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CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED
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NUMBERS UP 12 PERCENT IN 13 MAJOR FEEDING STATES:

The number of cattle on feed for market in 13 major feeding States on October 1 was estimated at 3,592,000 head according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was an increase of 12 percent from the 3,211,000 head on feed October 1 a year earlier, but 16 percent below the number on feed July 1. For earlier quarters of this year the number on feed compared with a year earlier was as follows: July 1 up 16 percent, April 1 up 11 percent, January 1 down 3 percent.

CORN BELT NUMBER ON FEED UP 12 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed in 9 of the Corn Belt States on October 1 totaled 2,649,000 head, an increase of 12 percent from a year earlier. All Corn Belt States for which cattle on feed estimates are made show increases over October 1, 1957 except Indiana and Ohio which are down 17 percent and 4 percent respectively. Iowa, the leading cattle feeding State, was up 16 percent while Nebraska was up 21 percent and Illinois, 2 percent. Shipments of Stocker and feeder cattle into 9 of the Corn Belt States for the July-September quarter totaled 1,427,604 head only slightly above the same period in 1957.

FOUR WESTERN STATES SHOW 10 PERCENT INCREASE

Cattle on feed in Texas, Colorado, Arizona, and California totaled 943,000 head--up 10 percent from October 1, 1957. In California, the leading Western feeding State, numbers were up only 3 percent, while numbers in Colorado, the second leading Western feeding State, were up 26 percent.

PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT--MARKETINGS UP 10 PERCENT

Cattle and calves placed on feed in the 13 States totaled 1,926,000 head during the July-September quarter--up 1 percent from the same months last year. The Corn Belt showed an increase in placements of 3 percent while the 4 Western States were down 2 percent. Fed cattle marketed from 13 States during the July-September period at 2,597,000 head were 10 percent above the third quarter of 1957. The 99,000 short fed cattle marketed (cattle both placed and marketed during the quarter) were 15 percent below the same quarter last year.

MARKETING INTENTIONS

Cattle feeders reporting marketing intentions in the 13 States indicated that 2,486,000 head are expected to be marketed during October, November and December. During these 3 months last year 2,255,000 head were marketed. Of the total number on feed on October 1, 26 percent are expected to be marketed in October, 21 percent in November and 22 percent in December. Present plans are to market the remaining 31 percent after January 1.

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WEIGHT OF CATTLE ON FEED :

A breakdown of October 1 numbers by weight groups indicates a substantial increase from a year earlier in the number of cattle weighing over 900 pounds. Compared with a year earlier there was an increase of 325,000 head or 24 percent in the number of cattle weighing over 900 pounds. The number of cattle weighing less than 900 pounds totaled 1,899,000 head--up 3 percent from a year earlier. On October 1, 1958 5 percent of the cattle and calves on feed weighed under 500 pounds, 13 percent were in the 500-699 pound class, 35 percent weighed 700 to 899 pounds, 38 percent were in the 900 to 1,099 pound group and 9 percent weighed over 1,100 pounds.

TIME ON FEED.

Cattle on feed less than 3 months for the 13 States was 2 percent above October 1, 1957, while the number on feed 3-6 months was up 27 percent and the number on feed over 6 months was up 20 percent. As a percent of total cattle on feed October 1, the number on feed less than 3 months was 51 percent; 3-6 months was 27 percent and on feed more than 6 months was 22 percent. This compares with last year when 56 percent were on feed less than 3 months; 23 percent, 3-6 months and 21 percent on feed more than 6 months.

KINDS OF CATTLE ON FEED

Data for the 13 States show that steers and steer calves represented 75 percent of the Cattle on feed October 1. Heifers and heifer calves made up nearly 25 percent. Cows and other cattle comprised less than one half of 1 percent of the total this quarter.

Note: The classification of cattle on feed by weight and by kinds were changed beginning with this report in order to better meet the needs for these types of information

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

State	October 1, 1957	July 1, 1958	October 1, 1958	October 1, 1958 as a percentage of October 1, 1957
	<u>1,000</u> <u>head</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>head</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Ohio.....	94	115	90	96
Indiana.....	142	180	118	83
Illinois.....	365	491	372	102
Minnesota.....	190	297	205	108
Iowa.....	785	1,189	911	116
Missouri.....	144	189	147	102
South Dakota.....	105	181	141	134
Nebraska.....	366	457	443	121
Kansas.....	166	153	222	134
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9 N. C. States...	2,357	3,252	2,649	112
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Texas.....	87	104	106	122
Colorado.....	181	234	228	126
Arizona.....	127	139	135	106
California.....	459	534	474	103
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13 States.....	3,211	4,263	3,592	112
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Oklahoma.....	<u>2/</u>	24	23	<u>2/</u>

^{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

State	Total fed cattle marketed 1/			Cattle and calves placed on feed 1/			Short-fed cattle 2/		
	1957	1958	1958 as a % of 1957	1957	1958	1958 as a % of 1957	1957	1958	1958 as a % of 1957
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
April 1 through June 30									
Ohio.....	79	65	82	21	22	105	5	4	80
Indiana.....	119	113	95	52	43	83	4	6	150
Illinois.....	319	307	96	181	170	94	20	23	115
Minnesota.....	140	140	100	63	61	97	7	2	29
Iowa.....	517	528	102	295	313	106	14	16	114
Missouri.....	106	105	99	59	44	75	8	6	75
South Dakota..	101	110	109	34	48	141	7	6	86
Nebraska.....	285	309	108	156	167	107	14	19	136
Kansas.....	68	87	128	58	65	112	7	13	186
9 N.C. States:	1,734	1,764	102	919	933	102	86	95	110
Texas.....	55	60	109	48	61	127	5	5	100
Colo.....	142	127	89	99	130	131	5	8	160
Ariz.....	93	113	122	86	88	102	6	4	67
Calif.....	256	252	98	431	512	119	25	28	112
13 States....	2,280	2,316	102	1,583	1,724	109	127	140	110
Okla.....	3/	28	3/	3/	20	3/	3/	2	3/
July 1 through September 30									
Ohio.....	70	78	111	61	53	87	4	4	100
Indiana.....	133	125	94	73	63	86	3	2	67
Illinois.....	330	312	95	223	193	87	15	11	73
Minnesota.....	143	162	113	65	70	108	8	4	50
Iowa.....	579	618	107	321	340	106	15	12	80
Missouri.....	120	140	117	84	98	117	5	2	40
South Dakota..	76	102	134	68	62	91	5	6	120
Nebraska.....	255	309	121	267	295	110	11	7	64
Kansas.....	78	109	140	154	178	116	11	15	136
9 N.C. States:	1,784	1,955	110	1,316	1,352	103	77	63	82
Texas.....	51	75	147	73	77	105	6	5	83
Colo.....	117	124	106	119	118	99	6	6	100
Ariz.....	83	89	107	77	85	110	3	4	133
Calif.....	335	354	106	318	294	92	24	21	88
13 States....	2,370	2,597	110	1,903	1,926	101	116	99	85
Okla.....	3/	22	3/	3/	21	3/	3/	3/	3/

1/ Includes short-fed cattle.

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

3/ Not available.

Cattle and calves on feed, by weight groups, October 1, 1957 and July 1, 1958										
State	Under 600		600 to 900		900 to 1,100		1,100 to 1,300		Over 1,300	
	pounds		pounds		pounds		pounds		pounds	
	Oct. 1, 1957	July 1, 1958	Oct. 1, 1957	July 1, 1958	Oct. 1, 1957	July 1, 1958	Oct. 1, 1957	July 1, 1958	Oct. 1, 1957	July 1, 1958
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	head	head	head	head	head	head	head	head	head	head
Ohio.....	14	9	52	64	25	38	3	4	--	--
Indiana.....	14	9	74	117	50	43	4	11	--	--
Illinois.....	29	20	153	255	146	147	33	69	4	--
Minnesota.....	15	30	91	196	67	62	17	9	--	--
Iowa.....	55	47	298	666	345	345	79	131	8	--
Missouri.....	23	21	69	106	48	55	4	7	--	--
South Dakota..	6	16	55	109	40	36	4	18	--	2
Nebraska.....	14	22	212	260	128	140	11	34	1	1
Kansas.....	17	2	98	61	40	77	11	12	--	1
9 N.C.States:	187	176	1,102	1,834	889	943	166	295	13	4
Texas.....	26	28	51	60	9	15	1	1	--	--
Colorado.....	7	6	127	132	41	75	6	19	--	2
Arizona.....	29	21	75	89	22	28	1	1	--	--
California....	28	35	211	266	184	191	34	40	2	2
13 States....	277	266	1,566	2,381	1,145	1,252	208	356	15	8
Oklahoma.....	1/	2	1/	15	1/	6	1/	1	1/	--
	Percentage distribution of total									
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C.States:	8	6	47	56	38	29	7	9	2/	2/
13 States....	9	6	49	56	36	30	6	8	2/	2/

1/ Not available.

2/ Less than 0.5 percent.

Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups - October 1, 1958										
State	Under 500		500 - 699		700 - 899		900 - 1,099		1,100 pounds and over	
	pounds		pounds		pounds		pounds		pounds	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	head	head	head	head	head	head	head	head	head	head
Ohio.....	12	16		29		31		2		
Indiana.....	10	31		41		33		3		
Illinois.....	16	28		141		146		41		
Minnesota.....	15	32		73		74		11		
Iowa.....	11	56		265		458		121		
Missouri.....	12	25		46		56		8		
South Dakota..	5	24		49		53		10		
Nebraska.....	10	50		165		178		40		
Kansas.....	9	22		104		60		27		
9 N.C.States:	100	284		913		1,089		263		
Texas.....	26	37		26		16		1		
Colorado.....	3	49		99		63		14		
Arizona.....	34	23		49		27		2		
California....	24	69		163		174		44		
13 States....	187	462		1,250		1,369		324		
Oklahoma.....	4	7		6		4		2		
	Percentage distribution of total									
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C.States	4	11		34		41		10		
13 States....	5	13		35		38		9		

Cattle and calves on feed, by classes, July 1, 1958 and October 1, 1958

State	July 1, 1958				October 1, 1958			
	Steers	Heifers	Calves	Cows and others	Steers and calves	Heifers and calves	Cows and others	
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	
Ohio.....	93	19	2	1	75	13	2	
Indiana.....	116	56	6	2	84	33	1	
Illinois.....	368	103	20	--	294	78	--	
Minnesota.....	190	95	12	--	147	57	1	
Iowa.....	868	285	36	--	745	164	2	
Missouri.....	130	40	17	2	118	26	3	
South Dakota....	112	54	13	2	97	42	2	
Nebraska.....	259	179	19	--	300	142	1	
Kansas.....	97	55	1	--	157	64	1	
9 N.C. States	2,233	886	126	7	2,017	619	13	
Texas.....	56	37	10	1	60	45	1	
Colorado.....	98	132	4	--	104	124	--	
Arizona.....	100	25	14	--	104	29	2	
California.....	434	86	9	5	407	66	1	
13 States.....	2,921	1,166	163	13	2,692	883	17	
Oklahoma.....	14	8	2	--	14	9	--	

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C. States	69	27	4	1/	76	24	1/
13 States.....	69	27	4	1/	75	25	1/

1/ Less than 0.5 percent.

Cattle and calves: Length of time on feed

State	Less than 3 months			3 to 6 months			More than 6 months		
	Oct. 1: 1957	July 1: 1958	Oct. 1: 1958	Oct. 1: 1957	July 1: 1958	Oct. 1: 1958	Oct. 1: 1957	July 1: 1958	Oct. 1: 1958
	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.....	57	18	49	9	29	10	28	68	31
Indiana.....	70	37	61	38	54	30	34	89	27
Illinois.....	208	147	182	73	172	82	84	172	108
Minnesota.....	57	59	66	38	101	55	95	137	84
Iowa.....	306	297	328	173	369	228	306	523	355
Missouri.....	79	38	96	40	104	23	25	47	28
South Dakota....	63	42	56	16	65	30	26	74	55
Nebraska.....	256	148	288	62	257	93	48	52	62
Kansas.....	143	52	163	13	91	39	10	10	20
9 N.C. States	1,239	838	1,289	462	1,242	590	656	1,172	770
Texas.....	67	56	72	18	45	30	2	3	4
Colorado.....	113	122	112	59	90	95	9	22	21
Arizona.....	74	84	81	45	48	45	8	7	9
California.....	294	484	273	1/165	44	195	2/	6	6
13 States.....	1,787	1,584	1,827	749	1,469	955	675	1,210	810
Oklahoma.....	2/	18	18	2/	6	4	2/	--	1

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C. States	52	26	49	19	38	22	29	36	29
13 States	56	37	51	23	35	27	21	28	22

1/ Includes number on feed more than 6 months. 2/ Not available.

Cattle: Expected marketings by months of cattle on feed October 1, 1958

State	October	November	December	Later
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio.....	13	14	19	44
Indiana.....	22	18	20	58
Illinois.....	97	56	85	134
Minnesota.....	47	35	33	90
Iowa.....	264	219	200	228
Missouri.....	38	28	38	43
South Dakota....	37	22	21	61
Nebraska.....	93	83	117	150
Kansas.....	52	65	63	42
9 N.C. States..	663	540	596	850
Texas.....	25	21	24	36
Colorado.....	47	50	48	83
Arizona.....	39	36	30	30
California.....	148	127	92	107
13 States.....	922	774	790	1,106
Oklahoma.....	3	6	5	9
<u>Percentage distribution of total</u>				
	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
9 N.C. States	25	20	23	32
13 States	26	21	22	31