865	825	914	992	862	1,015
Texas.....	55	43	18	18	6	4
Colorado.....	99	94	46	56	17	29
Arizona.....	66	80	33	39	18	14
California.....	322	406	1/ 76	1/ 66	-	-
13 States.....	1,407	1,448	1,087	1,171	903	1,062
: ----- Percentage distribution of total -----						
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N. C. States...	33	29	34	35	33	36
13 States.....	41	39	32	32	27	29

1/ Includes number on feed more than 6 months. California showed following numbers on feed last year and this year in thousands; less than 30 days 135, 170; 30 to 60 days 123,146; 60 to 90 days 64, 90; 90 to 120 days 44, 42, 120 days and over 32, 24.

Cattle: Expected months of marketing, 1957

State	July	August	September	Later
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	head	head	head	head
Ohio.....	24	31	26	22
Indiana.....	36	57	40	58
Illinois.....	81	112	122	135
Minnesota.....	48	64	67	89
Iowa.....	206	216	271	390
Missouri.....	40	50	50	40
South Dakota.....	29	24	33	27
Nebraska.....	89	99	92	74
Kansas.....	25	32	25	8
9 N. C. States...	578	685	726	843
Texas.....	18	19	14	14
Colorado.....	42	40	43	54
Arizona.....	32	40	39	22
California.....	94	132	142	104
13 States.....	764	916	964	1,037
: ----- Percentage distribution of total -----				
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N. C. States...	20	24	26	30
13 States.....	21	25	26	28