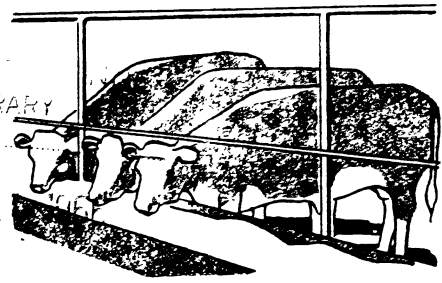


CATTLE ON FEED



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--Selected Markets

March 1, 1966

March 11, 1966

On March 1, 1966 there were 3,372,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, and Texas, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 3 percent less than the February 1 number but was 15 percent more than the number on feed March 1, 1965 in these 5 States. Cattle and calves placed on feed in these States totaled 544,000 head during February, 26 percent more than during February 1965. February marketings of fed cattle for slaughter from these States were 650,000 head, 4 percent more than a year earlier.

Arizona: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Arizona on March 1 totaled 306,000 head, 8 percent less than on February 1, and 3 percent less than on March 1, 1965. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during February at 26,000 head were 35 percent less than a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during February were 51,000 head, the same as a year earlier.

California: The number of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in California on March 1 was 786,000 head, 5 percent less than a month earlier but 15 percent more than a year earlier. Placement of cattle and calves on feed during February totaled 135,000 head, 78 percent more than in February 1965. Marketings of fed cattle during February were 178,000 head, 3 percent above the February 1965 number.

Colorado: Colorado feedlots held 569,000 head of cattle and calves being fed for slaughter market on March 1. This was a 3 percent reduction from the preceding month but a 12 percent increase from the preceding year. Placements of cattle and calves on feed were 76,000 head during February, 17 percent above the placements in February 1965. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 92,000 head, 11 percent above a year earlier.

Nebraska: There were 1,225,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on March 1 in Nebraska, slightly less than a month earlier but 20 percent more than on March 1, 1965. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during February amounted to 212,000 head, 9 percent more than a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during February were 214,000 head, 1 percent less than in February 1965.

Texas: On March 1, Texas had 486,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market. This was 4 percent less than the February 1 number but 22 percent above March 1, 1965. Placements during February of cattle and calves on feed were 95,000 head, 73 percent more than in February 1965. February marketings of fed cattle totaled 115,000 head, 15 percent more than a year earlier.

February Marketings for 15 Markets: Steers and heifers marketed out of first hands for slaughter at 15 major livestock markets totaled 426,207 head during February, 14 percent less than the February 1965 number. Steer marketings at 282,348 head were 21 percent below last year's February number, while heifer marketings at 143,859 head were 4 percent larger.

Steers and heifers grading prime, choice, and good totaled 397,860 head, 12 percent below the marketings of these three grades in February last year.

The February average live weight of steers was 1,121 pounds this year compared with 1,109 pounds last year. Heifers averaged 931 pounds compared with 924 pounds last year.

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Cattle and calves: Inventories, placements and marketings,
fed cattle, by States, February 1 to March 1

State	Number on feed 1/					
	February 1			March 1		
	1965	1966	1966 as % of 1965	1965	1966	1966 as % of 1965
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Arizona	327	331	101	316	306	97
California	782	829	106	686	786	115
Colorado	526	585	111	508	569	112
Nebraska	1,045	1,227	117	1,023	1,225	120
Texas	444	506	114	399	486	122
Total 5 States	3,124	3,478	111	2,932	3,372	115

State	Placements during February:			Marketings during February		
	1965	1966	1966 as % of 1965	1965	1966	1966 as % of 1965
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
	Arizona	40	26	65	51	51
California	76	135	178	172	178	103
Colorado	65	76	117	83	92	111
Nebraska	195	212	109	217	214	99
Texas	55	95	173	100	115	115
Total 5 States	431	544	126	623	650	104

1/ Cattle and Calves on feed are animals being fattened for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade good or better.

Cattle and calves: Inventories, placements and marketings, fed cattle,
February 1 to March 1

Item	Total 5 States		
	1965	1966	1966 as % of 1965
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
On feed February 1	3,124	3,478	111
Placed on feed during February:	431	544	126
Marketed during February	623	650	104
On feed March 1	2,932	3,372	115

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
FEBRUARY 1965 AND 1966 1/

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
<u>CHICAGO</u>						
PRIME.....	7,063	8,095	1,255	1,256	25.38	29.27
CHOICE.....	54,421	46,713	1,173	1,166	24.02	27.79
GOOD.....	18,925	10,729	1,083	1,064	22.37	26.19
OTHER 2/.....	4,584	3,570	1,049	1,042	17.90	23.55
TOTAL.....	84,993	69,107	1,153	1,154	23.50	27.55
<u>CINCINNATI</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	1,716	1,405	1,039	1,061	23.51	26.90
GOOD.....	1,599	2,673	1,002	999	21.56	24.87
OTHER 2/.....	1,915	1,077	1,024	1,037	17.61	21.25
TOTAL.....	5,230	5,155	1,023	1,024	20.76	24.67
<u>DENVER</u>						
PRIME.....	115	315	1,186	1,157	22.86	27.16
CHOICE.....	6,582	4,159	1,166	1,162	22.52	26.74
GOOD.....	3,861	1,193	1,087	1,100	20.99	25.25
OTHER 2/.....	150	135	1,088	1,051	16.56	22.15
TOTAL.....	10,708	5,802	1,137	1,146	21.91	26.37
<u>FORT WORTH</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	131	100	1,104	952	22.40	25.91
GOOD.....	1,244	271	996	888	20.37	24.72
OTHER 2/.....	328	28	944	765	17.79	22.28
TOTAL.....	1,703	399	994	896	20.07	24.89
<u>INDIANAPOLIS</u>						
PRIME.....	179	6	1,046	1,022	24.23	28.99
CHOICE.....	2,116	3,722	1,078	1,099	23.64	27.14
GOOD.....	6,833	6,086	1,038	1,056	22.35	25.75
OTHER 2/.....	2,321	1,403	992	1,043	18.77	22.34
TOTAL.....	11,449	11,217	1,036	1,069	21.93	25.81
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>						
PRIME.....	74	57	1,079	1,236	23.17	28.24
CHOICE.....	10,467	11,757	1,113	1,101	22.27	26.57
GOOD.....	16,260	5,155	1,054	1,078	21.13	25.16
OTHER 2/.....	2,075	1,033	1,066	1,093	17.30	22.43
TOTAL.....	28,876	18,002	1,076	1,095	21.29	25.94
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	571	451	1,060	1,116	21.83	26.22
GOOD.....	991	178	1,004	1,033	20.93	25.35
OTHER 2/.....	75	---	1,043	---	17.20	---
TOTAL.....	1,637	629	1,025	1,093	21.08	25.99
<u>OMAHA</u>						
PRIME.....	890	1,609	1,172	1,171	23.39	28.06
CHOICE.....	40,160	37,256	1,143	1,145	22.43	27.11
GOOD.....	28,251	18,962	1,077	1,087	21.39	25.67
OTHER 2/.....	3,450	1,875	1,106	1,098	17.44	22.84
TOTAL.....	72,751	59,702	1,116	1,126	21.82	26.56

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
FEBRUARY 1965 AND 1966 1/

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	22	52	1,136	1,066	24.05	27.64
CHOICE.....	5,500	6,462	1,072	1,083	22.90	26.60
GOOD.....	13,609	8,760	1,001	1,053	21.47	25.54
OTHER 2/.....	2,935	884	971	1,048	17.57	22.65
TOTAL.....	22,066	16,158	1,015	1,065	21.36	25.82
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	1,038	2,946	1,239	1,181	23.44	27.89
CHOICE.....	26,376	24,468	1,159	1,143	22.56	26.77
GOOD.....	13,939	7,211	1,078	1,092	21.45	25.29
OTHER 2/.....	1,905	1,098	1,095	1,116	17.11	22.37
TOTAL.....	43,258	35,723	1,132	1,135	22.01	26.44
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	76	232	1,221	1,151	23.56	28.00
CHOICE.....	6,649	7,470	1,190	1,168	22.83	26.98
GOOD.....	6,374	3,532	1,125	1,125	21.45	25.47
OTHER 2/.....	1,215	847	1,135	1,154	17.21	22.59
TOTAL.....	14,314	12,081	1,156	1,154	21.77	26.26
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	419	493	1,113	1,174	23.36	27.62
CHOICE.....	14,069	16,795	1,133	1,123	22.30	26.88
GOOD.....	14,237	7,828	1,050	1,069	21.00	25.51
OTHER 2/.....	1,185	1,064	1,103	1,102	17.18	22.54
TOTAL.....	29,910	26,180	1,092	1,106	21.52	26.32
SOUTH ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	7,147	8,766	1,136	1,131	22.82	27.30
GOOD.....	6,476	4,681	1,058	1,048	21.29	25.39
OTHER 2/.....	5,810	3,044	1,046	1,063	16.71	22.18
TOTAL.....	19,433	16,491	1,083	1,095	20.56	25.86
WEST FARGO						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	2,370	1,399	1,147	1,117	22.44	26.42
GOOD.....	3,211	1,367	1,049	1,086	20.28	24.77
OTHER 2/.....	1,343	568	1,026	1,129	15.89	21.95
TOTAL.....	6,924	3,334	1,078	1,106	20.26	24.98
LOUISVILLE						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	528	946	1,016	1,041	23.23	26.55
GOOD.....	1,988	1,118	1,003	1,036	21.95	25.44
OTHER 2/.....	936	304	980	1,109	19.02	22.54
TOTAL.....	3,452	2,368	999	1,048	21.37	25.49
TOTAL 15 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	9,876	13,805	1,233	1,222	24.85	28.72
CHOICE.....	178,803	171,869	1,150	1,141	22.99	27.16
GOOD.....	137,798	79,744	1,061	1,071	21.48	25.57
OTHER 2/.....	30,227	16,930	1,047	1,073	17.42	22.59
TOTAL.....	356,704	282,348	1,109	1,121	22.04	26.55

1/ DATA COLLECTED BY LIVESTOCK DIV., C & MS AND STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE.
2/ STANDARD, COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY.
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HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
FEBRUARY 1965 AND 1966 1/

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>DOLLARS</u>	<u>DOLLARS</u>
<u>CHICAGO</u>						
PRIME.....	877	1,792	1,024	1,018	23.89	27.68
CHOICE.....	8,179	8,993	968	955	22.90	26.61
GOOD.....	6,436	4,917	900	894	21.26	25.09
OTHER <u>2/</u>	1,627	2,242	834	899	17.89	22.58
TOTAL.....	17,119	17,944	932	938	21.93	25.85
<u>CINCINNATI</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	1,215	478	818	810	21.65	25.56
GOOD.....	826	1,502	777	807	19.81	23.74
OTHER <u>2/</u>	1,156	638	735	758	17.13	20.21
TOTAL.....	3,197	2,618	778	795	19.63	23.26
<u>DENVER</u>						
PRIME.....	---	180	---	976	---	26.34
CHOICE.....	6,382	3,951	972	935	21.91	25.71
GOOD.....	3,117	1,504	930	901	20.31	24.59
OTHER <u>2/</u>	90	93	943	992	15.89	20.86
TOTAL.....	9,589	5,728	958	928	21.35	25.36
<u>FORT WORTH</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	42	51	760	674	20.00	24.80
GOOD.....	1,282	670	684	653	19.13	24.42
OTHER <u>2/</u>	329	61	612	909	17.56	21.10
TOTAL.....	1,653	782	672	674	18.87	24.09
<u>INDIANAPOLIS</u>						
PRIME.....	90	10	961	888	23.24	27.28
CHOICE.....	1,063	2,197	904	920	22.22	25.67
GOOD.....	1,982	1,503	843	864	20.26	23.75
OTHER <u>2/</u>	403	304	833	846	17.51	21.01
TOTAL.....	3,538	4,014	863	894	20.66	24.64
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>						
PRIME.....	32	6	960	933	22.36	26.50
CHOICE.....	1,939	2,854	932	915	21.57	25.55
GOOD.....	4,367	2,682	849	856	19.60	23.81
OTHER <u>2/</u>	420	221	795	902	16.65	20.89
TOTAL.....	6,758	5,763	870	887	20.05	24.59
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	333	161	962	785	21.74	24.94
GOOD.....	1,059	156	855	870	20.06	23.85
OTHER <u>2/</u>	125	8	818	1,042	17.43	21.30
TOTAL.....	1,517	325	875	832	20.26	24.28
<u>OMAHA</u>						
PRIME.....	696	1,497	999	1,012	22.77	27.25
CHOICE.....	21,404	27,850	969	958	22.10	26.34
GOOD.....	16,153	14,748	915	907	20.68	24.55
OTHER <u>2/</u>	1,276	1,485	898	957	17.04	20.99
TOTAL.....	39,529	45,580	945	943	21.39	25.64

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FEBRUARY 1965 AND 1966 1/

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
<u>ST. LOUIS NSY</u>						
PRIME.....	---	36	---	951	---	26.79
CHOICE.....	1,255	1,988	899	915	21.68	25.67
GOOD.....	3,803	3,414	840	861	19.59	23.89
OTHER 2/.....	1,576	1,116	805	872	16.81	21.23
TOTAL.....	6,634	6,554	843	880	19.38	24.02
<u>SIOUX CITY</u>						
PRIME.....	660	1,848	1,005	1,021	22.73	26.66
CHOICE.....	9,877	12,473	977	959	21.83	25.61
GOOD.....	6,496	4,590	915	921	20.17	23.63
OTHER 2/.....	356	268	880	954	16.85	20.51
TOTAL.....	17,389	19,179	953	956	21.17	25.19
<u>SIOUX FALLS</u>						
PRIME.....	---	95	---	1,048	---	26.79
CHOICE.....	2,951	5,779	993	977	21.89	25.87
GOOD.....	4,208	3,013	931	941	20.24	24.12
OTHER 2/.....	1,127	764	943	988	17.03	21.14
TOTAL.....	8,286	9,651	955	967	20.42	24.97
<u>SO. ST. JOSEPH</u>						
PRIME.....	103	---	935	---	23.06	---
CHOICE.....	3,395	4,672	937	918	21.75	25.89
GOOD.....	3,705	3,136	873	896	19.80	24.17
OTHER 2/.....	207	202	841	868	16.96	21.35
TOTAL.....	7,410	8,010	902	908	20.70	25.12
<u>SOUTH ST. PAUL 3/</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	2,978	4,098	975	959	22.10	26.37
GOOD.....	4,517	5,252	917	923	20.37	24.66
OTHER 2/.....	2,330	2,844	920	945	15.49	20.25
TOTAL.....	9,825	12,194	935	940	19.78	24.21
<u>WEST FARGO</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	1,259	880	993	965	21.50	25.43
GOOD.....	1,498	1,738	943	930	19.41	23.74
OTHER 2/.....	1,120	957	949	938	14.39	18.86
TOTAL.....	3,877	3,575	961	941	18.68	22.86
<u>LOUISVILLE</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	152	759	877	887	22.21	25.21
GOOD.....	952	969	807	856	20.44	23.54
OTHER 2/.....	449	214	778	888	18.01	20.79
TOTAL.....	1,553	1,942	806	872	19.95	23.90
<u>TOTAL 15 MARKETS</u>						
PRIME.....	2,458	5,464	1,005	1,016	23.19	27.15
CHOICE.....	62,424	77,184	964	950	22.07	26.07
GOOD.....	60,401	49,794	893	896	20.32	24.30
OTHER 2/.....	12,591	11,417	857	917	16.59	20.91
TOTAL.....	137,874	143,859	924	931	20.89	25.12

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