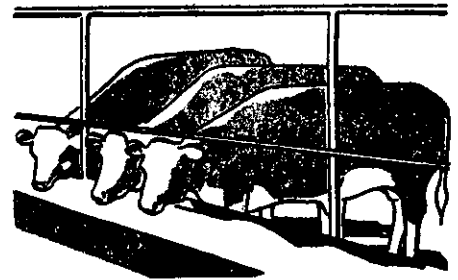


CATTLE ON FEED



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--Selected Markets

May 1, 1968

May 13, 1968

Cattle and calves on feed in Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and Texas on May 1, 1968 are estimated at 5,828,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 3 percent less than April 1 but 6 percent more than the number on feed in these 6 States on May 1, 1967. Cattle and calves placed on feed during April in these States totaled 963,000 head, 21 percent more than placements in April 1967. Marketings of fed cattle for slaughter from these States totaled 1,130,000 head during April, 8 percent more than a year earlier.

Arizona: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Arizona on May 1 totaled 306,000 head, 10 percent less than on April 1 and 8 percent less than May 1, 1967. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during April, at 37,000 head, were 16 percent higher than a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during April were 71,000 head, 18 percent above a year earlier.

California: The number of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in California on May 1 was 765,000 head, 11 percent more than a month earlier and 6 percent more than a year earlier. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during April totaled 213,000 head, more than double the unusually small placements in April 1967. Pastures and ranges deteriorated rapidly during April due to lack of moisture in the San Joaquin Valley and Central Coast areas, causing heavy movement of cattle into feedlots. A year earlier range feed was abundant and cattle moved into feedlots later than usual. Marketings of fed cattle during April were 136,000 head, 1 percent more than the April 1967 number.

Colorado: Colorado feedlots contained 555,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on May 1. This was a 7 percent reduction from the preceding month, but a 3 percent increase from a year earlier. Placements of cattle and calves on feed were 91,000 head during April, 4 percent below the placements in April 1967. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 130,000 head, 3 percent above a year earlier.

Iowa: On May 1, there were 2,181,000 cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa. This was 4 percent below April 1, but 4 percent above May 1, 1967. Placements of cattle and calves on feed were 233,000 head, 4 percent below a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 320,000 head, 12 percent above the same month last year.

Nebraska: There were 1,295,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on May 1 in Nebraska, 4 percent less than a month earlier but 5 percent more than May 1, 1967. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during April totaled 240,000 head, 11 percent more than a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during April were 289,000 head, 7 percent more than April 1967.

Texas: The number of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas on May 1 was 726,000 head, 5 percent below the April 1 estimate but 23 percent above May 1, 1967. April placements of cattle on feed were 149,000 head, 39 percent above a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during April were 184,000 head, 10 percent above April 1967.

April Marketings for 15 Markets: Steers and heifers marketed out of first hands for slaughter at 15 major livestock markets during April totaled 435,056 head, 1 percent more than April 1967. Steer marketings, at 290,752 head, were 1 percent above last year's April marketings, and heifer marketings, at 144,304 head, were virtually unchanged from a year earlier.

Steers and heifers grading prime, choice, and good totaled 415,259 head, 2 percent higher than the marketings of these three grades in April last year.

The average live weight of steers marketed during April was 1,123 pounds this year compared with 1,132 pounds a year earlier. Heifers averaged 937 pounds compared with 945 pounds last year.

Cattle and calves: Inventories, placements and marketings,
fed cattle, by States, April 1 to May 1

State	Number on feed 1/					
	April 1			May 1		
	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Arizona	362	340	94	334	306	92
California	755	688	91	725	765	106
Colorado	571	594	104	540	555	103
Iowa 2/	2,140	2,268	106	2,097	2,181	104
Nebraska	1,284	1,344	105	1,231	1,295	105
Texas	653	761	117	592	726	123
Total 6 States	5,765	5,995	104	5,519	5,828	106

State	Placements during April			Marketings during April		
	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Arizona	32	37	116	60	71	118
California	104	213	205	134	136	101
Colorado	95	91	96	126	130	103
Iowa 2/	242	233	96	285	320	112
Nebraska	217	240	111	270	289	107
Texas	107	149	139	168	184	110
Total 6 States	797	963	121	1,043	1,130	108

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,
April 1 to May 1

Item	Total 6 States		
	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
On feed April 1	5,765	5,995	104
Placed on feed during April	797	963	121
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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
APRIL 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
CHICAGO						
PRIME.....	8,203	6,062	1,260	1,265	25.98	29.61
CHOICE.....	43,175	48,395	1,176	1,160	24.66	27.49
GOOD.....	9,944	7,502	1,095	1,066	23.63	25.93
OTHER <u>2</u>	2,190	3,068	1,067	1,090	21.43	23.81
TOTAL.....	63,512	65,027	1,170	1,156	24.59	27.38
CINCINNATI						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	1,559	1,748	1,042	1,024	24.73	26.59
GOOD.....	1,562	1,880	1,046	1,026	23.16	24.85
OTHER <u>2</u>	282	205	1,017	1,008	20.82	22.64
TOTAL.....	3,403	3,833	1,041	1,024	23.69	25.52
DENVER						
PRIME.....	219	43	1,147	1,173	23.66	26.26
CHOICE.....	2,150	763	1,120	1,091	23.33	25.75
GOOD.....	225	218	1,156	1,057	21.94	23.86
OTHER <u>2</u>	---	42	---	1,115	---	21.81
TOTAL.....	2,594	1,066	1,126	1,089	23.23	25.24
FORT WORTH						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	139	54	981	1,048	23.97	26.46
GOOD.....	304	51	923	963	22.01	25.48
OTHER <u>2</u>	82	22	894	850	21.12	23.35
TOTAL.....	525	127	934	980	22.42	25.60
INDIANAPOLIS						
PRIME.....	---	51	---	1,358	---	28.00
CHOICE.....	5,525	6,612	1,107	1,102	24.27	26.61
GOOD.....	3,492	4,047	1,072	1,050	23.14	25.23
OTHER <u>2</u>	1,660	1,233	1,048	1,064	21.58	23.18
TOTAL.....	10,677	11,943	1,086	1,081	23.50	25.81
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	412	274	846	1,138	24.43	27.04
CHOICE.....	11,196	8,311	1,122	1,096	23.60	26.33
GOOD.....	5,378	4,945	1,064	1,060	22.66	24.91
OTHER <u>2</u>	345	185	977	1,104	20.50	22.46
TOTAL.....	17,331	13,715	1,095	1,084	23.28	25.79
OKLAHOMA CITY						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	417	173	1,090	1,071	22.98	25.97
GOOD.....	156	70	964	971	22.35	24.64
OTHER <u>2</u>	2	---	918	---	19.02	---
TOTAL.....	575	243	1,055	1,042	22.81	25.61
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	1,431	2,038	1,208	1,210	24.38	27.26
CHOICE.....	38,842	35,531	1,163	1,142	23.80	26.42
GOOD.....	16,746	18,767	1,094	1,096	22.66	25.20
OTHER <u>2</u>	2,254	1,056	1,136	1,092	20.91	22.74
TOTAL.....	59,273	57,392	1,144	1,129	23.39	26.00

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
APRIL 1967 AND 1968 ^{1/}

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVEWEIGHT	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	508	354	1,110	1,170	24.48	27.37
CHOICE.....	9,886	11,685	1,093	1,067	23.84	26.13
GOOD.....	7,862	8,911	1,042	1,032	22.84	24.94
OTHER ^{2/}	990	1,053	1,098	1,056	21.16	22.30
TOTAL.....	19,246	22,003	1,073	1,054	23.32	25.50
SIoux CITY						
PRIME.....	1,846	1,394	1,254	1,218	24.41	27.25
CHOICE.....	28,025	31,570	1,152	1,155	23.66	26.45
GOOD.....	6,553	9,584	1,104	1,102	22.68	25.30
OTHER ^{2/}	1,214	491	1,104	1,113	20.83	22.85
TOTAL.....	37,638	43,039	1,147	1,145	23.45	26.19
SIoux FALLS						
PRIME.....	195	36	1,256	1,186	24.42	27.08
CHOICE.....	9,114	7,862	1,195	1,184	23.63	26.24
GOOD.....	3,962	4,752	1,121	1,143	22.66	25.17
OTHER ^{2/}	1,295	784	1,153	1,146	20.89	22.82
TOTAL.....	14,566	13,434	1,172	1,167	23.15	25.68
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	593	915	1,170	1,162	24.34	27.11
CHOICE.....	18,864	20,507	1,136	1,114	23.74	26.39
GOOD.....	8,524	6,252	1,068	1,078	22.68	24.84
OTHER ^{2/}	878	252	1,070	1,088	20.90	22.46
TOTAL.....	28,859	27,926	1,114	1,107	23.37	26.04
SOUTH ST. PAUL ^{3/}						
PRIME.....	---	110	---	1,197	---	27.26
CHOICE.....	8,827	7,990	1,139	1,127	23.77	26.74
GOOD.....	4,956	7,215	1,075	1,103	22.52	24.56
OTHER ^{2/}	4,157	2,422	1,054	1,028	20.88	22.59
TOTAL.....	17,940	17,737	1,102	1,104	22.79	25.33
WEST FARGO						
PRIME.....	---	122	---	1,171	---	26.90
CHOICE.....	3,853	3,374	1,137	1,114	23.63	26.39
GOOD.....	2,806	5,097	1,079	1,144	22.35	24.21
OTHER ^{2/}	807	771	1,044	1,082	20.27	22.84
TOTAL.....	7,466	9,364	1,105	1,128	22.82	24.91
LOUISVILLE						
PRIME.....	104	114	1,019	1,018	24.66	27.11
CHOICE.....	1,954	2,349	1,044	1,021	23.98	26.15
GOOD.....	1,162	1,002	1,062	1,035	22.47	24.66
OTHER ^{2/}	146	438	1,021	1,115	20.75	22.67
TOTAL.....	3,366	3,903	1,048	1,035	23.34	25.37
TOTAL 15 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	13,511	11,513	1,228	1,231	25.38	28.51
CHOICE.....	183,526	186,924	1,150	1,135	23.97	26.69
GOOD.....	73,632	80,293	1,081	1,084	22.82	25.06
OTHER ^{2/}	16,302	12,022	1,078	1,075	21.00	22.99
TOTAL.....	286,971	290,752	1,132	1,123	23.60	26.19

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^{2/} STANDARD, COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY.
^{3/} PARTIAL RECEIPTS.

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

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVEWEIGHT	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
CHICAGO						
PRIME.....	2,861	1,910	1,001	1,022	24.54	26.90
CHOICE.....	11,589	11,163	950	950	23.67	26.16
GOOD.....	2,255	3,767	895	902	22.31	24.99
OTHER 2/.....	782	1,598	905	895	20.54	22.90
TOTAL.....	17,487	18,438	949	943	23.52	25.75
CINCINNATI						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	736	750	854	846	23.18	25.61
GOOD.....	1,013	986	795	799	22.04	23.92
OTHER 2/.....	80	67	772	786	20.27	21.28
TOTAL.....	1,829	1,803	818	818	22.45	24.55
DENVER						
PRIME.....	208	50	981	960	23.62	25.44
CHOICE.....	2,825	1,011	962	916	22.87	24.96
GOOD.....	363	120	939	954	21.50	23.10
OTHER 2/.....	10	9	996	1,124	19.46	20.24
TOTAL.....	3,406	1,190	961	923	22.77	24.74
FORT WORTH						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	52	32	726	738	22.58	25.61
GOOD.....	616	304	644	631	22.61	25.62
OTHER 2/.....	170	181	676	611	21.54	23.91
TOTAL.....	838	517	655	630	22.38	25.04
INDIANAPOLIS						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	2,121	2,898	884	877	23.11	25.35
GOOD.....	2,044	1,415	821	819	21.69	23.49
OTHER 2/.....	605	593	823	835	19.68	21.52
TOTAL.....	4,770	4,906	849	855	22.10	24.39
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	183	151	959	915	23.49	26.17
CHOICE.....	3,398	2,880	907	892	22.90	25.40
GOOD.....	2,086	2,643	857	858	21.55	23.89
OTHER 2/.....	11	173	870	890	19.54	20.89
TOTAL.....	5,678	5,847	890	877	22.44	24.62
OKLAHOMA CITY						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	295	110	867	834	22.57	24.91
GOOD.....	336	139	811	751	21.59	24.32
OTHER 2/.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL.....	631	249	837	787	22.06	24.60
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	1,586	2,014	1,032	1,010	23.92	26.51
CHOICE.....	27,879	28,225	984	965	23.22	25.69
GOOD.....	13,929	13,680	937	929	22.06	24.18
OTHER 2/.....	1,507	1,019	954	986	19.45	20.57
TOTAL.....	44,901	44,938	970	957	22.77	25.16

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APRIL 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
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	234	209	929	937	23.54	25.83
CHOICE.....	3,859	4,111	905	890	22.75	24.94
GOOD.....	2,621	3,603	845	840	21.63	23.41
OTHER 2/.....	370	267	856	845	19.64	20.98
TOTAL.....	7,084	8,190	881	868	22.22	24.19
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	1,294	867	1,043	1,008	23.65	26.14
CHOICE.....	13,594	15,307	971	963	22.69	25.40
GOOD.....	3,474	5,127	940	935	21.30	23.84
OTHER 2/.....	682	193	936	961	19.50	21.30
TOTAL.....	19,044	21,494	969	958	22.40	25.03
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	138	30	1,058	1,015	23.49	26.21
CHOICE.....	6,821	5,018	1,000	995	22.80	25.30
GOOD.....	3,255	3,584	936	951	21.52	24.03
OTHER 2/.....	920	659	940	973	19.83	21.32
TOTAL.....	11,134	9,291	977	977	22.22	24.55
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	14	39	1,018	999	23.50	26.50
CHOICE.....	4,974	6,451	938	921	22.98	25.48
GOOD.....	3,460	2,456	890	888	21.74	23.65
OTHER 2/.....	172	3	861	902	19.84	20.00
TOTAL.....	8,620	8,949	917	913	22.44	24.99
SOUTH ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	5,766	6,676	976	951	23.26	25.82
GOOD.....	5,171	3,743	927	914	21.85	23.91
OTHER 2/.....	2,506	2,238	958	983	19.39	20.85
TOTAL.....	13,443	12,657	954	945	22.01	24.36
WEST FARGO						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	2,022	1,214	978	982	22.54	25.24
GOOD.....	815	1,309	905	1,003	21.14	23.85
OTHER 2/.....	661	644	940	974	18.96	20.73
TOTAL.....	3,498	3,167	954	989	21.56	23.76
LOUISVILLE						
PRIME.....	40	233	931	858	24.03	26.05
CHOICE.....	1,228	1,615	878	868	23.25	25.61
GOOD.....	827	689	845	837	22.26	24.09
OTHER 2/.....	333	131	841	915	20.41	21.44
TOTAL.....	2,428	2,668	863	861	22.55	25.05
TOTAL 15 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	6,558	5,503	1,013	1,001	24.09	26.53
CHOICE.....	87,159	87,461	963	948	23.09	25.60
GOOD.....	42,265	43,565	904	906	21.83	24.03
OTHER 2/.....	8,809	7,775	921	934	19.63	21.37
TOTAL.....	144,791	144,304	945	937	22.58	24.95

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