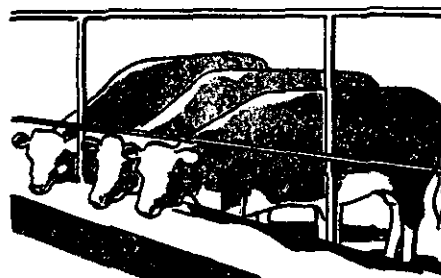


CATTLE ON FEED



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--Selected Markets

April 1, 1968

April 17, 1968

CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the 32 major feeding States on April 1, 1968 are estimated at 10,671,000 head, an increase of 2 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

The increase in numbers on feed from a year ago was in the cattle and calves weighing less than 900 pounds. An increase of 10 percent over last year in heifers and heifer calves on feed accounted for the larger number of cattle on feed.

The number on feed decreased 5 percent from January 1 to April 1 compared with a 6 percent decrease during the same quarter last year.

NORTH CENTRAL STATES UP 2 PERCENT

The number of cattle and calves on feed April 1 in the North Central States was 7,095,000 head, 2 percent more than a year earlier. Iowa, the largest feeding State, was up 6 percent, while Nebraska, the second ranking State, was up 5 percent. Other States showing increases from a year earlier were Indiana, up 6 percent, and Minnesota, up 8 percent. Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Kansas all showed decreases from April 1, 1967, ranging from 2 to 24 percent.

WESTERN STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

There were 2,380,000 cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the 11 Western States on April 1, a decrease of 2 percent from last year. California, the leading Western State, was down 9 percent. Colorado, the second ranking State, was up 4 percent. Of the other Western States, 4 showed increases from a year earlier ranging from 5 to 21 percent, while 4 showed decreases ranging from 6 to 27 percent. Wyoming numbers were unchanged from a year ago.

OTHER CATTLE FEEDING STATES UP 10 PERCENT

On April 1, there were 1,196,000 cattle and calves on feed in the 9 other feeding States, up 10 percent from April 1, 1967. The number on feed in Texas increased 17 percent from a year ago. Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Georgia also showed increases from a year earlier. Alabama remained at the same level as last year. All other States were down from the previous April 1.

PLACEMENTS UP 7 PERCENT--MARKETINGS UP 5 PERCENT

There were 5,059,000 cattle and calves placed on feed in January through March in the 32 States, an increase of 7 percent from the same period in 1967. Placements were up 12 percent in the North Central States, but were down 2 percent in the Western States. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into the 8 Corn Belt States during January and February were up 54,317 head or 6 percent from the same period in 1967.

Marketings of fed cattle for slaughter during the first quarter totaled 5,661,000 head in the 32 States, 5 percent higher than in the same period in 1967. North Central region marketings were up 7 percent from last year, while marketings in the Western region were up 4 percent. The number of slaughter steers and heifers, grading good or better, sold out of first hands at 15 principal markets during January-March was down 5 percent from a year earlier. These data do not include direct sales to packing plants, mixed lots, and deliveries bought on prior contract.

WEIGHT OF CATTLE ON FEED

A breakdown of the cattle and calves on feed in 32 States on April 1, 1968 by weight groups shows the greatest percentage increase over a year earlier in the number weighing under 500 pounds. The number in each weight group and percentage comparisons with a year earlier are as follows: under 500 pounds, 801,000 head, 114 percent; 500-699 pounds, 3,708,000 head, 102 percent; 700-899 pounds, 3,364,000 head, 104 percent; 900-1,099 pounds, 2,345,000 head, 96 percent; 1,100 pounds and over, 453,000 head, 95 percent.

KINDS ON FEED

Steers and steer calves on feed in the 32 States totaled 7,375,000 head on April 1, a 1 percent decrease from a year earlier. There were 3,264,000 heifers and heifer calves on feed April 1, 1968, a 10 percent increase from a year earlier while cows and others on feed totaled 32,000 head, a decrease of 24 percent.

TIME ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed less than 3 months on April 1 totaled 4,783,000 head, up 5 percent from a year earlier. Those on feed 3-6 months accounted for 5,201,000 head, down 2 percent, and the over 6 months group, at 687,000 head, was up 5 percent.

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Cattle and calves: Number on feed, placements and marketings January 1-
 April 1; number on feed by kinds, time on feed and weight groups
 April 1, 1967 and 1968; actual and expected marketings April -
 June 1967 and 1968, 32 States

Item	32 States		
	Number		1968 as
	1967	1968	% of 1967
	1,000	1,000	
	<u>head</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Cattle and calves on feed January 1	11,125	11,273	101
Cattle and calves placed on feed			
January 1-March 31 ^{1/}	4,730	5,059	107
Fed cattle marketed January 1-March 31 ^{1/}	5,372	5,661	105
Cattle and calves on feed April 1	10,483	10,671	102
<u>Kinds on feed April 1</u>			
Steers and steer calves	7,482	7,375	99
Heifers and heifer calves	2,959	3,264	110
Cows and other	42	32	76
<u>Time on feed April 1</u>			
Under 3 months	4,542	4,783	105
3 to 6 months	5,285	5,201	98
6 months and over	656	687	105
<u>Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups April 1</u>			
Less than 500 pounds	701	801	114
500-699 pounds	3,619	3,708	102
700-899 pounds	3,246	3,364	104
900-1099 pounds	2,438	2,345	96
1100 pounds and over	479	453	95
<u>April-June marketings</u>	<u>2/5,484</u>	<u>3/5,542</u>	101

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

^{2/} Actual marketings from April 1 number on feed, excluding those placed on feed after April 1 and marketed before June 30.

^{3/} Expected marketings from April 1, 1968 number on feed.

Cattle and calves on feed by quarters,
April 1, 1967, January 1, 1968 and April 1, 1968 ^{1/}

State	April 1, 1967	January 1, 1968	April 1, 1968	April 1, 1968 as percent of April 1, 1967
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Pa.	76	85	80	105
Ohio	315	341	309	98
Ind.	295	336	313	106
Ill.	751	721	711	95
Mich.	183	187	172	94
Wis.	144	143	138	96
Minn.	520	585	562	108
Iowa	2,140	1,924	2,268	106
Mo.	369	426	359	97
N. Dak.	87	80	66	76
S. Dak.	364	406	346	95
Nebr.	1,284	1,354	1,344	105
Kans.	521	610	507	97
N. C. States ...	6,973	7,113	7,095	102
Ga.	48	74	62	129
Fla.	45	62	44	98
Ky.	50	58	52	104
Tenn.	28	29	21	75
Ala.	23	41	23	100
Miss.	14	22	12	86
Okla.	150	181	141	94
Texas	653	810	761	117
Mont.	84	104	70	83
Idaho	175	199	193	110
Wyo.	37	46	37	100
Colo.	571	637	594	104
N. Mex.	153	185	170	111
Ariz.	362	385	340	94
Utah	48	66	58	121
Nev.	30	31	22	73
Wash.	128	152	135	105
Oreg.	80	91	73	91
Calif.	755	902	688	91
Western States	2,423	2,798	2,380	98
32 State Total	10,483	11,273	10,671	102

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

Cattle and calves: Placements and marketings,
by quarters, 1967-68

State	Number placed on feed 1/				Number marketed 1/			
	Jan.- Mar. 1967	Oct.- Dec. 1967	Jan.- Mar. 1968	Jan.-Mar. 1968 as % of Jan.- Mar. 1967	Jan.- Mar. 1967	Oct.- Dec. 1967	Jan.- Mar. 1968	Jan.-Mar. 1968 as % of Jan.- Mar. 1967
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Pa.	21	60	21	100	27	29	26	96
Ohio	62	239	63	102	88	80	95	108
Ind.	94	234	81	86	110	108	104	95
Ill.	263	488	282	107	303	305	292	96
Mich.	41	125	33	80	43	45	48	112
Wis.	38	94	45	118	43	49	50	116
Minn.	163	482	201	123	200	246	224	112
Iowa	1,007	1,538	1,289	128	892	1,110	945	106
Mo.	150	288	115	77	179	168	182	102
N. Dak.	20	62	23	115	34	32	37	109
S. Dak.	138	338	120	87	164	155	180	110
Nebr.	756	919	877	116	780	729	887	114
Kans.	305	427	283	93	370	285	386	104
N. C. States ...	3,037	5,234	3,412	112	3,206	3,312	3,430	107
Ga.	23	56	19	83	26	24	31	119
Fla.	32	55	23	72	63	30	41	65
Ky.	14	40	15	107	23	19	21	91
Tenn.	7	19	9	129	20	9	17	85
Ala.	14	35	8	57	33	11	26	79
Miss.	5	16	6	120	16	12	16	100
Okla.	103	128	82	80	123	88	122	99
Texas	406	543	421	104	427	377	470	110
Mont.	32	74	26	81	46	33	60	130
Idaho	78	127	102	131	104	87	108	104
Wyo.	20	35	11	55	18	11	20	111
Colo.	279	465	298	107	317	316	341	108
N. Mex.	63	111	67	106	50	52	82	164
Ariz.	133	209	107	80	144	137	152	106
Utah	16	52	18	112	29	16	26	90
Nev.	12	21	11	92	19	7	20	105
Wash.	70	94	65	93	75	79	82	109
Oreg.	42	54	36	86	54	43	54	100
Calif.	323	500	302	93	552	554	516	93
Western States	1,068	1,742	1,043	98	1,408	1,335	1,461	104
32 State Total	4,730	7,928	5,059	107	5,372	5,246	5,661	105

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

Cattle and calves on feed by classes, by quarters,
April 1, 1967 and January 1 and April 1, 1968

State	: Steers & steer calves			: Heifers & heifer calves			: Cows and others		
	: Apr. 1, 1967	: Jan. 1, 1968	: Apr. 1, 1968	: Apr. 1, 1967	: Jan. 1, 1968	: Apr. 1, 1968	: Apr. 1, 1967	: Jan. 1, 1968	: Apr. 1, 1968
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Pa.:	65	74	66	8	9	11	3	2	3
Ohio	265	263	247	50	78	62	---	---	---
Ind.:	215	215	200	77	118	110	3	3	3
Ill.:	538	495	487	213	226	224	---	---	---
Mich.:	153	153	144	29	32	26	1	2	2
Wis.:	107	107	106	36	35	31	1	1	1
Minn.:	322	383	377	197	200	184	1	2	1
Iowa	1,604	1,405	1,588	535	516	679	1	3	1
Mo.:	273	318	270	96	108	89	---	---	---
N. Dak.:	51	46	33	35	33	33	1	1	---
S. Dak.:	218	248	211	142	154	132	4	4	3
Nebr.:	898	907	885	383	442	455	3	5	4
Kans.:	366	447	344	155	163	163	---	---	---
N.C. States:	5,010	4,987	4,892	1,948	2,105	2,188	15	21	15
Ga.:	43	60	51	5	14	11	---	---	---
Fla.:	38	60	39	5	2	4	2	---	1
Ky.:	37	39	36	13	19	16	---	---	---
Penn.:	19	23	15	9	6	6	---	---	---
Ala.:	17	30	18	6	10	5	---	1	---
Miss.:	6	14	8	8	8	4	---	---	---
Okla.:	79	106	88	70	74	53	1	1	---
Texas	336	415	397	316	391	363	1	4	1
Mont.:	46	62	40	36	38	28	2	4	2
Idaho	115	130	134	56	67	59	4	2	---
Wyo.:	18	23	20	17	21	16	2	2	1
Colo.:	349	391	363	220	244	231	2	2	---
N.Mex.:	78	103	93	72	80	75	3	2	2
Ariz.:	322	327	282	37	54	55	3	4	3
Utah	27	38	32	21	26	25	---	2	1
Nev.:	19	22	12	11	9	10	---	---	---
Wash.:	96	113	105	30	38	29	2	1	1
Oreg.:	53	60	44	26	30	28	1	1	1
Calif.:	709	830	640	45	68	47	1	4	1
Western States ...:	1,832	2,099	1,765	571	675	603	20	24	12
32 State Total ...:	7,482	7,907	7,375	2,959	3,313	3,264	42	53	32
April 1, 1968 as percent of previous year and quarter									
	: Steers and steer calves			: Heifers and heifer calves			: Cows and others		
	: Percent of Apr. 1, 1967	: Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	: Percent of Apr. 1, 1968	: Percent of Apr. 1, 1967	: Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	: Percent of Apr. 1, 1968	: Percent of Apr. 1, 1967	: Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	: Percent of Apr. 1, 1968
N.C. States:	98	98	112	104	100	71			
Western States ...:	96	84	106	89	60	50			
32 States:	99	93	110	99	76	60			

Cattle and calves: Length of time on feed beginning of each quarter,
April 1, 1967, January 1 and April 1, 1968

State	Less than 3 months			3-6 months			More than 6 months		
	Apr. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1968
	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
Pa.	19	58	20	49	21	46	8	6	14
Ohio	60	233	61	214	72	194	41	36	54
Ind.	88	228	78	171	84	197	36	24	38
Ill.	261	482	268	447	179	377	43	60	66
Mich.	39	123	33	115	45	108	29	19	31
Wis.	36	89	43	84	33	76	24	21	19
Minn.	161	477	197	328	77	342	31	31	23
Iowa	984	1,520	1,245	1,070	346	903	86	58	120
Mo.	146	277	111	216	116	215	7	33	33
N. Dak.	19	61	22	61	14	38	7	5	6
S. Dak.	131	333	118	200	53	218	33	20	10
Nebr.	708	860	740	533	453	576	43	41	28
Kans.	296	421	279	210	181	221	15	8	7
N.C. States	2,929	5,104	3,195	3,649	1,653	3,465	395	356	435
Ga.	22	55	18	20	18	43	6	1	1
Fla.	21	52	21	21	9	22	3	1	1
Ky.	14	40	15	30	14	31	6	4	6
Tenn.	7	18	7	20	10	12	1	1	2
Ala.	8	32	6	13	8	16	2	1	1
Miss.	5	16	6	8	6	6	1	---	---
Okla.	94	121	77	55	60	60	1	---	4
Texas	392	532	411	254	272	343	7	6	7
Mont.	32	72	25	50	30	44	2	2	1
Idaho	76	120	97	76	60	83	23	19	13
Wyo.	18	35	9	16	6	24	3	5	4
Colo.	264	422	282	270	203	288	37	12	24
N. Mex.	62	110	65	74	60	88	17	15	17
Ariz.	130	204	105	193	162	167	39	19	68
Utah	13	50	17	31	13	37	4	3	4
Nev.	11	21	11	16	8	11	3	2	---
Wash.	69	91	61	44	59	69	15	2	5
Oreg.	41	53	36	36	34	32	3	4	5
Calif.	315	495	299	360	344	314	80	63	75
Western States	1,031	1,673	1,007	1,166	979	1,157	226	146	216
32 State Total	4,542	7,701	4,783	5,285	3,050	5,201	656	522	687
April 1, 1968 as percent of previous year and quarter									
	Less than 3 months			3-6 months			More than 6 months		
	Percent of Apr. 1, 1967	Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	Percent of Apr. 1, 1968	Percent of Apr. 1, 1967	Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	Percent of Apr. 1, 1968	Percent of Apr. 1, 1967	Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	Percent of Apr. 1, 1968
N.C. States	109	63	95	210	110	122			
Western States	98	60	99	118	96	148			
32 States	105	62	98	171	105	132			

Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
April 1, 1967, January 1 and April 1, 1968

State	Under 500 pounds			500-699 pounds			700-899 pounds		
	Apr. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1968
	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
Pa.	4	7	5	19	21	18	23	26	23
Ohio	19	69	18	111	139	112	126	65	116
Ind.	36	63	36	104	123	116	91	87	110
Ill.	53	154	50	322	204	281	223	218	237
Mich.	10	26	8	71	95	51	62	44	73
Wis.	20	36	21	52	27	45	35	38	32
Minn.	49	178	64	229	154	295	125	155	124
Iowa	107	378	82	776	481	890	604	598	696
Mo.	23	74	27	142	141	134	116	117	117
N. Dak.	7	19	3	40	21	34	24	22	17
S. Dak.	27	126	19	171	83	182	81	103	76
Nebr.	47	125	59	379	256	391	412	490	442
Kans.	6	12	15	134	120	122	197	273	203
N.C. States	404	1,260	402	2,531	1,844	2,653	2,096	2,210	2,243
Ca.	2	27	5	21	24	28	17	14	15
Fla.	7	3	5	12	15	4	13	27	19
Ky.	3	6	3	17	20	18	19	20	18
Tenn.	2	2	2	11	6	5	10	15	7
Ala.	2	9	2	8	14	7	8	10	9
Miss.	2	4	3	7	10	4	4	6	3
Okla.	10	20	14	52	51	41	40	67	47
Texas	111	161	152	236	326	310	195	218	184
Mont.	3	14	6	34	16	25	31	37	25
Idaho	8	26	25	72	45	49	40	67	67
Wyo.	4	7	1	14	10	12	10	21	8
Colo.	14	39	21	120	90	123	199	249	191
N. Mex.	18	22	15	56	66	65	48	69	53
Ariz.	28	84	55	105	109	82	130	132	106
Utah	3	13	3	16	18	17	16	20	22
Nev.	2	5	---	3	11	12	15	9	4
Wash.	6	12	2	33	31	31	42	50	51
Oreg.	5	10	6	27	19	22	27	35	33
Calif.	63	131	74	225	252	182	263	278	236
Western States	154	363	208	705	667	620	821	967	796
32 State Total	701	1,862	801	3,619	2,998	3,708	3,246	3,580	3,364
April 1, 1968 as percent of previous year and quarter									
	Under 500 pounds			500-699 pounds			700-899 pounds		
	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of January 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of January 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of January 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968
N.C. States	100	32	105	144	107	101			
Western States	135	57	88	93	97	82			
32 States	114	43	102	124	104	94			

**Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
April 1, 1967, January 1 and April 1, 1968**

State	900 to 1,099 pounds			1,100 pounds and over		
	Apr. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	Apr. 1, 1968
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Pa.	24	26	27	6	5	7
Ohio	54	60	58	5	8	5
Ind.	40	61	45	24	2	6
Ill.	123	120	123	30	25	20
Mich.	36	19	39	4	3	1
Wis.	30	36	30	7	6	10
Minn.	104	78	71	13	20	8
Iowa	541	383	489	112	84	111
Mo.	74	83	65	14	11	16
N. Dak.	15	17	10	1	1	2
S. Dak.	80	83	55	5	11	14
Nebr.	375	395	364	71	88	88
Kans.	151	177	145	33	28	22
N.C. States	1,623	1,512	1,494	319	287	303
Ga.	8	9	14	---	---	---
Fla.	12	17	13	1	---	3
Ky.	8	12	10	3	---	3
Tenn.	5	6	7	---	---	---
Ala.	4	6	4	1	2	1
Miss.	1	2	2	---	---	---
Okla.	32	33	27	16	10	12
Texas	97	99	99	14	6	16
Mont.	15	30	13	1	7	1
Idaho	43	56	44	12	5	8
Wyo.	8	8	15	1	---	1
Colo.	178	227	196	60	32	63
N. Mex.	29	25	34	2	3	3
Ariz.	96	57	94	3	3	3
Utah	9	14	12	4	1	4
Nev.	9	5	6	1	1	---
Wash.	36	46	40	11	13	11
Oreg.	18	25	11	3	2	1
Calif.	183	223	183	21	18	13
Western States	624	716	648	119	85	108
32 State Total	2,438	2,438	2,345	479	395	453
April 1, 1968 as percent of previous year and quarter						
	900 to 1,099 pounds			1,100 pounds and over		
	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of January 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of January 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968
N.C. States	92	99	95	106		
Western States	104	91	91	127		
32 States	96	96	95	115		

Steers and steer calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
April 1, 1967, January 1 and April 1, 1968

State	Under 500 pounds			500-699 pounds			700-899 pounds		
	April 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	April 1, 1968	April 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	April 1, 1968	April 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	April 1, 1968
	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
Pa.	3	5	3	13	15	11	20	24	19
Ohio	11	45	10	80	97	71	116	55	104
Ind.	26	30	22	62	71	64	71	58	72
Ill.	26	92	29	210	129	159	157	156	169
Mich.	7	18	6	57	84	40	52	34	60
Wis.	11	23	14	37	20	32	26	28	25
Minn.	23	96	38	129	96	177	80	119	98
Iowa	64	239	48	530	337	524	449	422	492
Mo.	12	47	18	85	99	82	91	82	91
N. Dak.	2	9	1	21	12	15	15	12	9
S. Dak. ...	13	69	6	94	45	97	44	69	51
Nebr.	22	67	15	220	144	179	277	308	283
Kans.	2	5	7	62	58	57	141	199	132
N. C. States ..	219	740	214	1,587	1,192	1,497	1,519	1,542	1,586
Ga.	2	18	2	17	20	20	16	13	15
Fla.	3	2	4	11	14	3	12	27	17
Ky.	2	3	2	11	9	8	14	15	13
Tenn.	2	1	1	6	4	2	6	12	5
Ala.	1	5	1	4	9	5	7	9	7
Miss.	1	2	1	2	4	2	2	6	3
Okla.	1	4	5	15	22	17	22	41	29
Texas	27	29	24	85	142	143	120	148	123
Mont.	2	7	3	14	8	13	19	19	14
Idaho	2	9	19	45	29	25	24	38	42
Wyo.	2	3	1	6	5	4	6	10	5
Colo.	5	14	9	35	27	35	115	146	114
N. Mex. ...	4	6	7	24	32	27	24	44	27
Ariz.	26	72	34	85	92	65	115	108	90
Utah	1	6	1	7	9	7	8	11	11
Nev.	1	3	---	1	7	6	9	6	2
Wash.	5	7	1	21	22	21	30	33	35
Oreg.	3	6	3	14	9	9	17	21	21
Calif.	57	116	64	213	232	166	241	249	218
Western States	108	249	142	465	472	378	608	685	579
32 State Total ..	369	1,058	399	2,216	1,903	2,086	2,346	2,522	2,396
April 1, 1968 as percent of previous year and quarter									
	Under 500 pounds			500-699 pounds			700-899 pounds		
	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968
N. C. States ..	98	29	94	126	104	103			
Western States ..	131	57	81	80	95	85			
32 States :	108	38	94	110	102	95			

Steers and steer calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
April 1, 1967, January 1 and April 1, 1968

State	900 to 1,099 pounds			1,100 pounds and over		
	April 1, 1967	January 1, 1968	April 1, 1968	April 1, 1967	January 1, 1968	April 1, 1968
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Pa.	23	25	26	6	5	7
Ohio	53	58	57	5	8	5
Ind.	32	54	36	24	2	6
Ill.	115	93	110	30	25	20
Mich.	33	15	37	4	2	1
Wis.	27	30	25	6	6	10
Minn.	77	53	56	13	19	8
Iowa	449	323	413	112	84	111
Mo.	71	79	63	14	11	16
N. Dak.	12	12	6	1	1	2
S. Dak.	63	55	44	4	10	13
Nebr.	309	301	321	70	87	87
Kans.	128	157	126	33	28	22
N. C. States	1,369	1,230	1,294	316	283	301
Ga.	8	9	14	---	---	---
Fla.	11	17	13	1	---	2
Ky.	7	12	10	3	---	3
Tenn.	5	6	7	---	---	---
Ala.	4	6	4	1	1	1
Miss.	1	2	2	---	---	---
Okla.	25	29	25	16	10	12
Texas	91	90	91	13	6	16
Mont.	10	21	9	1	7	1
Idaho	32	49	40	12	5	8
Wyo.	3	5	9	1	---	1
Colo.	134	172	142	60	32	63
N. Mex.	25	19	30	1	2	2
Ariz.	93	52	90	3	3	3
Utah	7	11	9	4	1	4
Nev.	7	5	4	1	1	---
Wash.	30	38	38	10	13	10
Oreg.	16	22	10	3	2	1
Calif.	177	216	179	21	17	13
Western States	534	610	560	117	83	106
32 State Total	2,078	2,036	2,046	473	388	448
April 1, 1968 as percent of previous year and quarter						
	900 to 1,099 pounds			1,100 pounds and over		
	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of January 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of January 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968
N. C. States	95	105	95	95	106	
Western States	105	92	91	91	128	
32 States	98	100	95	95	115	

Heifers and heifer calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
April 1, 1967, January 1 and April 1, 1968

State	Under 500 pounds			500-699 pounds			700-899 pounds		
	April 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	April 1, 1968	April 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	April 1, 1968	April 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	April 1, 1968
	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
Pa.	1	2	2	5	5	6	2	1	3
Ohio	8	24	8	31	42	41	10	10	12
Ind.	10	33	14	42	52	52	20	29	38
Ill.	27	62	21	112	75	122	66	62	68
Mich.	3	8	2	14	11	11	10	10	11
Wis.	9	12	7	15	7	13	9	10	7
Minn.	26	82	26	100	58	118	45	36	26
Iowa	43	139	34	246	144	366	155	176	204
Mo.	11	27	9	57	42	52	25	35	26
N. Dak.	5	10	2	19	9	19	9	10	8
S. Dak.	14	57	13	77	38	85	37	34	25
Nebr.	25	58	44	159	112	212	135	182	159
Kans.	4	7	8	72	62	65	56	74	71
N. C. States ...	185	519	188	944	652	1,156	577	668	655
Ga.	---	9	3	4	4	8	1	1	---
Fla.	4	1	1	1	1	1	---	---	2
Ky.	1	3	1	6	11	10	5	5	5
Tenn.	---	1	1	5	2	3	4	3	2
Ala.	1	4	1	4	5	2	1	1	2
Miss.	1	2	2	5	6	2	2	---	---
Okla.	9	16	9	37	29	24	18	26	18
Texas	84	132	128	151	184	167	75	68	61
Mont.	1	7	3	19	8	12	12	16	10
Idaho	6	17	6	27	16	24	16	28	25
Wyo.	2	4	---	8	5	8	4	11	3
Colo.	9	25	12	85	63	88	82	103	77
N. Mex.	14	16	8	32	34	37	24	25	25
Ariz.	2	12	21	19	17	17	14	21	14
Utah	2	7	2	9	9	10	8	9	11
Nev.	1	2	---	2	4	6	6	3	2
Wash.	1	5	1	12	9	10	12	17	16
Oreg.	2	4	3	13	10	13	10	14	12
Calif.	6	15	10	12	20	16	22	28	18
Western States ...	46	114	66	238	195	241	210	275	213
32 State Total	332	803	402	1,400	1,094	1,620	895	1,048	961
April 1, 1968 as percent of previous year and quarter									
	Under 500 pounds			500-699 pounds			700-899 pounds		
	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1967	Percent of Jan. 1, 1968	Percent of April 1, 1968
N. C. States ...	102	36	122	177	114	98			
Western States ...	143	58	101	124	101	77			
32 States ..	121	50	116	148	107	92			

Heifers and heifer calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
April 1, 1967, January 1 and April 1, 1968

State	900 to 1,099 pounds			1,100 pounds and over		
	April 1, 1967	January 1, 1968	April 1, 1968	April 1, 1967	January 1, 1968	April 1, 1968
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Pa.	---	1	---	---	---	---
Ohio	1	2	1	---	---	---
Ind.	5	4	6	---	---	---
Ill.	8	27	13	---	---	---
Mich.	2	3	2	---	---	---
Wis.	3	6	4	---	---	---
Minn.	26	24	14	---	---	---
Iowa	91	57	75	---	---	---
Mo.	3	4	2	---	---	---
N. Dak.	2	4	4	---	---	---
S. Dak.	14	25	9	---	---	---
Nebr.	64	90	40	---	---	---
Kans.	23	20	19	---	---	---
N. C. States.....	242	266	189	---	---	---
Ga.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fla.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ky.	1	---	---	---	---	---
Tenn.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ala.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Miss.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Okla.	6	3	2	---	---	---
Texas	6	7	7	---	---	---
Mont.	4	7	3	---	---	---
Idaho	7	6	4	---	---	---
Wyo.	3	1	5	---	---	---
Colo.	44	53	54	---	---	---
N. Mex.	2	5	5	---	---	---
Ariz.	2	4	3	---	---	---
Utah	2	1	2	---	---	---
Nev.	2	---	2	---	---	---
Wash.	5	7	2	---	---	---
Oreg.	1	2	---	---	---	---
Calif.	5	5	3	---	---	---
Western States.....	77	91	83	---	---	---
32 State total.....	332	368	281	---	---	---
: April 1, 1968 as percent of previous year and quarter						
	900 to 1,099 pounds			1,100 pounds and over		
	Percent of	Percent of	Percent of	Percent of	Percent of	Percent of
	April 1, 1967:	January 1, 1968:	April 1, 1967:	January 1, 1968:	April 1, 1967:	January 1, 1968:
N. C. States....	78	71	---	---	---	---
Western States.....	108	91	---	---	---	---
32 States.....	85	76	---	---	---	---

Cattle and calves: Expected marketings of the cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1968 compared with actual marketings of cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1967

State	On feed April 1, 1967		Expected marketings of cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1968		
	Marketed Apr.- June 1967 1/	Marketed after June 30, 1967	Number April - June 1968	Percent 1968 as % of 1967	After June 30, 1968
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head
Pa.	39	37	42	108	38
Ohio	126	189	124	98	185
Ind.	120	175	127	106	186
Ill.	306	445	310	101	401
Mich.	76	107	76	100	96
Wis.	69	75	61	88	77
Minn.	209	311	180	86	382
Iowa	990	1,150	1,050	106	1,218
Mo.	168	201	160	95	199
N. Dak.	35	52	28	80	38
S. Dak.	159	205	121	76	225
Nebr.	783	501	780	100	564
Kans.	341	180	320	94	187
N. C. States	3,382	3,591	3,337	99	3,758
Ga.	34	14	43	126	19
Fla.	36	9	33	92	11
Ky.	29	21	29	100	23
Tenn.	20	8	15	75	6
Ala.	16	7	18	112	5
Miss.	10	4	9	90	3
Okla.	112	38	104	93	37
Texas	439	214	525	120	236
Mont.	47	37	38	81	32
Idaho	96	79	106	110	87
Wyo.	23	14	23	100	14
Colo.	353	218	380	108	214
N. Mex.	63	90	80	127	90
Ariz.	191	171	185	97	155
Utah	29	19	34	117	24
Nev.	20	10	11	55	11
Wash.	74	54	80	108	55
Oreg.	42	38	40	95	33
Calif.	429	326	410	96	278
Western States	1,367	1,056	1,387	101	993
32 State Total	5,484	4,999	5,542	101	5,129

1/ Excludes "Short Feds," that is cattle which were put on feed after April 1, 1967 and marketed before July 1, 1967.

Cattle and calves on feed: Inventories, placements and marketings, by months
 Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and Texas, October 1, 1966 - April 1, 1967
 and October 1, 1967 - April 1, 1968

State	On Feed			Placed on Feed			Marketed		
	1966	1967	1967/1966	1966	1967	1967/1966	1966	1967	1967/1966
	head	head	Percent	head	head	Percent	head	head	Percent
	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
		October 1			During October			During October	
Arizona	271	313	115	98	92	94	46	51	111
California ...	1,094	956	87	224	224	100	230	205	89
Colorado	474	488	103	188	211	112	115	112	97
Iowa	1,496	1,496	100	300	448	149	330	375	114
Nebraska	1,118	1,164	104	347	430	124	213	254	119
Texas	509	644	127	205	245	120	106	135	127
Total 6 States:	4,962	5,061	102	1,362	1,650	121	1,040	1,132	109
		November 1			During November			During November	
Arizona	323	354	110	77	77	100	45	44	98
California ...	1,088	975	90	167	174	104	220	175	80
Colorado	547	587	107	135	152	113	94	104	111
Iowa	1,466	1,569	107	496	523	105	349	350	100
Nebraska	1,252	1,340	107	206	212	103	220	235	107
Texas	608	754	124	153	156	102	114	117	103
Total 6 States:	5,284	5,579	106	1,234	1,294	105	1,042	1,025	98
		December 1			During December			During December	
Arizona	355	387	109	61	40	66	43	42	98
California ...	1,035	974	94	114	102	89	165	174	105
Colorado	588	635	108	102	102	100	81	100	123
Iowa	1,613	1,742	108	773	567	73	361	385	107
Nebraska	1,238	1,317	106	287	277	97	217	240	111
Texas	647	793	123	130	142	109	103	125	121
Total 6 States:	5,476	5,848	107	1,467	1,230	84	970	1,066	110
	1967	1968	1968/1967	1967	1968	1968/1967	1967	1968	1968/1967
		January 1			During January			During January	
Arizona	373	385	103	46	47	102	43	49	114
California ...	984	902	92	130	99	76	204	202	99
Colorado	609	637	105	106	97	92	100	110	110
Iowa	2,025	1,924	95	441	643	146	320	335	105
Nebraska	1,308	1,354	104	321	317	99	267	300	112
Texas	674	810	120	153	147	96	129	150	116
Total 6 States:	5,973	6,012	101	1,197	1,350	113	1,063	1,146	108
		February 1			During February			During February	
Arizona	376	383	102	37	23	62	45	45	100
California ...	910	799	88	45	69	153	180	181	101
Colorado	615	624	101	79	99	125	98	115	117
Iowa	2,146	2,232	104	194	293	151	280	300	107
Nebraska	1,362	1,371	101	198	280	141	234	285	122
Texas	698	807	116	119	104	87	138	160	116
Total 6 States:	6,107	6,216	102	672	868	129	975	1,086	111
		March 1			During March			During March	
Arizona	368	361	98	50	37	74	56	58	104
California ...	775	687	89	148	134	91	168	133	79
Colorado	596	608	102	94	102	109	119	116	97
Iowa	2,060	2,225	108	372	353	95	292	310	106
Nebraska	1,326	1,366	103	237	280	118	279	302	108
Texas	679	751	111	134	170	127	160	160	100
Total 6 States:	5,804	5,998	103	1,035	1,076	104	1,074	1,079	100
		April 1							
Arizona	362	340	94						
California ...	755	688	91						
Colorado	571	594	104						
Iowa	2,140	2,269	106						
Nebraska	1,284	1,344	105						
Texas	653	761	117						
Total 6 States:	5,765	5,995	104						

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
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MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELWEIGHT	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
<u>CHICAGO</u>						
PRIME.....	10,502	6,184	1,247	1,266	25.87	29.94
CHOICE.....	50,920	47,725	1,175	1,161	24.67	27.75
GOOD.....	11,539	7,482	1,091	1,064	23.69	26.04
OTHER 2/.....	1,774	2,125	1,057	1,063	21.57	23.54
TOTAL.....	74,735	63,516	1,170	1,156	24.65	27.67
<u>CINCINNATI</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	1,407	1,246	1,041	1,056	24.87	26.93
GOOD.....	1,709	1,858	1,034	1,044	23.38	25.31
OTHER 2/.....	318	335	1,080	1,100	21.06	22.27
TOTAL.....	3,434	3,439	1,041	1,054	23.77	25.59
<u>DENVER</u>						
PRIME.....	83	10	1,185	1,156	23.91	26.30
CHOICE.....	2,319	486	1,157	1,088	23.46	25.53
GOOD.....	455	257	1,067	1,093	22.12	24.21
OTHER 2/.....	33	44	1,156	1,172	20.23	21.46
TOTAL.....	2,890	797	1,143	1,095	23.24	24.87
<u>FORT WORTH</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	192	141	1,163	1,077	22.99	25.76
GOOD.....	411	162	949	945	22.49	25.42
OTHER 2/.....	228	35	856	1,011	20.82	21.09
TOTAL.....	831	338	973	1,007	22.22	25.12
<u>INDIANAPOLIS</u>						
PRIME.....	---	1	---	975	---	29.03
CHOICE.....	4,116	4,836	1,104	1,098	24.69	26.97
GOOD.....	4,163	3,188	1,081	1,066	23.62	25.51
OTHER 2/.....	1,262	1,077	1,060	1,067	21.97	23.11
TOTAL.....	9,541	9,102	1,088	1,083	23.87	26.02
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>						
PRIME.....	252	206	1,082	1,097	24.48	27.05
CHOICE.....	11,189	8,254	1,118	1,092	23.62	26.31
GOOD.....	5,613	5,486	1,082	1,055	22.46	25.11
OTHER 2/.....	409	230	1,080	1,103	20.35	22.16
TOTAL.....	17,463	14,176	1,105	1,078	23.20	25.80
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	587	147	1,108	1,096	23.01	25.83
GOOD.....	295	245	1,022	971	22.31	24.60
OTHER 2/.....	16	12	1,088	1,008	20.00	21.80
TOTAL.....	898	404	1,080	1,018	22.74	25.00
<u>OMAHA</u>						
PRIME.....	1,824	1,731	1,177	1,201	24.33	27.52
CHOICE.....	33,313	28,414	1,160	1,144	23.78	26.63
GOOD.....	17,324	13,193	1,105	1,099	22.89	25.46
OTHER 2/.....	2,087	1,158	1,129	1,121	21.17	22.71
TOTAL.....	54,548	44,496	1,142	1,133	23.42	26.23

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
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MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVEWEIGHT	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
<u>ST. LOUIS NSY</u>						
PRIME.....	259	119	1,101	1,126	24.70	27.39
CHOICE.....	9,773	10,163	1,092	1,077	23.99	26.41
GOOD.....	7,994	8,395	1,052	1,028	23.17	25.10
OTHER 2/.....	1,062	957	1,083	1,074	21.56	22.44
TOTAL.....	19,088	19,634	1,075	1,056	23.53	25.67
<u>SIOUX CITY</u>						
PRIME.....	2,239	1,406	1,206	1,230	24.29	27.67
CHOICE.....	26,664	26,728	1,151	1,152	23.69	26.60
GOOD.....	6,799	8,051	1,114	1,093	22.64	25.24
OTHER 2/.....	844	455	1,091	1,077	20.79	22.60
TOTAL.....	36,546	36,640	1,146	1,141	23.48	26.32
<u>SIOUX FALLS</u>						
PRIME.....	107	95	1,197	1,200	24.51	27.33
CHOICE.....	6,665	8,212	1,187	1,178	23.70	26.48
GOOD.....	5,092	5,057	1,141	1,140	22.89	25.19
OTHER 2/.....	1,355	514	1,155	1,167	21.16	22.53
TOTAL.....	13,219	13,878	1,166	1,164	23.14	25.88
<u>SO. ST. JOSEPH</u>						
PRIME.....	647	601	1,186	1,171	24.23	27.41
CHOICE.....	17,267	19,639	1,127	1,113	23.71	26.61
GOOD.....	8,372	5,339	1,086	1,086	22.71	24.79
OTHER 2/.....	787	331	1,110	1,140	20.90	22.34
TOTAL.....	27,073	25,910	1,115	1,109	23.34	26.21
<u>SOUTH ST. PAUL 3/</u>						
PRIME.....	---	55	---	1,164	---	27.70
CHOICE.....	8,602	8,191	1,140	1,123	23.82	26.69
GOOD.....	4,565	6,549	1,085	1,104	22.59	24.21
OTHER 2/.....	3,929	1,705	1,062	1,029	20.81	22.31
TOTAL.....	17,096	16,500	1,107	1,106	22.83	25.29
<u>WEST FARGO</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	4,017	4,415	1,108	1,103	23.38	25.70
GOOD.....	2,463	3,615	1,041	1,145	22.15	23.91
OTHER 2/.....	1,197	894	1,036	1,126	20.18	22.58
TOTAL.....	7,677	8,924	1,076	1,122	22.52	24.64
<u>LOUISVILLE</u>						
PRIME.....	61	158	1,035	1,052	25.12	27.33
CHOICE.....	1,576	1,394	1,049	1,023	24.30	26.29
GOOD.....	1,205	539	1,048	1,078	23.05	24.73
OTHER 2/.....	407	497	1,103	1,116	21.41	22.42
TOTAL.....	3,249	2,588	1,055	1,054	23.47	25.23
<u>TOTAL 15 MARKETS</u>						
PRIME.....	15,974	10,566	1,225	1,236	25.36	28.97
CHOICE.....	178,607	169,991	1,149	1,136	24.04	26.90
GOOD.....	77,999	69,416	1,089	1,083	22.97	25.13
OTHER 2/.....	15,708	10,369	1,081	1,084	21.08	22.74
TOTAL.....	288,288	260,342	1,133	1,124	23.68	26.38

1/ DATA COLLECTED BY LIVESTOCK DIV., C & MS AND STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE.
2/ STANDARD, COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY.
3/ PARTIAL RECEIPTS.

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
MARCH 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
<u>CHICAGO</u>						
PRIME.....	3,011	613	1,022	1,038	24.51	27.40
CHOICE.....	11,325	9,237	955	964	23.73	26.52
GOOD.....	3,004	4,328	915	904	22.29	25.07
OTHER ^{2/}	910	2,047	905	892	20.25	23.06
TOTAL.....	18,250	16,225	957	942	23.48	25.77
<u>CINCINNATI</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	730	417	837	852	23.62	25.62
GOOD.....	1,050	1,070	800	814	22.62	24.15
OTHER ^{2/}	66	102	798	780	20.28	21.60
TOTAL.....	1,846	1,589	815	822	22.94	24.39
<u>DENVER</u>						
PRIME.....	145	25	1,024	949	23.27	25.79
CHOICE.....	3,011	590	969	945	22.82	24.91
GOOD.....	607	193	940	918	21.55	23.18
OTHER ^{2/}	48	23	982	959	19.41	20.49
TOTAL.....	3,811	831	967	939	22.60	24.42
<u>FORT WORTH</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	90	30	842	599	21.89	25.46
GOOD.....	718	441	689	598	22.21	24.44
OTHER ^{2/}	307	110	680	587	20.97	23.06
TOTAL.....	1,115	581	699	596	21.85	24.24
<u>INDIANAPOLIS</u>						
PRIME.....	---	2	---	888	---	26.99
CHOICE.....	2,287	2,522	897	884	23.53	25.74
GOOD.....	1,562	1,016	834	830	22.27	23.77
OTHER ^{2/}	619	435	841	858	20.32	21.75
TOTAL.....	4,468	3,975	868	867	22.68	24.82
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>						
PRIME.....	162	159	974	915	23.71	26.18
CHOICE.....	4,209	2,710	926	898	23.09	25.42
GOOD.....	2,352	2,320	865	870	21.80	23.90
OTHER ^{2/}	---	137	---	884	---	21.22
TOTAL.....	6,723	5,326	905	886	22.67	24.69
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	188	107	958	870	22.61	25.12
GOOD.....	536	275	727	791	21.79	23.67
OTHER ^{2/}	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL.....	724	382	787	813	22.05	24.10
<u>OMAHA</u>						
PRIME.....	1,557	1,638	1,026	1,022	23.98	26.81
CHOICE.....	24,736	26,209	987	967	23.36	25.92
GOOD.....	14,807	10,811	937	928	22.30	24.28
OTHER ^{2/}	1,788	903	930	975	19.77	20.59
TOTAL.....	42,888	39,561	969	959	22.89	25.40

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HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
MARCH 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
<u>ST. LOUIS NSY</u>						
PRIME.....	94	77	962	965	23.61	26.31
CHOICE.....	3,315	3,981	919	902	22.89	25.16
GOOD.....	2,612	2,838	866	858	21.76	23.56
OTHER <u>2/</u>	333	178	862	908	20.01	20.97
TOTAL.....	6,354	7,074	895	885	22.31	24.44
<u>SIOUX CITY</u>						
PRIME.....	763	868	1,024	1,017	23.66	26.46
CHOICE.....	12,125	14,213	985	967	22.80	25.51
GOOD.....	3,980	4,924	943	930	21.53	24.03
OTHER <u>2/</u>	742	130	952	951	19.64	21.17
TOTAL.....	17,610	20,135	976	960	22.43	25.18
<u>SIOUX FALLS</u>						
PRIME.....	52	44	1,069	996	23.63	26.28
CHOICE.....	4,592	5,178	1,001	994	22.90	25.46
GOOD.....	3,209	3,838	953	956	21.95	24.03
OTHER <u>2/</u>	1,534	667	943	971	20.43	21.15
TOTAL.....	9,387	9,727	976	977	22.20	24.62
<u>SO. ST. JOSEPH</u>						
PRIME.....	58	84	1,002	994	23.92	26.69
CHOICE.....	4,911	5,735	954	941	23.21	25.80
GOOD.....	3,470	2,104	896	904	21.98	23.94
OTHER <u>2/</u>	345	3	889	763	19.87	20.00
TOTAL.....	8,784	7,926	929	932	22.62	25.33
<u>SOUTH ST. PAUL <u>3/</u></u>						
PRIME.....	---	18	---	1,019	---	27.23
CHOICE.....	5,817	8,912	967	952	23.27	25.85
GOOD.....	3,784	4,495	925	924	21.83	23.57
OTHER <u>2/</u>	2,683	2,114	959	993	19.20	20.43
TOTAL.....	12,284	15,539	952	950	21.94	24.44
<u>WEST FARGO</u>						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	2,448	1,329	970	983	22.37	24.87
GOOD.....	1,171	1,302	897	993	21.18	23.60
OTHER <u>2/</u>	973	793	943	943	18.86	20.67
TOTAL.....	4,592	3,424	946	978	21.34	23.44
<u>LOUISVILLE</u>						
PRIME.....	136	80	908	901	24.29	26.39
CHOICE.....	1,072	998	879	873	23.59	25.65
GOOD.....	593	284	851	849	22.50	23.90
OTHER <u>2/</u>	440	114	853	951	20.71	22.24
TOTAL.....	2,241	1,476	868	876	22.80	25.08
<u>TOTAL 15 MARKETS</u>						
PRIME.....	5,978	3,608	1,019	1,013	24.18	26.77
CHOICE.....	80,856	82,168	967	955	23.21	25.79
GOOD.....	43,455	40,239	909	910	22.04	24.09
OTHER <u>2/</u>	10,788	7,756	920	935	19.76	21.37
TOTAL.....	141,077	133,771	948	942	22.65	25.07

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MARKETING INTENTIONS

Of the April 1 cattle on feed 5,542,000 head are expected to be marketed during the April-June period. This would be 1 percent higher than marketings for the same period a year earlier. Feeders in the North Central States intend to market 1 percent less while those in Western States plan a 1 percent increase. A breakdown of anticipated marketings during the April-June quarter shows 33 percent to be marketed in April, 33 percent in May, and 34 percent in June. Estimates of expected marketings are based on the usual relationship between survey data and actual marketings.

MARCH MARKETINGS FOR 15 LIVESTOCK MARKETS

Steers and heifers sold out of first hands for slaughter at 15 livestock markets during March 1968 totaled 394,113 head, down 8 percent from a year earlier. Steers accounted for 66 percent of the total marketed during the month. Steers sold during March 1968, at 260,342 head, were down 10 percent from a year earlier, while heifer marketings at 133,771 head, were down 5 percent.

Steers and heifers marketed at prime, choice, and good grades totaled 375,988 head, down 7 percent from March 1967. All grades except choice heifers showed a decrease from a year earlier.