

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED
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CATTLE ON FEED 21 STATES

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The number of cattle and calves on feed July 1, 1959 in 21 major feeding States totaled 5,128,000 head according to the Crop Reporting Board. In these same 21 States, 5,891,000 head were on feed April 1 and 6,225,000 head were on feed January 1.

13 STATES INCREASE 10 PERCENT

In the 13 feeding States for which comparable data are available, 4,704,000 head were on feed July 1, 1959--10 percent above the 4,281,000 head on feed a year earlier and a record high July 1 total for the series which began in 1955. The April-July decline of 11 percent for the 13 States is in line with the decline of last year, but less than the seasonal drop shown for the three earlier years.

NUMBERS UP 7 PERCENT IN NORTH CENTRAL STATES

Cattle and calves on feed in 9 North Central States at 3,464,000 head this July 1 compare with 3,252,000 head a year earlier--an increase of 7 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. The increases ranged from 3 percent in Ohio, Indiana, and Kansas to 14 percent in Nebraska. The exception was Illinois which showed a 2 percent decline. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into 9 Corn Belt States for the period April through June were up a third from a year earlier.

FOUR WESTERN STATES SHOW 21 PERCENT INCREASE

For the 4 important Western States for which comparable data are available, (Texas, Colorado, Arizona, and California) cattle on feed numbers July 1, 1959 at 1,240,000 head were up 21 percent from the 1,029,000 head July 1, 1958. These same States had 933,000 head on feed April 1, 1959. Practically all of this increase occurred in California, where numbers usually increase from April to July. July 1 numbers in this State were up 18 percent from a year earlier and a record high. In Colorado numbers were up 9 percent from July 1, 1958.

MARKETINGS AND PLACEMENTS UP FOR SECOND QUARTER OF 1959

Marketings of fed cattle during the second quarter of 1959 were 9 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 sold out of first hand for slaughter at 7 markets for April through June were 10 percent above the same period a year earlier. This increase was partially offset by a decline in fed heifer slaughter.

The number of cattle placed on feed during the April-June period of 1959 in 13 States was 13 percent above a year earlier. Placements in the 9 North Central States were up 14 percent and the combined total placements for Texas, Colorado, Arizona, and California showed an 11 percent increase.

For the 21 States, 2,902,000 fed cattle and calves were marketed and 2,139,000 head of cattle and calves were placed on feed during the April-June period of 1959.

WEIGHT OF CATTLE ON FEED

A breakdown of July 1 numbers by weight groups in 13 States indicates a 3 percent decrease from a year earlier in the number of cattle weighing over 900 pounds. The 1,573,000 head weighing over 900 pounds were 49,000 head less than the number in this group on July 1, 1958. The number weighing under 900 pounds totaled 3,131,000 head--up 472,000 head or 18 percent from a year earlier. For the 21 States now in the quarterly program, 3 percent of the cattle and calves on feed July 1, 1959 weighed under 500 pounds, 18 percent were in the 500-699 class, 46 percent weighed 700-899 pounds, 25 percent were in the 900-1,099 class, and 8 percent weighed over 1,100 pounds.

TIME ON FEED

Cattle on feed less than 3 months for the 13 States for which comparable data are available were 18 percent above July 1, 1958, whereas the number on feed 3-6 months was up 7 percent and the number over 6 months was up 4 percent. The number on feed less than 3 months on July 1 made up 40 percent of the total compared with 38 percent a year earlier. The number on feed 3 - 6 months accounted for 33 percent of the total compared with 34 percent last year. Those on feed more than 6 months comprised 27 percent of the total this July 1 and 28 percent a year earlier. In 21 States the number on feed less than 3 months July 1 was 40 percent of the total; 3-6 months, 32 percent; and over 6 months, 28 percent.

KINDS ON FEED

In the 21 States now in the quarterly reporting program, steers and steer calves comprised 71 percent of the cattle and calves on feed July 1, 1959. Heifers and heifer calves made up 28 percent of the total, while cows and other cattle made up 1 percent.

MARKETING INTENTIONS

In 13 States for which comparable data are available, cattle feeders reported that out of the cattle and calves on feed July 1, they expect to market 3,165,000 in July, August, and September. If intentions are carried out marketings for this quarter would be 25 percent above the 2,533,000 head marketed from the July 1 inventory during the same 3-month period last year. Present plans are to market 1,539,000 head of those now on feed after September 30, 1959--12 percent less than the number marketed after September 30 last year from those on hand July 1. Cattle feeders in 21 States expect to market 3,480,000 head--68 percent of the July 1 inventory during July, August, and September. Of the July 1 total number on feed, 19 percent are intended for market in July, 25 percent in August, and 24 percent in September.

Cattle and calves: Inventories, marketings and placements

April 1 to June 30

Item	1958 Number	13 States 1,000 head	1959 Number	% of 1958	21 States 1,000 head
Cattle and Calves on Feed, April 1	4,863	5,281	109		5,891
Cattle and Calves Placed on Feed					
April 1 - June 30 1/.....	1,765	1,989	113		2,139
Total Fed Cattle Marketed					
April 1 - June 30 1/.....	2,347	2,566	109		2,902
Cattle and Calves on Feed, July 1	4,281	4,704	110		5,128

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

July 1, 1958, April 1 and July 1, 1959 with comparisons 1/

State	July 1, 1958 : April 1, 1959	July 1, 1959 : as percent of	July 1, 1958
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio	115	172	118
Indiana	180	228	185
Illinois.....	491	628	481
Minnesota.....	297	402	336
Iowa	1,189	1,446	1,260
Missouri.....	189	275	204
South Dakota..	181	250	203
Nebraska	457	688	520
Kansas	153	209	157
9 N.C. States:	3,252	4,298	3,464
Texas	107	150	143
Colorado	234	276	256
Arizona	139	187	193
California ...	549	370	648
13 States ...	4,281	5,281	4,704
Pennsylvania...	2/	69	50
Michigan	2/	108	80
Wisconsin	2/	99	66
North Dakota..	2/	91	68
Oklahoma	24	43	29
Montana	2/	40	26
Idaho	2/	116	74
Utah	2/	44	31
21 States ...	2/	5,891	5,128

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 1/			Number marketed 1/			Number short fed 2/		
	Apr.- June 1958	Jan.- Mar. 1959	Apr.- June 1959	Apr.- June 1958	Jan.- Mar. 1959	Apr.- June 1959	Apr.- June 1958	Jan.- Mar. 1959	Apr.- June 1959
Ohio...	22	36	23	105	65	54	77	118	4
Ind...	43	62	49	114	113	89	92	81	6
Ill...	170	248	176	104	307	263	323	105	23
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Minn...	61	122	78	128	140	120	144	103	2
Iowa...	338	615	399	118	553	543	585	106	17
Mo....	44	94	54	123	105	111	125	119	6
S.Dak.	48	74	44	92	110	93	91	83	6
Nebr...	167	382	211	126	309	331	379	123	19
Kans...	65	118	58	89	87	138	110	126	13
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9 N.C.									54
States:	958	1,751	1,092	114	1,789	1,742	1,926	108	96
									70
									36
									38
Texas...	63	93	87	138	62	121	94	152	5
Colo...	130	120	138	106	127	137	158	124	8
Ariz...	88	77	128	145	113	100	122	108	4
Calif...	526	269	544	103	256	403	266	104	29
									20
									19
									66
13									
States:	1,765	2,310	1,989	113	2,347	2,503	2,566	109	142
									105
									81
									57
Pa.....	3/	28	20	3/	3/	36	39	3/	3
Mich...	3/	28	15	3/	3/	30	43	3/	1
Wisc...	3/	26	15	3/	3/	40	48	3/	4
N.Dak.	3/	31	17	3/	3/	54	40	3/	3
Okl...	20	33	27	135	28	40	41	146	2
Mont...	3/	10	11	3/	3/	35	25	3/	1
Idaho...	3/	42	29	3/	3/	75	71	3/	4
Utah...	3/	16	16	3/	3/	45	29	3/	2
									2
									3/
21									
States:	3/	2,524	2,139	3/	3/	2,858	2,902	3/	3/
									126
									97
									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,
 July 1, 1958, April 1 and July 1, 1959

State	Under 900 pounds		900 pounds and over			
	July 1, 1958	April 1, 1959	July 1, 1959	July 1, 1958	April 1, 1959	July 1, 1959
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio	73	143	85	42	29	33
Indiana	126	193	138	54	35	47
Illinois	275	438	277	216	190	204
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Minnesota	226	312	242	71	90	94
Iowa	713	1,014	833	476	432	427
Missouri	127	217	115	62	58	89
South Dakota....	125	180	145	56	70	58
Nebraska	282	452	335	175	236	185
Kansas	63	136	99	90	73	58
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9 N.C. States	2,010	3,085	2,269	1,242	1,213	1,195
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Texas	91	129	117	16	21	26
Colorado	138	140	162	96	136	94
Arizona	110	149	160	29	38	33
California	310	264	423	239	106	225
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13 States	2,659	3,767	3,131	1,622	1,514	1,573
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Pennsylvania ...	1/	39	24	1/	30	26
Michigan	1/	79	44	1/	29	36
Wisconsin	1/	75	45	1/	24	21
North Dakota ..	1/	74	53	1/	17	15
Oklahoma	17	33	21	7	10	8
Montana	1/	24	16	1/	16	10
Idaho	1/	76	49	1/	40	25
Utah	1/	30	24	1/	14	7
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21 States	1/	4,197	3,407	1/	1,694	1,721

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
9 N.C. States ..	62	72	66	38	28	34
13 States	62	71	67	38	29	33
21 States	1/	71	66	1/	29	34

1/ Not available.

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

State	Under 500	500-699	700-899	900-1099	1100 pounds and over					
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds						
	April 1	July 1	April 1	July 1	April 1	July 1	April 1	July 1	April 1	July 1
	: 1,000 head	: 1,000 head	: 1,000 head	: 1,000 head	: 1,000 head	: 1,000 head				
Ohio...	16	4	66	23	61	58	27	31	2	2
Ind...	17	3	105	39	71	96	32	40	3	7
Ill...	28	6	262	60	148	211	152	150	38	54
Minn...	33	11	191	68	88	163	76	70	14	24
Iowa...	61	6	606	210	347	617	366	276	66	151
Mo....	23	6	97	31	97	78	54	77	4	12
S.Dak...	20	4	109	50	51	91	54	48	16	10
Nebr...	37	3	205	74	210	258	178	138	58	47
Kans...	11	1	59	28	66	70	61	43	12	15
9 N.C.:										
States:	246	44	1,700	583	1,139	1,642	1,000	873	213	322
Texas...	33	22	60	43	36	52	15	22	6	4
Colo...	5	2	56	44	79	116	110	72	26	22
Ariz...	37	33	62	46	50	81	35	30	3	3
Calif.:	23	36	98	117	143	270	86	191	20	34
13 :										
States:	344	137	1,976	833	1,447	2,161	1,246	1,188	268	385
Pa....:	4	2	15	7	20	15	20	16	10	10
Mich...	6	2	33	8	40	34	24	28	5	8
Wisc...	10	4	41	17	24	24	20	14	4	7
N.Dak.:	8	3	48	14	18	36	12	14	5	1
Okla...	4	1	15	6	14	14	8	6	2	2
Mont...	3	-	10	4	11	12	10	7	6	3
Idaho.:	8	5	37	12	31	32	33	22	7	3
Utah...	3	1	11	5	16	18	13	5	1	2
21 :										
States:	390	155	2,186	906	1,621	2,346	1,386	1,300	308	421

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.									
9 N.C.:										
States:	6	1	40	17	26	48	23	25	5	9
13 :										
States:	7	3	37	18	27	46	24	25	5	8
21 :										
States:	7	3	37	18	27	46	24	25	5	8

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

State	Under 500		500-699		700-899		900-1099		1100 pounds	
	April pounds	July pounds	April head	July head	April head	July head	April head	July head	April head	July head
Ohio....	10	3	50	14	51	44	26	30	2	2
Ind.....	9	2	58	17	54	55	31	37	3	7
Ill.....	19	4	155	39	113	142	146	146	38	54
Minn....	19	7	108	30	62	96	67	61	13	24
Iowa....	32	3	400	113	249	425	335	253	65	151
Mo.....	15	3	60	17	84	63	51	74	4	12
S.Dak....	11	3	68	21	38	57	47	42	16	9
Nebr....	17	1	85	22	156	128	153	117	57	47
Kans....	6	1	28	14	44	34	55	40	12	15
9 N.C.:										
States...:	138	27	1,012	287	851	1,044	911	800	210	321
Texas...:	21	12	32	17	27	35	14	21	6	4
Colo....	1	1	18	8	32	43	75	56	25	22
Ariz....	24	21	44	29	36	61	33	27	2	3
Calif....	15	27	78	80	118	212	81	180	19	32
13 :										
States...:	199	88	1,184	421	1,064	1,395	1,114	1,084	262	382
Pa.....:	2	1	12	5	17	14	19	15	10	10
Mich....:	3	1	19	4	30	20	22	26	5	8
Wis....:	7	2	28	11	21	17	17	13	4	7
N.Dak....	5	2	30	7	12	22	8	12	4	1
Okla....:	1	1	6	2	8	8	7	6	2	2
Mont....:	1	--	5	1	5	5	6	6	5	3
Idaho....	3	3	19	4	20	17	28	18	7	3
Utah....:	2	--	5	2	7	8	9	5	1	2
21 :										
States...:	223	98	1,308	457	1,184	1,506	1,230	1,185	300	418

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.									
9 N.C. :										
States : 13	5	1	32	12	27	42	29	32	7	13
States : 21	5	3	31	13	28	41	29	32	7	11
States : 21	5	3	31	13	28	41	29	32	7	11

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

State	Under 500		500-699		700-899		900-1099		1100 pounds and over	
	pounds	head	pounds	head	pounds	head	pounds	head	pounds	head
	April 1	July 1	April 1	July 1	April 1	July 1	April 1	July 1	April 1	July 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...	6	1	16	9	9	14	--	1	--	--
Ind...	8	1	47	22	15	41	1	2	--	--
Ill...	9	2	107	21	35	69	6	4	--	--
Minn...	14	4	83	38	26	67	8	9	--	--
Iowa...	29	3	206	97	98	192	29	22	--	--
Mo....	8	3	36	14	13	14	1	2	--	--
S.Dak..	9	1	41	29	12	34	6	5	--	--
Nebr...	20	2	120	52	54	130	24	19	--	--
Kans...	5	--	31	14	22	36	4	3	--	--
9 N.C.:										
States:	108	17	687	296	284	597	79	67	--	--
Texas..	12	10	28	26	8	15	1	1	--	--
Colo...	4	1	38	36	47	73	34	16	--	--
Ariz...	13	11	18	17	10	17	1	1	--	--
Calif..	8	8	20	36	24	57	3	9	--	--
13 :										
States:	145	47	791	411	373	759	118	94	--	--
Pa....:	2	1	3	2	2	1	--	--	--	--
Mich...	3	1	14	4	10	14	1	1	--	--
Wisc...	3	2	13	6	3	7	2	1	--	--
N.Dak..	3	1	18	7	5	13	2	1	--	--
Okla...	3	--	9	4	6	6	--	--	--	--
Mont...	2	--	5	3	6	7	3	1	--	--
Idaho..	5	2	18	8	10	15	3	2	--	--
Utah...	1	1	6	3	9	10	2	--	--	--
21 :										
States:	167	55	877	448	424	832	131	100	--	--

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.									
9 N.C.:										
States:	9	2	59	30	25	61	7	7	--	--
13 :										
States:	10	4	56	31	26	58	8	7	--	--
21 :										
States:	10	4	55	31	27	58	8	7	--	--

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

State	April 1			July 1		
	Heifers:		Cows and heifer		Steers and calves:	
	Steers and steer calves:	Calves:	Cows and other	Steer calves:	Heifer	Other
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Ohio.....	139	31	2	93	25	---
Indiana.....	155	71	2	118	66	1
Illinois.....	471	157	---	385	96	---
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Minnesota....	269	131	2	218	118	---
Iowa.....	1,081	362	3	945	314	1
Missouri....	214	58	3	169	33	2
South Dakota..	180	68	2	132	69	2
Nebraska.....	468	218	2	315	203	2
Kansas.....	145	62	2	104	53	---
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9 N.C. States	3,122	1,158	18	2,479	977	8
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Texas.....	100	49	1	89	52	2
Colorado....	151	123	2	130	126	---
Arizona.....	139	42	6	141	46	6
California...	311	55	4	531	110	7
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13 States....	3,823	1,427	31	3,370	1,311	23
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Pennsylvania..	60	7	2	45	4	1
Michigan....	79	28	1	59	20	1
Wisconsin....	77	21	1	50	16	---
North Dakota..	59	28	4	44	22	2
Oklahoma....	24	18	1	19	10	---
Montana.....	22	16	2	15	11	---
Idaho.....	77	36	3	45	27	2
Utah.....	24	18	2	17	14	---
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21 States....	4,245	1,599	47	3,364	1,435	29

Percentage distribution of total

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

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

State	Less than 3 months			3-6 months			More than 6 months		
	July 1, 1958	Apr. 1, 1959	July 1, 1959	July 1, 1958	July 1, 1959	July 1, 1959	July 1, 1958	July 1, 1959	July 1, 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.....	18	34	21	29	121	25	68	17	72
Indiana.....	37	60	48	54	157	52	89	11	85
Illinois.....	147	238	173	172	371	183	172	19	125
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Minnesota.....	59	117	74	101	257	94	137	28	168
Iowa.....	321	593	391	357	810	365	511	43	504
Missouri.....	38	91	51	104	176	86	47	8	67
South Dakota....	42	70	41	65	165	65	74	15	97
Nebraska.....	148	368	206	257	301	249	52	19	65
Kansas.....	52	110	51	91	91	96	10	8	10
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9 N.C. States...	862	1,681	1,056	1,230	2,449	1,215	1,160	168	1,193
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Texas.....	58	89	78	46	59	58	3	2	7
Colorado.....	122	115	130	90	150	96	22	11	30
Arizona.....	84	71	119	48	107	60	7	9	14
California.....	497	249	525	37	117	117	15	4	6
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13 States.....	1,623	2,205	1,908	1,451	2,882	1,546	1,207	194	1,250
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Pennsylvania....	1/	25	18	1/	36	16	1/	8	16
Michigan.....	1/	27	13	1/	66	16	1/	15	51
Wisconsin.....	1/	22	14	1/	67	14	1/	10	38
North Dakota....	1/	28	16	1/	60	18	1/	3	34
Oklahoma.....	18	30	22	6	13	4	---	---	3
Montana.....	1/	9	10	1/	25	7	1/	6	9
Idaho.....	1/	38	27	1/	69	27	1/	9	20
Utah.....	1/	14	14	1/	27	5	1/	3	12
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21 States.....	17	2,398	2,042	1/	3,245	1,653	1/	248	1,433

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.								
9 N.C. States...	26	39	31	38	57	35	36	4	34
13 States.....	38	42	40	34	54	33	28	4	27
21 States.....	1/	41	40	1/	55	32	1/	4	28

1/ Not available.

Cattle and calves: Marketings of cattle and calves on feed
July 1, 1958 and 1959

State	On feed		Expected marketings of cattle and calves on feed, July 1, 1959					
	Marketed: July 1, 1958	Marketed: July-Sept.: 1958 1/ Sept. 30, 1958:	After July: August: September: Sept. 30, 1959	July 1, 1959	August	September	Sept. 30, 1959	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	1,000 head
Ohio.....	74	41	20	36	22	78	40	
Indiana.....	123	57	28	43	57	128	57	
Illinois.....	301	190	82	111	91	284	197	
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Minnesota.....	158	139	57	87	81	225	111	
Iowa.....	633	556	189	227	290	706	554	
Missouri.....	138	51	31	61	63	155	49	
South Dakota....	88	93	28	39	53	120	83	
Nebraska.....	302	155	112	138	148	398	122	
Kansas.....	94	59	49	50	37	136	21	
9 N.C. States...	1,911	1,341	596	792	842	2,230	1,234	
Texas.....	72	35	33	36	34	103	40	
Colorado.....	122	112	57	58	59	174	82	
Arizona.....	85	54	43	38	46	127	66	
California.....	343	206	155	214	162	531	117	
13 States.....	2,533	1,748	884	1,138	1,143	3,165	1,539	
Pennsylvania....	27	2/	12	13	11	36	14	
Michigan.....	2/	2/	21	26	18	65	15	
Wisconsin.....	2/	2/	11	11	14	36	30	
North Dakota....	2/	2/	14	17	15	46	22	
Oklahoma.....	19	5	7	11	8	26	3	
Montana.....	2/	2/	6	9	6	21	5	
Idaho.....	2/	2/	21	22	15	58	16	
Utah.....	2/	2/	9	9	9	27	4	
21 States.....	2/	2/	985	1,256	1,239	3,480	1,648	

Percentage distribution of total

	Pct.						
9 N.C. States...	59	41	17	23	24	64	36
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13 States.....	59	41	19	24	24	67	33
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21 States.....	2/	2/	19	25	24	68	32
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1/ Excludes "Short Feds" that is cattle which were put on feed after July 1, 1958 and marketed before October 1, 1958.

2/ Not available.