

~~PERIODICAL ROOM~~

**CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED
JANUARY 1, 1958**

January 15, 1958

CATTLE NUMBERS ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT

The number of cattle and calves on feed for market on January 1, 1958, is estimated at 5,867,000 head, 3 percent less than a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. On January 1, 1957, there were 6,067,000 head on feed, while the January 1, 1952-56 average was 5,552,000 head. In the 13 principal cattle feeding States for which quarterly estimates are made the number on feed totaled 5,030,000 compared with 5,161,000 on feed January 1, 1957.

CORN BELT NUMBERS UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed in the Corn Belt at 4,399,000 head on January 1 this year compares with 4,375,000 a year earlier--an increase of 1 percent. Feeding in the Western Corn Belt States was up 3 percent, while the eastern Corn Belt was down 5 percent from a year earlier. Feeding in Iowa, the leading State, was up 2 percent from January 1, 1957, while Illinois, the second ranking State, showed a 6-percent decrease. Nebraska showed a 3 percent drop; Minnesota was down 1 percent; Indiana, down 3 percent; Ohio, 7 percent; Michigan, 5 percent; and North Dakota, down 10 percent. Other States in the Corn Belt, besides Iowa, to show increases were Kansas, up 27 percent; Missouri, 9 percent; South Dakota, 13 percent; and Wisconsin, 2 percent.

Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into 9 Corn Belt States (for which data are available) during the period October-December were 24 percent above the corresponding period a year earlier. Shipments to the same States during the July-December period were up 11 percent from a year earlier.

WESTERN STATES SHOW 13 PERCENT DECLINE

Cattle on feed in the 13 Western States on January 1 totaled 1,390,000 head, 13 percent below the 1,602,000 head on feed on January 1, 1957. California, the leading feeding State in the West, showed a decline of 21 percent, while Colorado the second ranking Western State had 2 percent more cattle on feed. All other States in the West showed declines except Wyoming, Utah and Nevada.

**THIRTEEN QUARTERLY STATES SHOW PLACEMENTS UP 5 PERCENT --
MARKETINGS DOWN 3 PERCENT**

In the 13 States for which quarterly estimates of cattle on feed are made, the number on feed January 1, 1958, was 3 percent below a year earlier but 57 percent above the October 1, 1957, number. Last year there was a 43-percent increase from October 1 to January 1. Placements of cattle on feed during the October-December period were up 5 percent from the corresponding period a

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CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED JANUARY 1, 1958 AND COMPARISONS 1/

State	October 1,	Average	January 1		1958 as per-
	1957 2/	1952-56	1957	1958	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Percent
	head	head	head	head	
Pennsylvania.	---	86	90	78	87
Ohio.....	94	156	189	176	93
Indiana.....	142	251	305	296	97
Illinois.....	365	586	690	649	94
Michigan.....	---	110	116	110	95
Wisconsin....	---	103	113	115	102
E. N. C....	---	1,208	1,413	1,346	95
Minnesota....	190	319	371	367	99
Iowa.....	785	1,165	1,259	1,284	102
Missouri.....	144	240	281	306	109
North Dakota.	---	81	103	93	90
South Dakota.	105	209	235	266	113
Nebraska.....	366	606	560	543	97
Kansas.....	166	232	153	194	127
W. N. C....	---	2,850	2,962	3,053	103
N. C.....	---	4,058	4,375	4,399	101
Oklahoma.....	---	66	64	41	64
Texas.....	87	160	154	115	75
Montana.....	---	48	68	61	90
Idaho.....	---	118	121	114	94
Wyoming.....	---	30	31	31	100
Colorado.....	181	270	246	251	102
New Mexico...	---	30	37	25	68
Arizona.....	127	138	222	190	86
Utah.....	---	53	55	65	118
Nevada.....	---	24	27	27	100
Washington...	---	34	47	46	98
Oregon.....	---	32	34	31	91
California...	459	403	496	393	79
Western....	---	1,407	1,602	1,390	87
U. S.....	---	5,552	6,067	5,867	97
9 States					
3/.....	2,357	3,764	4,043	4,081	101
13 States					
4/.....	3,211	4,736	5,161	5,030	97

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/ 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 AND CALVES: MARKETINGS AND PLACEMENTS IN SELECTED STATES,
OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31**

State	Total Fed Cattle			Cattle and Calves			Short-Fed Cattle 2/		
	Marketed 1/			Placed on Feed 1/					
	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.....	44	52	118	139	134	96	3	4	133
Indiana.....	98	104	106	236	258	109	7	6	86
Illinois.....	257	299	116	555	583	105	24	12	50
Minnesota.....	120	115	96	295	292	99	6	6	100
Iowa.....	557	536	96	972	1,035	106	28	21	75
Missouri.....	145	110	75	229	272	119	16	18	112
South Dakota..	70	67	96	205	228	111	12	5	42
Nebraska.....	254	243	92	422	420	100	13	29	223
Kansas.....	161	116	72	89	144	162	8	20	250
9 N.C. States	1,716	1,642	96	3,142	3,366	107	117	121	103
Texas.....	76	60	79	92	88	96	10	6	60
Colorado.....	91	83	91	143	153	107	6	5	83
Arizona.....	82	81	99	154	144	94	5	6	120
California....	354	376	106	331	310	94	19	19	100
13 States....	2,319	2,242	97	3,862	4,061	105	157	157	100

1/ Includes short-fed cattle.

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

**CATTLE AND CALVES: INVENTORIES, MARKETINGS, AND PLACEMENTS IN 13 STATES,
OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31 1/**

Item	1956	1957	1957 as a % of 1956
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Cattle and Calves on Feed - October 1	3,618	3,211	89
Total Fed Cattle Marketings Oct. 1 - Dec. 31	2,319	2,242	97
Cattle and Calves Placed on Feed Oct. 1 - Dec. 31	3,862	4,061	105
Short Fed Cattle Marketed Oct. 1 - Dec. 31 2/	157	157	100
	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1958 as a % of 1957</u>
Cattle and Calves on Feed January 1	5,161	5,030	97

1/ 13 States listed in above table.

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, 1957 and 1958

State	Under 600 pounds		600-900 pounds		900-1100 pounds		1100-1300 pounds		Over 1300 pounds	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	head	head	head	head	head	head	head	head	head	head
Ohio.....	70	77	83	74	32	23	4	2	---	---
Indiana.....	104	133	140	130	55	30	6	3	---	---
Illinois.....	207	188	297	312	145	123	41	26	---	---
Minnesota.....	134	136	167	161	59	59	11	8	---	3
Iowa.....	428	447	504	552	239	218	75	64	13	3
Missouri.....	121	138	107	128	42	31	11	9	---	---
South Dakota..	87	109	108	104	33	40	7	10	---	3
Nebraska.....	106	92	263	261	129	119	56	60	6	11
Kansas.....	28	30	61	87	49	58	14	18	1	1
9 N.C. States	1,285	1,350	1,730	1,809	783	701	225	200	20	21
Texas.....	67	57	59	43	25	12	3	2	---	1
Colorado.....	21	30	137	140	67	63	20	16	1	2
Arizona.....	79	73	109	90	32	25	2	2	---	---
California.....	89	58	213	172	164	130	28	30	2	3
13 States....	1,541	1,568	2,248	2,254	1,071	931	278	250	23	27
Idaho.....	20	27	56	54	34	24	10	8	1	1
Oklahoma.....	1/	15	1/	19	1/	4	1/	3	1/	---

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C. States.	32	33	43	44	19	17	6	5	2/	1
13 States	30	31	44	45	21	18	5	5	2/	1

1/ Not available.
2/ Less than 0.5 percent.

Cattle and calves on feed, by classes, January 1, 1957 and 1958

State	Steers		Heifers		Calves		Cows and other	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	head	head	head	head	head	head	head	head
Ohio.....	126	109	21	21	40	44	2	2
Indiana.....	171	154	64	65	67	74	3	3
Illinois.....	400	389	131	104	159	156	---	---
Minnesota.....	200	180	59	77	104	103	8	7
Iowa.....	692	693	214	193	340	395	13	3
Missouri.....	143	141	31	40	104	122	3	3
South Dakota..	105	109	40	51	85	101	5	5
Nebraska.....	302	304	168	158	84	76	6	5
Kansas.....	86	119	40	53	26	20	1	2
9 N.C. States	2,225	2,198	768	762	1,009	1,091	41	30
Texas.....	64	45	34	32	53	36	3	2
Colorado.....	98	90	129	134	18	24	1	3
Arizona.....	115	96	38	37	65	54	4	3
California.....	317	274	119	80	40	28	20	11
13 States....	2,819	2,703	1,088	1,045	1,185	1,233	69	49
Idaho.....	76	59	32	34	8	16	5	5
Oklahoma.....	1/	17	1/	10	1/	12	1/	2

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N. C. States.	55	54	19	18	25	27	1	1
13 States....	55	54	21	21	23	24	1	1

1/ Not available.

CATTLE AND CALVES: LENGTH OF TIME ON FEED, JANUARY 1, 1957 AND 1958

State	Less than 3 months		3 to 6 months		More than 6 months	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio.....	136	130	44	42	9	4
Indiana.....	229	252	67	35	9	9
Illinois.....	531	571	138	52	21	26
Minnesota.....	289	286	56	44	26	37
Iowa.....	944	1,014	252	206	63	64
Missouri.....	213	254	62	46	6	6
South Dakota.....	193	223	35	32	7	11
Nebraska.....	409	391	140	141	11	11
Kansas.....	81	124	66	67	6	3
9 N. C. States.....	3,025	3,245	860	665	158	171
Texas.....	82	82	69	32	3	1
Colorado.....	137	148	103	99	6	4
Arizona.....	149	138	64	50	9	2
California.....	312	291	1/184	1/102		
13 States.....	3,705	3,904	1,280	948	176	178
Idaho.....	76	87	41	25	4	2
Oklahoma.....	2/	32	2/	8	2/	1

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N. C. States.....	75	80	21	16	4	4
13 States.....	72	78	25	19	3	3

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, 79, 80; 30 to 60 days, 94, 101; 60 to 90 days, 139, 110; 90 to 120 days, 139, 67; 120 days and over, 45, 35.
 2/ Not available.

CATTLE: EXPECTED MONTHS OF MARKETING 1958

State	January	February	March	Later
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio.....	23	16	14	123
Indiana.....	27	29	18	222
Illinois.....	84	52	65	448
Minnesota.....	33	33	37	264
Iowa.....	141	116	116	911
Missouri.....	31	34	27	214
South Dakota.....	32	29	24	181
Nebraska.....	114	114	76	239
Kansas.....	65	49	32	48
9 N. C. States.....	550	472	409	2,650
Texas.....	26	27	26	36
Colorado.....	45	51	44	111
Arizona.....	36	47	38	69
California.....	108	101	91	93
13 States.....	765	698	608	2,959
Idaho.....	19	23	17	55
Oklahoma.....	9	8	8	16

Percentage Distribution of Total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N. C. States.....	13	12	10	65
13 States.....	15	14	12	59

year earlier, while marketings of grain-fed cattle during this period were down 3 percent. The number of shortfed cattle marketed (cattle both placed and marketed during the quarter), at 157,000, was the same as a year earlier.

MORE LIGHT WEIGHT CATTLE ON FEED THAN YEAR EARLIER

Data for the 13 States show that there were a greater number of cattle on feed weighing less than 900 pounds than a year earlier, but smaller numbers in the 900-1,300 pound weight groups. As a percent of total cattle on feed January 1, the number weighing less than 600 pounds was 31 percent compared with 30 percent a year earlier. The 600-900 pound cattle made up 45 percent compared with 44 percent; 900-1,100 pounds, 18 percent and 21 percent; and over 1,100 pounds 5 percent both this year and last year.

TIME ON FEED

The number on feed less than 3 months on January 1 in the 13 States was 5 percent above a year earlier, while the number on feed 3 to 6 months was down 26 percent. As a percent of total cattle on feed January 1, 1958 the number on feed less than 3 months was 78 percent; 3 to 6 months was 19 percent; and on feed more than 6 months, 3 percent. This compares with last year's percentages of 72 percent of the total as on feed less than 3 months; 25 percent, 3-6 months, and 3 percent more than 6 months.

KIND OF CATTLE ON FEED

In the 13 States steers represented 54 percent of the total on feed January 1 compared with 55 percent a year earlier. Heifers made up 21 percent of the total each year. Calves were 24 percent in 1958 and 23 percent in 1957. Cows and other cattle comprised 1 percent of the total each year.

MARKETING INTENTIONS

Cattle feeders reporting marketing intentions in the 13 States for which quarterly reports are prepared, indicate that of the 5,030,000 head on feed, January 1, 1958, 765,000 head or 15 percent will be marketed in January, 698,000 head or 14 percent will be marketed in February, 608,000 head or 12 percent in March, and 2,959,000 head or 59 percent will be marketed after April 1, 1958.