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CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED
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CATTLE ON FEED 21 STATES

The number of cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1959 in 21 major feeding States totaled 5, 854, 000 head according to the Crop Reporting Board. In these same 21 States 6, 225, 000 head were on feed January 1, 1959.

13 STATES INCREASE 8 PERCENT

In 13 feeding States for which comparable data are available, 5, 242, 000 head were on feed April 1, 1959, 8 percent above the 4, 863, 000 head on feed a year earlier and a record high April 1 total for the series which began in 1955. The January-April decline of 4 percent for the 13 States is in line with the decline of last year but less than the seasonal drop shown for earlier years.

NUMBERS UP 4 PERCENT IN NORTH CENTRAL STATES

Cattle and calves on feed in 9 North Central States at 4, 262, 000 head this April 1 compare with 4, 083, 000 head a year earlier--an increase of 4 percent. In most North Central States for which cattle on feed estimates are available for both years the number on feed increased over a year earlier. Exceptions are Indiana with 9 percent decline, and Iowa and Illinois (two of the more important feeding States) with no change. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into the 8 Corn Belt States for which data are available during the period January through March were up 21 percent from a year earlier.

FIVE WESTERN STATES SHOW 23 PERCENT INCREASE

For 5 important Western States for which comparable data are available, (Texas, Colorado, Idaho, Arizona, and California) cattle on feed numbers April 1, 1959, at 1, 096, 000 head, were up 23 percent from 890, 000 head April 1, 1958. In California, the leading Western State, numbers were up 33 percent, while in the second ranking State - Colorado - numbers were up 19 percent.

MARKETINGS AND PLACEMENTS UP FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1959

Marketings of fed cattle during the first quarter of 1959 were 7 percent larger than a year earlier in the 13 States for which quarterly estimates are available for both years. Total sales of good, choice and prime beef steers

out of first hand for slaughter at 7 markets for January through March indicated a sharper increase, but this increase was partially offset by a decline in heifer slaughter.

The number of cattle placed on feed during the January-March 1959 period in 13 States was 4 percent above a year earlier. Placements in the 9 North Central States were up only 1 percent, whereas the combined total placements of Texas, Colorado, Arizona, and California showed a 13 percent increase.

For the 21 States 2, 851, 000 fed cattle and calves were marketed, and 2, 480, 000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during the January-March quarter of 1959.

WEIGHT OF CATTLE ON FEED

A breakdown of April 1 numbers by weight groups in 13 States indicates a 14 percent increase from a year earlier in the number of cattle weighing over 900 pounds. The 1, 502, 000 head weighing over 900 pounds of April 1, 1959 was 179, 000 head more than April 1, 1958. The number weighing under 900 pounds totaled 3, 740, 000 head-- up 200, 000 head--6 percent from a year earlier. For the 21 States now in the quarterly program, 7 percent of the cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1959 weighed under 500 pounds, 37 percent were in the 500-699 weight group, 28 percent weighed 700-899 pounds, 23 percent were in the 900 to 1099 class and 5 percent weighed over 1100 pounds.

TIME ON FEED

Cattle on feed less than 3 months for the 13 States for which comparable data are available were 6 percent above April 1, 1958, while the number 3-6 months were up 10 percent but the number over 6 months was down 6 percent. As a percent of total April 1, the number on feed less than 3 months was 41 percent compared with 42 percent a year earlier. The number on feed 3-6 months was 55 percent of the total compared with 54 percent last year. Those on feed more than 6 months represented 4 percent of the total both years. In the 21 States the number on feed less than 3 months April 1 was 40 percent of the total; 3-6 months 56 percent; and over 6 months 4 percent.

KINDS OF FEED

In the 21 States now in the quarterly reporting program, steers and steer calves comprised 72 percent of the cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1959. Heifers and heifer calves made up 27 percent of the total, while cows and other cattle made up 1 percent.

MARKETING INTENTIONS

In the 13 States for which comparable data are available, cattle feeders reported that out of the cattle and calves on feed April 1 they expect to market

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Cattle and Calves: Inventories, Marketings and Placements
January 1 to March 31

Item	13 States			21 States
	1958	1959		1959
	Number	Number	% of 1958	Number
	1,000	1,000		1,000
	head	head	Percent	head
Cattle and Calves on Feed, Jan. 1	5,005	5,474	109	6,225
Cattle and Calves Placed on Feed				
January 1 - March 31 1/	2,182	2,265	104	2,480
Total Fed Cattle Marketed				
January 1 - March 31 1/	2,324	2,497	107	2,851
Cattle and Calves on Feed, April 1	4,863	5,242	108	5,854

1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter.

Cattle and Calves on Feed in Selected States by Quarters

April 1, 1958, January 1 and April 1, 1959, with Comparisons 1/

State	April 1, 1958	January 1, 1959	April 1, 1959	as percent of April 1, 1958
	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	head	head	head	Percent
Ohio	158	190	172	109
Indiana	250	255	228	91
Illinois	628	643	628	100
Minnesota	376	400	402	107
Iowa	1,404	1,374	1,404	100
Missouri	250	292	275	110
South Dakota	243	269	250	103
Nebraska	599	637	688	115
Kansas	175	229	215	123
9 N. C. States	4,083	4,289	4,262	104
Texas	106	178	147	139
Colorado	231	293	276	119
Arizona	164	210	187	114
California	279	504	370	133
13 States	4,863	5,474	5,242	108
Pennsylvania	2/	77	69	2/
Michigan	2/	110	108	2/
Wisconsin	2/	113	99	2/
North Dakota	2/	114	91	2/
Oklahoma	32	50	43	134
Montana	2/	65	40	2/
Idaho	110	149	116	105
Utah	2/	73	46	2/
21 States	2/	6,225	5,854	2/

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: Placements, marketing and short feds, by quarters
in selected States, 1958-59

State	Number placed on feed <u>1/</u>				Number marketed <u>1/</u>				Number short fed <u>2/</u>			
	Jan.- Mar. 1958	Oct.- Dec. 1958	Jan.- Mar. 1959	Jan.- Mar. 59 as % of Jan.- Mar. 58	Jan.- Mar. 1958	Oct.- Dec. 1958	Jan.- Mar. 1959	Jan.- Mar. 59 as % of Jan.- Mar. 58	Jan.- Mar. 1958	Oct.- Dec. 1958	Jan.- Mar. 1959	Jan.- Mar. 59 as % of Jan.- Mar. 58
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per- cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per- cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per- cent
Ohio ...	41	154	36	88	59	54	54	92	3	6	2	67
Ind. ...	65	211	62	95	102	74	89	87	5	2	2	40
Ill. ...	236	569	248	105	257	298	263	102	23	23	10	44
Minn....	127	316	122	96	118	121	120	102	3	4	5	167
Iowa ...	608	1,147	570	94	488	684	540	111	18	34	22	122
Mo.	71	252	85	120	113	107	102	90	8	13	3	38
S.Dak....	84	217	74	88	107	103	93	87	9	10	4	44
Nebr....	349	480	382	109	293	286	331	113	26	17	14	54
Kans....	105	140	124	118	110	119	138	125	5	16	8	160
9 N.C. States	1,686	3,486	1,703	101	1,647	1,846	1,730	105	100	125	70	70
Texas....	72	137	90	125	88	69	121	138	9	5	4	44
Colo....	119	187	120	101	139	122	137	99	7	7	5	71
Ariz....	89	168	83	93	115	93	106	92	8	2	6	75
Calif....	216	417	269	125	335	402	403	120	22	24	20	91
13 States	2,182	4,395	2,265	104	2,324	2,532	2,497	107	146	163	105	72
Pa.	3/	58	28	3/	3/	30	36	3/	3/	3	3	3/
Mich....	3/	87	28	3/	3/	30	30	3/	3/	3	1	3/
Wisc....	3/	91	26	3/	3/	33	40	3/	3/	6	4	3/
N.Dak....	3/	101	31	3/	3/	32	54	3/	3/	5	3	3/
Okla....	31	46	33	106	40	19	40	100	9	5	3	33
Mont....	3/	51	10	3/	3/	18	35	3/	3/	1	1	3/
Idaho....	45	109	42	93	49	45	75	153	3	2	4	133
Utah ...	3/	61	17	3/	3/	21	44	3/	3/	2	2	3/
21 States	3/	4,999	2,480	3/	3/	2,760	2,851	3/	3/	190	126	3/

1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed by end of quarter.

2/ Short-fed cattle are defined as those placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed by end of quarter. These short-feds are included in the number placed, and number marketed.

3/ Not available.

Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups, selected States by quarters,
 April 1, 1958, January 1 and April 1, 1959

State	Under 900 pounds			900 pounds and over		
	Apr. 1, 1958	Jan. 1, 1959	Apr. 1, 1959	Apr. 1, 1958	Jan. 1, 1959	Apr. 1, 1959
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio	134	162	143	24	28	29
Indiana	208	218	193	42	37	35
Illinois	459	480	438	169	163	190
Minnesota	289	326	312	87	74	90
Iowa	980	1,053	984	424	321	420
Missouri	223	261	217	27	31	58
South Dakota	175	206	180	68	63	70
Nebraska	413	398	452	186	239	236
Kansas	115	126	141	60	103	74
9 N.C. States	2,996	3,230	3,060	1,087	1,059	1,202
Texas	93	145	127	13	33	20
Colorado	139	204	140	92	89	136
Arizona	137	190	149	27	20	38
California	175	332	264	104	172	106
13 States	3,540	4,101	3,740	1,323	1,373	1,502
Pennsylvania	1/	48	39	1/	29	30
Michigan	1/	91	79	1/	19	29
Wisconsin	1/	86	75	1/	27	24
North Dakota	1/	93	74	1/	21	17
Oklahoma	26	38	33	6	12	10
Montana	1/	49	24	1/	16	16
Idaho	74	106	76	36	43	40
Utah	1/	60	32	1/	13	14
21 States	1/	4,672	4,172	17	1,553	1,682

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C. States	73	75	72	27	25	28
13 States	73	75	71	27	25	29
21 States	1/	75	71	1/	25	29

1/ Not available.

Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups,
selected States by quarters, January 1 and April 1, 1959

State	Under 500 pounds		500-699 pounds		700-899 pounds		900-1099 pounds		1100 pounds and over	
	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1
	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...	47	16	66	66	49	61	26	27	2	2
Ind....	48	17	93	105	77	71	32	32	5	3
Ill....	125	28	175	262	180	148	118	152	45	38
Minn...	125	33	95	191	106	88	58	76	16	14
Iowa...	306	60	302	588	445	336	218	356	103	64
Mo.....	62	23	114	97	85	97	25	54	6	4
S.Dak...	69	20	62	109	75	51	42	54	21	16
Nebr...	81	37	109	205	208	210	159	178	80	58
Kans...	10	11	41	61	75	69	81	61	22	13
9 N.C. States	873	245	1,057	1,684	1,300	1,131	759	990	300	212
Texas...	53	33	55	58	37	36	28	15	5	5
Colo...	22	5	52	56	130	79	71	110	18	26
Ariz...	83	37	56	62	51	50	20	35	--	3
Calif...	58	23	97	98	177	143	128	86	44	20
13 States	1,089	343	1,317	1,958	1,695	1,439	1,006	1,236	367	266
Pa.....	7	4	18	15	23	20	20	20	9	10
Mich...	23	6	40	33	28	40	15	24	4	5
Wis....	23	10	23	41	40	24	21	20	6	4
N.Dak...	34	8	30	48	29	18	17	12	4	5
Okla...	11	4	17	15	10	14	8	8	4	2
Mont...	12	3	13	10	24	11	11	10	5	6
Idaho...	25	8	27	37	54	31	34	33	9	7
Utah...	21	3	17	13	22	16	11	13	2	1
21 States	1,245	389	1,502	2,170	1,925	1,613	1,143	1,376	410	306

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C. States	20	6	25	39	30	27	18	23	7	5
13 States	20	7	24	37	31	27	18	24	7	5
21 States	20	7	24	37	31	28	18	23	7	5

Steers and steer calves on feed by weight groups,
selected States by quarters, January 1 and April 1, 1959

State	Under 500 pounds		500-699 pounds		700-899 pounds		900-1099 pounds		1100 pounds and over	
	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1
	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...	34	10	51	50	43	51	25	26	1	2
Ind....	21	9	54	58	55	54	28	31	5	3
Ill....	69	19	112	155	151	113	112	146	44	38
Minn...	65	19	60	108	84	62	49	67	14	13
Iowa...	183	32	203	388	346	241	183	326	102	63
Mo.....	32	15	81	60	73	84	23	51	4	4
S.Dak..	40	11	40	68	51	38	33	47	19	16
Nebr...	34	17	57	85	139	156	130	153	79	57
Kans...	5	6	17	29	50	46	73	56	22	13
9 N.C.:										
States :	483	138	675	1,001	992	845	656	903	290	209
Texas...	23	21	28	31	26	27	24	14	4	5
Colo....	8	1	16	18	59	32	44	75	17	25
Ariz...	54	24	41	44	43	36	16	33	--	2
Calif...	37	15	72	78	131	118	116	81	41	19
13 :										
States :	605	199	832	1,172	1,251	1,058	856	1,106	352	260
Pa.....	6	2	14	12	20	17	20	19	9	10
Mich...	13	3	27	19	24	30	14	22	3	5
Wis....	15	7	15	28	29	21	17	17	6	4
N.Dak..	19	5	19	30	17	12	10	8	2	4
Okla....	4	1	7	6	7	8	6	7	4	2
Mont...	6	1	5	5	14	5	6	6	2	5
Idaho...	14	3	16	19	37	20	26	28	7	7
Utah...	10	2	9	6	11	7	8	9	2	1
21 :										
States :	692	223	944	1,297	1,410	1,178	963	1,222	387	298

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C.:										
States :	16	5	22	32	32	27	21	29	9	7
13 :										
States :	16	5	21	31	32	28	22	29	9	7
21 :										
States :	16	5	21	31	32	28	22	29	9	7

Heifers and heifer calves on feed by weight groups,
selected States by quarters, January 1 and April 1, 1959

State	Under 500		500-699		700-899		900-1099		1100 pounds and over	
	pounds		pounds		pounds		pounds		pounds	
	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1	Jan. 1	April 1
	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....	13	6	15	16	5	9	1	--	--	--
Ind....	27	8	39	47	20	15	3	1	--	--
Ill....	56	9	63	107	29	35	6	6	--	--
Minn....	60	14	35	83	22	26	7	8	--	--
Iowa....	123	28	99	200	99	95	31	28	--	--
Mo.....	30	8	33	36	12	13	1	1	--	--
S.Dak...	29	9	22	41	24	12	6	6	--	--
Nebr....	47	20	52	120	68	54	27	24	--	--
Kans....	5	5	24	32	25	23	6	3	--	--
9 N.C.:										
States :	390	107	382	682	304	282	88	77	--	--
Texas...	30	12	27	27	11	8	1	1	--	--
Colo....	14	4	36	38	71	47	24	34	--	--
Ariz....	29	13	15	18	6	10	1	1	--	--
Calif...	21	8	25	20	44	24	4	3	--	--
13 :										
States :	484	144	485	785	436	371	118	116	--	--
Pa.....	1	2	3	3	2	2	--	--	--	--
Mich....	10	3	13	14	4	10	1	1	--	--
Wis....	8	3	8	13	7	3	3	2	--	--
N.Dak...	15	3	11	18	11	5	2	2	--	--
Okla....	7	3	10	9	3	6	--	--	--	--
Mont....	6	2	8	5	9	6	2	3	--	--
Idaho...	11	5	11	18	16	10	4	3	--	--
Utah....	11	1	8	7	10	9	1	2	--	--
21 :										
States :	553	166	557	872	498	422	131	129	--	--

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C.:										
States :	33	9	33	59	26	25	8	7	--	--
13 :										
States :	32	10	32	56	28	26	8	8	--	--
21 :										
States :	32	10	32	55	29	27	7	8	--	--

Cattle and calves on feed by classes,
January 1, and April 1, 1959

State	January 1			April 1		
	Steers and steer calves	Heifers and heifer calves	Cows and other	Steers and steer calves	Heifers and heifer calves	Cows and other
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio	154	34	2	139	31	2
Indiana	163	89	3	155	71	2
Illinois	488	154	1	471	157	---
Minnesota	272	124	4	269	131	2
Iowa	1,017	352	5	1,050	351	3
Missouri	213	76	3	214	58	3
South Dakota	183	81	5	180	68	2
Nebraska	439	194	4	468	218	2
Kansas	167	60	2	150	63	2
9 N.C. States	3,096	1,164	29	3,096	1,148	18
Texas	105	69	4	98	48	1
Colorado	144	145	4	151	123	2
Arizona	154	51	5	139	42	6
California	397	94	13	311	55	4
13 States	3,896	1,523	55	3,795	1,416	31
Pennsylvania	69	6	2	60	7	2
Michigan	81	28	1	79	28	1
Wisconsin	82	26	5	77	21	1
North Dakota	67	39	8	59	28	4
Oklahoma	28	20	2	24	18	1
Montana	33	25	7	22	16	2
Idaho	100	42	7	77	36	3
Utah	40	30	3	25	19	2
21 States	4,396	1,739	90	4,218	1,589	47

Percentage distribution of total

	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
9 N.C. States	72	27	1	73	27	---
13 States	71	28	1	72	27	1
21 States	71	28	1	72	27	1

Cattle and calves: marketings of cattle and calves on feed
April 1, 1958 and 1959

State	On feed		Expected marketings of cattle and calves					After June 30, 1959
	April 1, 1958		on feed April 1, 1959					
	Marketed April-June 1958	Marketed After June 30, 1958	April	May	June	June	Total	
	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	61	97	15	28	21	64	108	
Indiana	107	143	16	32	32	80	148	
Illinois	284	344	57	82	94	233	395	
Minnesota	138	238	40	40	48	128	274	
Iowa	536	868	98	168	197	463	941	
Missouri	99	151	30	41	36	107	168	
South Dakota	104	139	35	30	32	97	153	
Nebraska	290	309	116	124	110	350	338	
Kansas	74	101	47	60	39	146	69	
9 N.C. States	1,693	2,390	454	605	609	1,668	2,594	
Texas	57	49	34	38	30	102	45	
Colorado	119	112	67	71	58	196	80	
Arizona	109	55	47	42	36	125	62	
California	227	52	92	100	89	281	89	
13 States	2,205	2,658	694	856	822	2,372	2,870	
Pennsylvania	2/	2/	12	12	13	37	32	
Michigan	2/	2/	11	15	18	44	64	
Wisconsin	2/	2/	13	10	11	34	65	
North Dakota	2/	2/	10	11	14	35	56	
Oklahoma	26	6	11	10	11	32	11	
Montana	2/	2/	10	9	6	25	15	
Idaho	2/	2/	24	21	19	64	52	
Utah	2/	2/	10	10	10	30	16	
21 States	2/	2/	795	954	924	2,673	3,181	

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N. C. States	41	59	11	14	14	39	61
13 States	45	55	13	16	16	45	55
21 States	2/	2/	14	16	16	46	54

1/ Excludes "Short Feds" that is cattle which were put on feed after January 1, 1958, and marketed before April 1, 1958.

2/ Not available.

Cattle and calves: Length of time on feed beginning of each quarter,
selected States, April 1, 1958, January 1 and April 1, 1959

State	Less than 3 months			3 - 6 months			More than 6 months		
	Apr. 1	Jan. 1	April 1	Apr. 1	Jan. 1	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	Jan. 1	Apr. 1
	1958	1959	1959	1958	1959	1959	1958	1959	1959
	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
Ohio	38	118	34	106	36	121	14	6	17
Indiana	60	209	60	175	38	157	15	8	11
Illinois	213	546	238	377	71	371	38	26	19
Minnesota	124	312	117	226	44	257	26	44	28
Iowa	590	1,113	548	772	179	814	42	82	42
Missouri	63	239	82	177	47	182	10	6	11
South Dakota	75	207	70	161	48	165	7	14	15
Nebraska	323	463	368	264	160	301	12	14	19
Kansas	100	124	116	69	95	90	6	10	9
9 N.C. States	1,586	3,361	1,633	2,327	718	2,458	170	210	171
Texas	63	132	86	39	42	59	4	4	2
Colorado	112	180	115	110	104	150	9	9	11
Arizona	81	166	77	82	40	102	1	4	8
California	194	393	249	60	106	117	25	5	4
13 States	2,036	4,232	2,160	2,618	1,010	2,886	209	232	196
Pennsylvania	1/	55	25	1/	17	36	1/	5	8
Michigan	1/	84	27	1/	23	66	1/	3	15
Wisconsin	1/	85	22	1/	20	67	1/	8	10
North Dakota	1/	96	28	1/	14	60	1/	4	3
Oklahoma	22	41	30	10	8	13	---	1	---
Montana	1/	50	9	1/	6	25	1/	9	6
Idaho	42	107	38	62	39	69	6	3	9
Utah	1/	59	15	1/	12	28	1/	2	3
21 States	17	4,809	2,354	1/	1,140	3,250	1/	267	250

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C. States	39	78	38	57	17	58	4	5	4
13 States	42	77	41	54	19	55	4	4	4
21 States	1/	77	40	1/	19	56	1/	4	4

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2,372,000 head in April, May and June. If these intentions are carried out, marketings this quarter would be 8 percent above the 2,205,000 head marketed from the April 1, 1958 inventory during the same 3-month period of last year. Present plans are to market 2,870,000 head of the April inventory after July 1--8 percent more than the number marketed after July 1 last year from those on feed April 1. Cattle feeders in 21 States expect to market 2,673,000 head--46 percent of the April 1 inventory--during April, May, and June. Of the April 1 total number on feed, 14 percent are expected to be marketed in April, 16 percent in May, and 16 percent in June.