

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED
December 1, 1959

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California: On December 1, 1959, 665,000 head of cattle and calves were on feed for market in California, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This number is 3 percent below the 687,000 head on feed November 1 this year. Placements of cattle and calves in California during November amounted to 105,000 head compared with 177,000 head in October. Marketings of fed cattle for California in November are estimated at 127,000 head, about the same as the 126,000 head marketed in October.

Arizona: The number of cattle and calves on feed for market in Arizona on December 1, 1959 totaled 265,000 head, a 6 percent increase from the 249,000 head on feed a month earlier. Cattle and calves placed on feed during November in Arizona totaled 49,000 head compared with 79,000 head in October. Fed cattle marketed for Arizona in November are estimated at 33,000 head, slightly less than the 35,000 head marketed in October 1959.

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Cattle and calves: Inventories, marketings, and placements,
Arizona and California, 1959

Item	: Arizona	: California
	: 1,000	: 1,000
	: <u>head</u>	: <u>head</u>
Cattle and calves on feed November 1	: 249	: 687
Cattle and calves placed on feed during November.	: 49	: 105
Fed cattle marketed during November.	: 33	: 127
Cattle and calves on feed December 1	: 265	: 665

Steers sold out of first hands for slaughter at selected markets,
November 1958 and 1959 1/

Market and grade	Number		Average weight		Average price per 100 pounds live weight	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	Head	Head	Pounds	Pounds	Dollars	Dollars
<u>Chicago</u>						
Prime.....	21,323	13,026	1,236	1,248	27.64	27.94
Choice.....	92,677	93,335	1,174	1,159	26.77	26.53
Good.....	14,202	27,149	1,104	1,101	25.82	25.19
Other 2/.....	1,636	4,583	1,065	1,031	24.31	22.76
Total.....	129,838	138,093	1,175	1,152	26.79	26.31
<u>Cincinnati</u>						
Prime.....	---	7	---	1,485	---	25.50
Choice.....	879	1,069	1,037	1,079	26.98	26.38
Good.....	1,571	1,326	1,000	1,013	25.63	24.91
Other 2/.....	1,226	1,010	1,035	1,027	23.79	22.34
Total.....	3,676	3,412	1,021	1,039	25.33	24.64
<u>Denver</u>						
Prime.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Choice.....	5,226	5,315	1,166	1,142	26.33	26.32
Good.....	4,814	3,778	1,155	1,100	25.45	25.03
Other 2/.....	122	45	1,041	1,188	22.14	20.81
Total.....	10,162	9,138	1,159	1,125	25.87	25.77
<u>Fort Worth</u>						
Prime.....	4	18	821	959	29.00	27.50
Choice.....	116	152	778	1,058	27.17	24.94
Good.....	742	1,004	1,002	1,035	26.13	23.42
Other 2/.....	605	2,009	1,012	896	22.84	20.80
Total.....	1,467	3,183	988	947	24.81	21.96
<u>Indianapolis</u>						
Prime.....	203	59	1,100	1,348	27.95	26.85
Choice.....	3,971	4,311	1,073	1,114	26.49	26.50
Good.....	3,372	5,661	991	1,019	25.39	25.07
Other 2/.....	841	1,973	886	951	23.63	22.78
Total.....	8,387	12,004	1,022	1,043	25.85	25.28
<u>Kansas City</u>						
Prime.....	184	81	1,087	1,094	28.00	27.22
Choice.....	6,210	7,984	1,132	1,130	26.27	25.68
Good.....	10,339	11,351	1,138	1,131	24.84	23.37
Other 2/.....	3,067	3,426	1,084	1,075	23.43	20.67
Total.....	19,800	22,842	1,127	1,122	25.11	23.81
<u>Oklahoma City</u>						
Prime.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Choice.....	491	700	1,104	1,210	26.05	24.57
Good.....	1,958	1,596	1,111	1,144	25.08	23.40
Other 2/.....	590	800	1,129	1,036	23.85	21.32
Total.....	3,039	3,096	1,113	1,131	24.99	23.19

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Steers sold out of first hands for slaughter at selected markets,
November, 1958 and 1959 1/--Continued

Market and grade	Number		Average weight		Average price per 100 pounds live weight	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	Head	Head	Pounds	Pounds	Dollars	Dollars
<u>Omaha</u>						
Prime.....	4,429	896	1,198	1,220	26.70	26.68
Choice.....	33,510	38,361	1,131	1,132	25.97	25.24
Good.....	16,004	25,943	1,118	1,117	25.03	23.76
Other 2/.....	6,758	4,081	1,161	1,096	23.59	21.30
Total.....	60,701	69,281	1,136	1,126	25.51	24.49
<u>St. Louis NSY</u>						
Prime.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Choice.....	4,432	3,248	1,088	1,069	26.71	26.35
Good.....	8,007	12,254	1,068	1,086	25.53	24.64
Other 2/.....	2,322	5,239	1,051	1,031	23.72	21.71
Total.....	14,761	20,741	1,072	1,069	25.61	24.20
<u>Sioux City</u>						
Prime.....	823	881	1,162	1,221	26.95	26.90
Choice.....	33,907	31,536	1,145	1,143	25.85	25.16
Good.....	10,020	22,364	1,106	1,082	24.95	24.09
Other 2/.....	2,253	3,108	1,115	1,075	23.51	21.90
Total.....	47,003	57,889	1,136	1,117	25.57	24.62
<u>Sioux Falls</u>						
Prime.....	14	112	1,567	1,187	24.50	25.85
Choice.....	5,658	5,189	1,148	1,144	25.81	24.95
Good.....	3,571	3,982	1,152	1,083	25.00	23.56
Other 2/.....	491	610	1,118	1,056	23.30	20.97
Total.....	9,734	9,893	1,148	1,114	25.38	24.18
<u>So. St. Joseph</u>						
Prime.....	106	32	1,092	1,207	28.02	26.92
Choice.....	8,032	14,272	1,080	1,122	26.64	25.31
Good.....	10,885	11,731	1,126	1,110	25.16	23.45
Other 2/.....	4,501	3,181	1,119	1,067	23.64	20.75
Total.....	23,524	29,216	1,109	1,111	25.37	24.09
<u>Total 12 Markets</u>						
Prime.....	27,086	15,112	1,225	1,243	27.47	27.78
Choice.....	195,109	205,472	1,150	1,144	26.41	25.91
Good.....	85,485	128,139	1,108	1,098	25.24	24.23
Other 2/.....	24,412	30,065	1,101	1,040	23.62	21.61
Total.....	332,092	378,788	1,142	1,124	26.01	25.12

1/ Data collected by Livestock and Agricultural Estimates Divisions, AMS.
2/ Standard, commercial, and utility.

Heifers sold out of first hands for slaughter at selected markets,
November 1958 and 1959 1/

Market and grade	Number		Average weight		Average price per 100 pounds live weight	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	Head	Head	Pounds	Pounds	Dollars	Dollars
<u>Chicago</u>						
Prime.....	3,049	2,925	1,001	1,002	27.33	25.87
Choice.....	20,028	23,663	960	962	26.58	24.88
Good.....	4,597	10,354	906	916	25.81	23.84
Other 2/.....	1,711	2,288	933	890	24.05	21.01
Total.....	29,385	39,230	954	949	26.41	24.48
<u>Cincinnati</u>						
Prime.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Choice.....	446	591	818	829	26.52	25.43
Good.....	615	939	694	743	25.31	24.32
Other 2/.....	725	863	641	660	22.79	21.00
Total.....	1,786	2,393	703	734	24.73	23.55
<u>Denver</u>						
Prime.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Choice.....	5,622	7,136	956	939	26.12	25.17
Good.....	6,541	5,313	909	927	25.44	23.91
Other 2/.....	66	508	1,019	1,056	21.88	19.55
Total.....	12,229	12,957	931	939	25.74	24.41
<u>Fort Worth</u>						
Prime.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Choice.....	96	104	562	603	27.50	25.01
Good.....	219	263	786	564	25.38	24.02
Other 2/.....	53	265	596	649	22.95	20.08
Total.....	368	632	713	606	26.56	22.42
<u>Indianapolis</u>						
Prime.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Choice.....	757	1,321	885	884	26.32	25.07
Good.....	640	1,229	817	852	25.29	23.89
Other 2/.....	627	330	728	809	22.75	21.98
Total.....	2,024	2,880	815	862	25.01	24.24
<u>Kansas City</u>						
Prime.....	---	28	---	908	---	26.50
Choice.....	2,990	4,449	888	916	26.37	24.91
Good.....	2,845	4,560	889	898	25.11	22.92
Other 2/.....	565	2,011	864	858	22.72	19.98
Total.....	6,400	11,048	886	898	25.50	23.24
<u>Oklahoma City</u>						
Prime.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Choice.....	253	147	782	938	26.22	24.50
Good.....	684	616	804	850	25.44	23.16
Other 2/.....	139	401	855	806	23.33	21.41
Total.....	1,076	1,164	806	846	25.33	22.77

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Heifers sold out of first hands for slaughter at selected markets,
November 1958 and 1959 ^{1/}--Continued

Market and grade	Number		Average weight		Average price per 100	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	Head	Head	Pounds	Pounds	Dollars	Dollars
<u>Omaha</u>						
Prime.....	1,148	500	945	970	27.07	25.16
Choice.....	19,624	24,938	944	964	26.15	24.20
Good.....	7,676	18,085	931	932	25.17	23.02
Other ^{2/}	2,401	1,892	918	921	23.53	20.32
Total.....	30,849	45,415	939	949	25.75	23.59
<u>St. Louis NSY</u>						
Prime.....	7	---	844	---	27.75	---
Choice.....	695	796	835	868	26.75	25.66
Good.....	1,962	2,910	792	840	25.30	23.98
Other ^{2/}	1,532	2,536	823	805	22.15	20.41
Total.....	4,196	6,242	810	830	24.38	22.80
<u>Sioux City</u>						
Prime.....	425	453	971	988	26.71	25.13
Choice.....	12,837	19,109	950	951	25.81	23.92
Good.....	6,501	9,653	928	917	25.01	22.82
Other ^{2/}	915	1,609	938	927	23.38	21.09
Total.....	20,678	30,824	943	940	25.48	23.46
<u>Sioux Falls</u>						
Prime.....	46	29	1,003	990	26.51	24.19
Choice.....	4,232	4,295	971	971	25.57	23.42
Good.....	2,730	2,802	947	927	24.67	22.11
Other ^{2/}	209	395	973	961	22.68	19.76
Total.....	7,217	7,521	963	954	25.16	22.76
<u>So. St. Joseph</u>						
Prime.....	96	---	934	---	27.55	---
Choice.....	2,625	5,952	906	935	26.34	24.36
Good.....	2,294	4,443	897	895	25.27	22.97
Other ^{2/}	806	1,101	905	853	23.18	19.88
Total.....	5,821	11,496	903	911	25.50	23.43
<u>Total 12 Markets</u>						
Prime.....	4,771	3,935	983	995	27.21	25.69
Choice.....	70,205	92,501	945	952	26.20	24.43
Good.....	37,304	61,167	903	910	25.25	23.23
Other ^{2/}	9,749	14,199	870	861	23.21	20.51
Total.....	122,029	171,802	928	930	25.74	23.74

^{1/} Data collected by Livestock and Agricultural Estimates Divisions, AMS.
^{2/} Standard, commercial and utility.

Marketing data for 12 Markets: The number of steers and heifers marketed out of first hands for slaughter at 12 important live-stock markets totaled 550,590 head during November 1959, a 21 percent increase from the 454,121 head marketed during November 1958. Marketings of steers at 378,788 head for November 1959 compare with 332,092 head during the same month a year earlier, and heifer marketings out of first hands for slaughter totaled 171,802 head compared with 122,029 head in November 1958, a 41 percent increase.

Prime and choice quality steers and heifers accounted for a slightly smaller proportion of marketings for slaughter than in November last year, with a correspondingly higher percentage grading good.