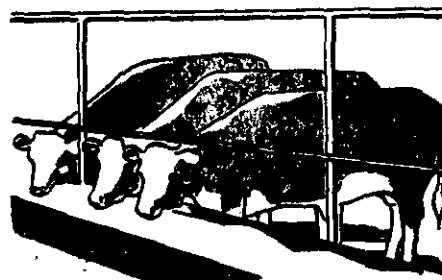


# CATTLE ON FEED



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--Selected Markets

March 1, 1968

March 12, 1968

On March 1, 1968 there were an estimated 5,998,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and Texas, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 4 percent less than the February 1 number but was 3 percent more than the number on feed March 1, 1967 in these 6 States. Cattle and calves placed on feed during February in these States totaled 868,000 head, 29 percent higher than during February 1967. Total placements in these 6 States for December 1967, January and February 1968 are 4 percent above the same period a year earlier. February marketings of fed cattle for slaughter from these States were 1,086,000 head, 11 percent more than a year earlier.

Arizona: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Arizona on March 1 totaled 361,000 head, 6 percent less than on February 1, and 2 percent lower than March 1, 1967. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during February, at 23,000 head, were 38 percent lower than a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during February were 45,000 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 687,000 head, 14 percent less than a month earlier, and 11 percent less than a year earlier. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during February totaled 69,000 head, 53 percent more than in February 1967. Marketings of fed cattle during February were 181,000 head, 1 percent above the February 1967 number.

Colorado: On March 1, Colorado feedlots held 608,000 head of cattle and calves being fed for slaughter market. This was a 3-percent reduction from the preceding month but a 2-percent increase from a year earlier. Placements of cattle and calves on feed were 99,000 head during February, 25 percent above the placements in February 1967. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 115,000 head, 17 percent above a year earlier.

Iowa: On March 1, there were 2,225,000 cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa, slightly below February 1 but 8 percent above March 1, 1967. Placements of cattle on feed were 293,000 head, 51 percent above a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 300,000 head during February, 7 percent above the same month a year earlier.

Nebraska: There were 1,366,000 head of cattle and calves on feed on March 1, in Nebraska, slightly below a month earlier but 3 percent above March 1, 1967. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during February amounted to 280,000 head, 41 percent more than a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during February were 285,000 head, 22 percent more than in February 1967.

Texas: The number of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas on March 1 was 751,000 head, 7 percent below the February 1 number but 11 percent above March 1, 1967. February placements of cattle on feed were 104,000 head, 13 percent below last year. Marketings of fed cattle during February amounted to 160,000 head, 16 percent above a year earlier.

February Marketings for 15 Markets: Steers and heifers marketed out of first hands for slaughter at 15 major livestock markets totaled 396,136 head during February, 4 percent less than the February 1967 number. Steer marketings, at 257,957 head, were 7 percent below last year's February marketings, but heifer marketings, at 138,179 head, were 2 percent higher.

Steers and heifers grading prime, choice, and good totaled 375,547 head, 3 percent lower than the marketings of these three grades in February last year.

The average liveweight of steers during February was 1,124 pounds this year compared with 1,138 pounds last year. Heifers averaged 941 pounds compared with 948 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		
	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
	head	head	Percent	head	head	Percent
Arizona .....	376	383	102	368	361	98
California .....	910	799	88	775	687	89
Colorado .....	615	624	101	596	608	102
Iowa 2/ .....	2,146	2,232	104	2,060	2,225	108
Nebraska .....	1,362	1,371	101	1,326	1,366	103
Texas .....	698	807	116	679	751	111
Total 6 States .....	6,107	6,216	102	5,804	5,998	103

State	Placements during February			Marketings during February		
	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
	head	head	Percent	head	head	Percent
Arizona .....	37	23	62	45	45	100
California .....	45	69	153	180	181	101
Colorado .....	79	99	125	98	115	117
Iowa 2/ .....	194	293	151	280	300	107
Nebraska .....	198	280	141	234	285	122
Texas .....	119	104	87	138	160	116
Total 6 States .....	672	868	129	975	1,086	111

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. 2/ Monthly report financed by matching funds provided jointly by State agencies and C&MS, USDA under provisions of Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

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

Item	Total 6 States		
	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
	head	head	Percent
On feed February 1 .....	6,107	6,216	102
Placed on feed during February ...	672	868	129
Marketed during February .....	975	1,086	111
On feed March 1 .....	5,804	5,998	103

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,  
FEBRUARY 1967 AND 1968 1/

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELWEIGHT	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
<b>CHICAGO</b>						
PRIME.....	12,926	5,441	1,230	1,271	25.73	29.33
CHOICE.....	47,607	44,152	1,183	1,167	24.92	27.34
GOOD.....	7,560	7,909	1,089	1,074	24.06	25.66
OTHER 2/.....	1,788	2,132	1,092	1,070	21.95	22.91
TOTAL.....	69,881	59,634	1,179	1,161	24.92	27.19
<b>CINCINNATI</b>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	1,172	1,499	1,032	1,060	25.18	26.77
GOOD.....	1,596	2,017	1,044	1,036	23.90	24.91
OTHER 2/.....	529	233	1,045	1,068	21.96	22.01
TOTAL.....	3,297	3,749	1,040	1,048	24.04	25.48
<b>DENVER</b>						
PRIME.....	20	---	1,118	---	24.58	---
CHOICE.....	2,490	686	1,152	1,109	24.01	25.55
GOOD.....	446	192	1,120	1,090	22.69	24.19
OTHER 2/.....	10	48	1,022	1,132	21.00	21.16
TOTAL.....	2,966	926	1,147	1,106	23.81	25.04
<b>FORT WORTH</b>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	109	106	955	1,140	24.16	26.30
GOOD.....	357	188	954	924	23.34	23.54
OTHER 2/.....	246	122	889	889	20.76	20.80
TOTAL.....	712	416	932	969	22.61	23.63
<b>INDIANAPOLIS</b>						
PRIME.....	14	161	935	1,179	26.25	28.37
CHOICE.....	4,771	5,012	1,095	1,093	24.92	26.72
GOOD.....	4,236	3,126	1,077	1,052	23.79	25.12
OTHER 2/.....	1,554	1,406	1,080	1,066	22.00	22.58
TOTAL.....	10,575	9,705	1,085	1,077	24.04	25.65
<b>KANSAS CITY</b>						
PRIME.....	293	227	1,065	1,097	24.64	26.68
CHOICE.....	12,598	10,185	1,123	1,089	23.86	25.70
GOOD.....	5,974	4,884	1,093	1,062	22.74	24.06
OTHER 2/.....	400	211	1,012	1,069	20.72	20.61
TOTAL.....	19,265	15,507	1,110	1,080	23.47	25.14
<b>OKLAHOMA CITY</b>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	782	187	1,127	1,080	23.63	25.16
GOOD.....	279	266	1,029	1,042	22.74	24.34
OTHER 2/.....	---	53	---	1,299	---	21.22
TOTAL.....	1,061	506	1,101	1,083	23.41	24.25
<b>OMAHA</b>						
PRIME.....	1,817	2,003	1,166	1,179	24.72	27.10
CHOICE.....	31,211	29,425	1,159	1,153	24.03	26.19
GOOD.....	16,449	13,735	1,118	1,107	23.13	25.01
OTHER 2/.....	1,839	1,520	1,146	1,143	21.51	21.98
TOTAL.....	51,316	46,683	1,145	1,140	23.68	25.75

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,  
FEBRUARY 1967 AND 1968 <sup>1/</sup>

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELWEIGHT	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
<b>ST. LOUIS NSY</b>						
PRIME.....	201	308	1,176	1,143	25.36	27.24
CHOICE.....	9,073	8,664	1,092	1,060	24.47	26.24
GOOD.....	6,984	8,750	1,056	1,019	23.54	24.81
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	903	1,099	1,070	1,047	21.40	21.57
TOTAL.....	17,161	18,821	1,077	1,041	23.95	25.33
<b>SIOUX CITY</b>						
PRIME.....	2,591	2,126	1,187	1,202	24.73	27.43
CHOICE.....	24,731	26,567	1,155	1,148	24.08	26.29
GOOD.....	6,149	8,477	1,108	1,097	23.16	24.77
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	788	452	1,126	1,095	21.31	21.56
TOTAL.....	34,259	37,622	1,148	1,139	23.91	25.98
<b>SIOUX FALLS</b>						
PRIME.....	73	85	1,111	1,210	24.87	27.19
CHOICE.....	8,704	6,662	1,185	1,174	24.01	26.36
GOOD.....	4,985	4,065	1,102	1,132	23.59	24.75
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	1,156	769	1,150	1,175	21.35	21.95
TOTAL.....	14,918	11,581	1,154	1,160	23.67	25.52
<b>SO. ST. JOSEPH</b>						
PRIME.....	397	484	1,132	1,150	24.59	27.10
CHOICE.....	15,734	16,379	1,136	1,122	23.91	26.17
GOOD.....	8,419	7,829	1,097	1,084	22.91	24.65
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	942	757	1,125	1,163	21.01	21.69
TOTAL.....	25,492	25,449	1,122	1,112	23.49	25.59
<b>SOUTH ST. PAUL <sup>3/</sup></b>						
PRIME.....	---	114	---	1,175	---	27.57
CHOICE.....	8,381	6,673	1,134	1,128	24.10	26.44
GOOD.....	3,967	5,830	1,103	1,091	22.99	24.20
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	3,802	2,062	1,077	1,071	20.91	21.71
TOTAL.....	16,150	14,679	1,113	1,106	23.10	24.93
<b>WEST FARGO</b>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	2,513	4,175	1,143	1,115	23.78	25.55
GOOD.....	2,818	4,134	1,082	1,118	22.60	23.60
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	729	1,558	1,020	1,153	20.34	21.81
TOTAL.....	6,060	9,867	1,100	1,122	22.86	24.13
<b>LOUISVILLE</b>						
PRIME.....	75	197	1,034	1,033	25.70	27.26
CHOICE.....	1,187	1,229	1,048	1,047	24.74	26.28
GOOD.....	1,186	1,055	1,058	1,047	23.57	24.63
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	365	331	1,057	1,086	21.51	21.86
TOTAL.....	2,813	2,812	1,053	1,051	23.85	25.19
<b>TOTAL 15 MARKETS</b>						
PRIME.....	18,407	11,146	1,211	1,222	25.45	28.31
CHOICE.....	171,063	161,601	1,153	1,139	24.32	26.52
GOOD.....	71,405	72,457	1,094	1,081	23.27	24.75
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	15,051	12,753	1,089	1,099	21.33	22.02
TOTAL.....	275,926	257,957	1,138	1,124	23.99	25.91

<sup>1/</sup> DATA COLLECTED BY LIVESTOCK DIV., C & MS AND STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE.

<sup>2/</sup> STANDARD, COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY.

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HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,  
FEBRUARY 1967 AND 1968 <sup>1/</sup>

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELWEIGHT	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>DOLLARS</u>	<u>DOLLARS</u>
<b>CHICAGO</b>						
PRIME.....	2,819	1,234	982	1,015	24.74	26.88
CHOICE.....	9,433	9,006	963	956	24.04	26.05
GOOD.....	3,043	4,675	899	900	22.57	24.74
OTHER <u>2</u> .....	614	1,375	900	891	20.70	22.09
TOTAL.....	15,909	16,290	952	939	23.78	25.44
<b>CINCINNATI</b>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	454	696	834	875	24.02	25.28
GOOD.....	787	922	820	816	22.61	23.58
OTHER <u>2</u> .....	233	83	832	791	20.78	20.97
TOTAL.....	1,474	1,701	826	839	22.76	24.19
<b>DENVER</b>						
PRIME.....	---	21	---	953	---	25.49
CHOICE.....	2,172	910	966	923	23.52	24.65
GOOD.....	561	505	965	895	22.49	23.72
OTHER <u>2</u> .....	40	39	899	1,022	21.23	20.31
TOTAL.....	2,773	1,475	965	916	23.28	24.22
<b>FORT WORTH</b>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	74	166	803	752	23.34	24.29
GOOD.....	627	348	692	654	22.25	23.93
OTHER <u>2</u> .....	123	85	671	605	20.93	22.66
TOTAL.....	824	599	699	674	22.17	23.88
<b>INDIANAPOLIS</b>						
PRIME.....	4	64	818	912	25.26	26.69
CHOICE.....	2,001	2,141	911	899	23.80	25.52
GOOD.....	1,438	1,711	854	845	22.42	23.51
OTHER <u>2</u> .....	673	737	853	830	20.75	21.12
TOTAL.....	4,116	4,653	882	869	22.85	24.15
<b>KANSAS CITY</b>						
PRIME.....	182	155	933	949	24.12	25.88
CHOICE.....	3,614	3,525	917	899	23.29	24.71
GOOD.....	1,973	1,836	875	874	21.88	22.61
OTHER <u>2</u> .....	7	69	857	900	20.48	19.86
TOTAL.....	5,776	5,585	903	892	22.85	24.01
<b>OKLAHOMA CITY</b>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	325	158	879	955	23.25	24.23
GOOD.....	541	154	725	811	22.43	23.53
OTHER <u>2</u> .....	3	---	908	---	20.40	---
TOTAL.....	869	312	783	884	22.76	23.91
<b>OMAHA</b>						
PRIME.....	1,674	2,014	1,042	1,012	24.52	26.36
CHOICE.....	25,231	26,444	980	967	23.78	25.53
GOOD.....	12,584	11,815	933	929	22.64	24.18
OTHER <u>2</u> .....	1,365	730	948	984	20.00	20.58
TOTAL.....	40,854	41,003	967	959	23.35	25.10

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FEBRUARY 1967 AND 1968 <sup>1/</sup>

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	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
<b>ST. LOUIS NSY</b>						
PRIME.....	57	59	996	1,010	24.09	26.04
CHOICE.....	3,645	3,540	900	906	23.41	25.10
GOOD.....	2,408	3,480	860	856	22.26	23.07
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	365	563	889	856	20.11	20.28
TOTAL.....	6,475	7,642	885	881	22.81	23.86
<b>SIOUX CITY</b>						
PRIME.....	1,116	1,529	1,009	1,010	24.13	26.21
CHOICE.....	11,479	13,664	973	969	23.36	25.31
GOOD.....	2,966	4,154	946	935	21.95	23.65
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	737	144	959	972	20.13	20.96
TOTAL.....	16,298	19,491	970	965	23.02	25.01
<b>SIOUX FALLS</b>						
PRIME.....	172	26	1,058	1,001	24.34	26.72
CHOICE.....	6,602	6,588	1,010	987	23.39	25.35
GOOD.....	3,594	3,818	955	950	22.34	23.71
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	1,369	824	952	968	20.70	20.76
TOTAL.....	11,737	11,256	987	973	22.79	24.48
<b>SO. ST. JOSEPH</b>						
PRIME.....	91	10	970	888	24.27	26.40
CHOICE.....	4,690	5,643	937	933	23.40	25.28
GOOD.....	3,206	3,405	909	903	22.13	23.39
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	194	16	869	844	19.84	20.01
TOTAL.....	8,181	9,074	925	922	22.84	24.58
<b>SOUTH ST. PAUL <sup>3/</sup></b>						
PRIME.....	---	121	---	1,037	---	26.34
CHOICE.....	7,476	6,593	976	955	23.61	25.60
GOOD.....	4,243	4,902	912	928	22.03	23.61
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	2,389	2,373	956	1,001	18.84	19.57
TOTAL.....	14,108	13,989	954	954	22.34	23.86
<b>WEST FARGO</b>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	1,827	1,585	974	964	22.87	24.62
GOOD.....	1,411	938	921	959	21.72	23.14
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	788	684	952	970	18.61	19.12
TOTAL.....	4,026	3,207	951	964	21.65	23.01
<b>LOUISVILLE</b>						
PRIME.....	97	200	927	939	24.71	26.07
CHOICE.....	1,014	1,011	891	898	23.94	25.35
GOOD.....	847	577	867	868	22.68	24.00
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	227	114	913	898	20.04	21.44
TOTAL.....	2,185	1,902	886	893	23.08	24.79
<b>TOTAL 15 MARKETS</b>						
PRIME.....	6,212	5,433	1,003	1,007	24.53	26.41
CHOICE.....	80,037	81,670	966	955	23.62	25.44
GOOD.....	40,229	43,240	909	909	22.34	23.80
OTHER <sup>2/</sup> .....	9,127	7,836	930	938	19.81	20.44
TOTAL.....	135,605	138,179	948	941	23.05	24.70

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