

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED
OCTOBER 1, 1957

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NUMBER ON FEED DOWN 11 PERCENT IN MAJOR FEEDING STATES

The number of cattle and calves on feed for market in 13 major feeding States on October 1 was estimated at 3,222,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was a decline of 11 percent from the 3,618,000 head on feed a year earlier and 13 percent below the July 1 number on feed. In 1956 the number on feed increased 7 percent during the July-September period. This was the first quarterly date this year for which there was a decrease from a year earlier. On July 1, 1957, there was an increase of 9 percent from the number on feed July 1, 1956, and on both April 1 and January 1, there were 4 percent more than a year earlier.

PLACEMENTS DOWN 22 PERCENT - MARKETINGS UP 8 PERCENT

The number of cattle and calves placed on feed in these States during the July-September quarter, at 1,867,000 head, was 22 percent below the number placed in the corresponding quarter last year. Fed cattle marketed from the 13 States during July-September 1957, at 2,348,000 head, were 8 percent above the marketings during the third quarter of 1956. The number of short-fed cattle (cattle both placed and marketed during the quarter), at 114,000, was down 37 percent from a year earlier.

CORN BELT NUMBERS ON FEED DOWN 9 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed in 9 of the Corn Belt States on October 1, 1957, totaled 2,370,000 head--down 9 percent from the 2,617,000 head for a year earlier. All of the Corn Belt States covered in this report showed decreases from October 1, 1956, except Ohio, which was unchanged, and South Dakota, which was up 5 percent. July-September placements at 1,282,000 head were off 19 percent from a year earlier, with all States showing a decline except South Dakota and Nebraska. On the other hand, marketings of 1,766,000 head were up 9 percent, with Nebraska and Kansas the only 2 States to show a decrease. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into 9 of the Corn Belt States for the July-September quarter of 1957 were off 7 percent from the same period of 1956.

FOR WESTERN STATES DOWN 15 PERCENT IN NUMBER ON FEED

The number of cattle and calves on feed October 1, 1957, in the 4 important Western feeding States of Arizona, California, Colorado, and Texas were estimated at 852,000 head--down 15 percent from the 1,001,000 head on feed October 1 last year. Texas showed the largest decline, 38 percent, from the preceding year while numbers in Colorado were down 7 percent, Arizona down 15 percent, and California down 12 percent. Placements in these 4 States during the July-September quarter, at 585,000 head were 26 percent below the corresponding

period of 1956, with all States showing declines ranging from 36 percent in Texas to 16 percent in Colorado. Marketings from these 4 States for the third quarter of 1957 at 582,000 head were up 6 percent from July-September of 1956, with all States registering an increase except Texas which was down 2 percent.

WEIGHT OF CATTLE ON FEED

A breakdown of numbers by weight groups indicates a slightly greater percentage of cattle weighing over 900 pounds on feed October 1 than a year earlier and a smaller percentage under 600 pounds. On October 1, 1957, 9 percent of the cattle and calves on feed weighed under 600 pounds, 49 percent were from 600 to 900 pounds, 36 percent from 900 to 1,100 pounds and 6 percent over 1,100 pounds. A year earlier the percentages by weight groups were: Under 600 pounds 11 percent; 600 to 900 pounds, 49 percent; 900 to 1,100 pounds, 33 percent; over 1,100 pounds, 7 percent.

KIND OF CATTLE ON FEED

Steers represented 67 percent of the total cattle on feed October 1, 1957, compared with 66 percent a year earlier. Heifers were 28 percent of the total this year and 27 percent last year. Calves were 5 percent in 1957 and 6 percent in 1956. Cows and other cattle amounted to less than 1 percent of the total in 1957 and 1 percent in 1956.

TIME ON FEED

The number of cattle and calves on feed less than 3 months on October 1, 1957 was 20 percent below a year earlier, while the number on feed from 3 to 6 months and on feed over 6 months was above last year. On October 1 this year, 54 percent of the cattle and calves on feed had been on feed less than 3 months, compared with 61 percent a year earlier. The number on feed 3 to 6 months was 24 percent in 1957 and 20 percent in 1956. The number on feed more than 6 months was 22 percent of the total this year and 19 percent in 1956. The decrease in number on feed less than 3 months, both percentage-wise and in numbers, was general with the 9 Corn Belt States down 18 percent and the 4 Western States down 26 percent. The increase in cattle on feed over 3 months was greatest in the Western States where a 14-percent increase was indicated compared with an increase of only 2 percent in the 9 Corn Belt States.

MARKETING INTENTIONS

Cattle feeders reported marketing intentions on October 1, 1957, indicated that of the 3,222,000 head on feed, 870,000 head or 27 percent will be marketed in October, 736,000 head or 23 percent will be marketed in November, 692,000 head or 21 percent will be marketed in December, and 924,000 head or 29 percent will be marketed after January 1, 1958.

Cattle and calves on feed in selected States 1/

| State | October 1, 1956 | July 1, 1957 | October 1, 1957 | October 1, 1957 as percentage of October 1, 1956 |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | Percent |
| Mio..... | 94 | 103 | 94 | 100 |
| Indiana..... | 167 | 191 | 130 | 78 |
| Illinois..... | 392 | 472 | 365 | 93 |
| Minnesota..... | 196 | 268 | 190 | 97 |
| Iowa..... | 844 | 1,083 | 810 | 96 |
| Missouri..... | 197 | 180 | 144 | 73 |
| South Dakota.... | 100 | 113 | 105 | 105 |
| Nebraska..... | 402 | 354 | 366 | 91 |
| Kansas..... | 225 | 90 | 166 | 74 |
| 9 N.C. States | 2,617 | 2,854 | 2,370 | 91 |
| Texas..... | 138 | 65 | 85 | 62 |
| Colorado..... | 194 | 179 | 181 | 93 |
| Arizona..... | 150 | 133 | 127 | 85 |
| California..... | 519 | 472 | 459 | 88 |
| 13 States..... | 3,618 | 3,703 | 3,222 | 89 |

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.

Cattle and calves: Marketings and placements
in selected States, July 1-September 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..... | 70 | 70 | 100 | 75 | 61 | 81 | 6 | 4 | 67 |
| Indiana..... | 114 | 130 | 114 | 119 | 69 | 58 | 10 | 3 | 30 |
| Illinois..... | 263 | 306 | 116 | 234 | 199 | 85 | 18 | 13 | 72 |
| Minnesota.... | 117 | 143 | 122 | 104 | 65 | 62 | 6 | 8 | 133 |
| Iowa..... | 519 | 588 | 113 | 360 | 315 | 88 | 31 | 15 | 48 |
| Missouri..... | 116 | 120 | 103 | 152 | 84 | 55 | 8 | 5 | 62 |
| South Dakota | 64 | 76 | 119 | 60 | 68 | 113 | 4 | 5 | 125 |
| Nebraska..... | 261 | 255 | 98 | 261 | 267 | 102 | 8 | 11 | 138 |
| Kansas..... | 92 | 78 | 85 | 227 | 154 | 68 | 29 | 11 | 38 |
| 9 N.C. States | 1,616 | 1,766 | 109 | 1,592 | 1,282 | 81 | 120 | 75 | 62 |
| Texas..... | 52 | 51 | 98 | 111 | 71 | 64 | 5 | 6 | 120 |
| Colorado..... | 110 | 117 | 106 | 142 | 119 | 84 | 6 | 6 | 100 |
| Arizona..... | 75 | 83 | 111 | 108 | 77 | 71 | 6 | 3 | 50 |
| California... | 313 | 331 | 106 | 434 | 318 | 73 | 45 | 24 | 53 |
| 13 States... | 2,166 | 2,348 | 108 | 2,387 | 1,867 | 78 | 182 | 114 | 63 |

1/ Includes short-fed cattle.

2/ Short-fed cattle are defined as those placed on feed after July 1 and marketed by September 30.

Cattle and calves: Inventories, marketings, and placements in 13 States,
July 1 - September 30 1/

| I t e m | 1956 | 1957 | 1957 as a % of 1956 |
|---|------------|------------|---------------------|
| | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | Percent |
| Cattle and calves on feed - July 1..... | 3,397 | 3,703 | 109 |
| Total fed cattle marketed July 1-September 30 2/..... | 2,166 | 2,348 | 108 |
| Cattle and calves placed on feed July 1-September 30 2/ | 2,387 | 1,867 | 78 |
| Short-fed cattle June 1-September 30 3/..... | 182 | 114 | 63 |
| Cattle and calves on feed October 1..... | 3,618 | 3,222 | 89 |

1/ States listed in above table.

2/ Includes short-fed cattle.

3/ Short-fed cattle are defined as those placed on feed after July 1 and marketed by September 30.

Cattle and calves on feed, by weight groups, October 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..... | 22 | 14 | 47 | 52 | 24 | 25 | 1 | 3 | --- | --- |
| Indiana..... | 20 | 13 | 94 | 68 | 50 | 45 | 3 | 4 | --- | --- |
| Illinois..... | 31 | 29 | 173 | 153 | 157 | 146 | 27 | 33 | 4 | 4 |
| Minnesota..... | 21 | 15 | 108 | 91 | 53 | 67 | 14 | 17 | --- | --- |
| Iowa..... | 34 | 57 | 338 | 308 | 371 | 356 | 93 | 81 | 8 | 8 |
| Missouri..... | 30 | 23 | 104 | 69 | 47 | 48 | 16 | 4 | --- | --- |
| South Dakota.. | 10 | 6 | 62 | 55 | 25 | 40 | 3 | 4 | --- | --- |
| Nebraska..... | 20 | 14 | 201 | 212 | 145 | 128 | 32 | 11 | 4 | 1 |
| Kansas..... | 18 | 17 | 117 | 98 | 72 | 40 | 18 | 11 | --- | --- |
| 9 N.C.States.. | 206 | 188 | 1,244 | 1,106 | 944 | 895 | 207 | 168 | 16 | 13 |
| Texas..... | 49 | 26 | 75 | 49 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | --- | --- |
| Colorado..... | 7 | 7 | 122 | 127 | 55 | 41 | 10 | 6 | --- | --- |
| Arizona..... | 55 | 29 | 83 | 75 | 11 | 22 | 1 | 1 | --- | --- |
| California..... | 67 | 28 | 254 | 211 | 171 | 184 | 25 | 34 | 2 | 2 |
| 13 States.... | 384 | 278 | 1,778 | 1,568 | 1,193 | 1,151 | 245 | 210 | 18 | 15 |
| | Percentage distribution of total | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 N.C. States | Pct. 8 | Pct. 8 | Pct. 47 | Pct. 46 | Pct. 36 | Pct. 38 | Pct. 8 | Pct. 7 | Pct. 1 | Pct. 1 |
| 13 States..... | 11 | 9 | 49 | 49 | 33 | 36 | 7 | 6 | 1/ | 1/ |

1/ Less than 0.5 percent.

Cattle and calves on feed, by classes, October 1, 1956 and 1957

| State | Steers | | Heifers | | Calves | | Cows & others | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | 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..... | 73 | 71 | 10 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Indiana..... | 110 | 89 | 40 | 34 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Illinois..... | 275 | 263 | 90 | 77 | 27 | 25 | --- | --- |
| Minnesota..... | 131 | 124 | 53 | 57 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| Iowa..... | 591 | 591 | 236 | 195 | 17 | 24 | --- | --- |
| Missouri..... | 140 | 98 | 30 | 29 | 25 | 16 | 2 | 1 |
| South Dakota.. | 51 | 62 | 40 | 36 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Nebraska..... | 273 | 212 | 121 | 146 | 8 | 7 | --- | 1 |
| Kansas..... | 146 | 98 | 63 | 53 | 16 | 15 | --- | --- |
| 9 N.C.States.. | 1,790 | 1,608 | 683 | 641 | 136 | 115 | 8 | 6 |
| Texas..... | 71 | 39 | 37 | 29 | 27 | 16 | 3 | 1 |
| Colorado..... | 68 | 54 | 122 | 125 | 4 | 2 | --- | --- |
| Arizona..... | 86 | 78 | 32 | 27 | 31 | 20 | 1 | 2 |
| California..... | 384 | 358 | 109 | 87 | 16 | 9 | 10 | 5 |
| 13 States..... | 2,399 | 2,137 | 983 | 909 | 214 | 162 | 22 | 14 |
| | Percentage distribution of total | | | | | | | |
| 9 N.C.States.. | Pct. 69 | Pct. 68 | Pct. 26 | Pct. 27 | Pct. 5 | Pct. 5 | Pct. 1/ | Pct. 1/ |
| 13 States..... | 66 | 67 | 27 | 28 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1/ |

1/ Less than 0.5 percent.

Cattle and calves: Length of time on feed, October 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..... | 69 | 57 | 9 | 9 | 16 | 28 |
| Indiana..... | 109 | 66 | 26 | 34 | 32 | 30 |
| Illinois..... | 216 | 186 | 67 | 80 | 109 | 99 |
| Minnesota..... | 98 | 57 | 35 | 38 | 63 | 95 |
| Iowa..... | 329 | 300 | 177 | 186 | 338 | 324 |
| Missouri..... | 144 | 79 | 26 | 40 | 27 | 25 |
| South Dakota..... | 56 | 63 | 18 | 16 | 26 | 26 |
| Nebraska..... | 253 | 256 | 105 | 62 | 44 | 48 |
| Kansas..... | 198 | 143 | 20 | 13 | 7 | 10 |
| 9 N.C.States..... | 1,472 | 1,207 | 483 | 478 | 662 | 685 |
| Texas..... | 106 | 65 | 29 | 18 | 3 | 2 |
| Colorado..... | 136 | 113 | 50 | 59 | 8 | 9 |
| Arizona..... | 102 | 74 | 41 | 45 | 7 | 8 |
| California..... | 389 | 294 | 1/130 | 1/165 | --- | --- |
| 13 States..... | 2,205 | 1,753 | 733 | 765 | 680 | 704 |

Percentage distribution of total

| | Pct. | Pct. | Pct. | Pct. | Pct. | Pct. |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 9 N. C. States... | 56 | 51 | 19 | 20 | 25 | 29 |
| 13 States..... | 61 | 54 | 20 | 24 | 19 | 22 |

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 145, 87; 30 to 60 days 125, 92; 60 to 90 days 119, 115; 90 to 120 days 99, 128; 120 days and over 31, 37.

Cattle: Expected months of marketings, 1957

| State | October | November | December | Later |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 head |
| Ohio..... | 22 | 18 | 16 | 38 |
| Indiana..... | 34 | 23 | 33 | 40 |
| Illinois..... | 110 | 84 | 62 | 109 |
| Minnesota..... | 55 | 46 | 34 | 55 |
| Iowa..... | 211 | 194 | 178 | 227 |
| Missouri..... | 55 | 30 | 27 | 32 |
| South Dakota..... | 23 | 16 | 21 | 45 |
| Nebraska..... | 88 | 81 | 95 | 102 |
| Kansas..... | 38 | 47 | 43 | 38 |
| 9 N.C.States..... | 636 | 539 | 509 | 686 |
| Texas..... | 22 | 20 | 20 | 23 |
| Colorado..... | 34 | 40 | 41 | 66 |
| Arizona..... | 26 | 27 | 26 | 48 |
| California..... | 152 | 110 | 96 | 101 |
| 13 States..... | 870 | 736 | 692 | 924 |
| | Percentage distribution of total | | | |
| | Pct. | Pct. | Pct. | Pct. |
| 9 N.C.States..... | 27 | 23 | 21 | 29 |
| 13 States..... | 27 | 23 | 21 | 29 |