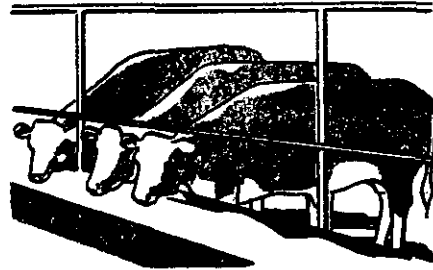


CATTLE ON FEED



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--Selected Markets

June 1, 1968

June 12, 1968

The number of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and Texas on June 1, 1968 is estimated at 5,746,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 1 percent less than a month earlier but 8 percent more than the number on feed in these 6 States on June 1, 1967. Cattle and calves placed on feed during May in these States totaled 1,104,000 head, 13 percent more than placements in May 1967. Marketings of fed cattle for slaughter from these States totaled 1,186,000 head during May, virtually the same as a year earlier.

Arizona: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Arizona on June 1 totaled 331,000 head, 8 percent more than on May 1 and 2 percent more than June 1, 1967. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during May, at 93,000 head, were 30,000 head or 48 percent above a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during May were 68,000 head, 4 percent less than in May 1967.

California: The number of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in California on June 1 was 958,000 head, 25 percent more than a month earlier and 21 percent more than a year earlier. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during May totaled 330,000 head, 47 percent more than the placements in May 1967. Marketings of fed cattle during May 1968 were 137,000 head, 13 percent less than a year earlier.

Colorado: Colorado feedlots contained 526,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on June 1. This is was a 5 percent reduction from the preceding month, but a 2 percent increase from a year earlier. Placements of cattle and calves on feed were 101,000 head during May, 5 percent below May last year. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 130,000 head, 1 percent above a year earlier.

Iowa: On June 1, 1968 there were 2,048,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa. This was 6 percent below May 1, but 5 percent above June 1, 1967. May placements of cattle and calves on feed were 222,000 head, about the same as a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 355,000 head, 4 percent less than the same month last year.

Nebraska: There were 1,162,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on June 1 in Nebraska, 10 percent less than a month earlier, but 1 percent more than June 1, 1967. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during May totaled 197,000 head, 10 percent less than a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during May were 330,000 head, 9 percent more than May 1967.

Texas: The number of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas on June 1 was 721,000 head, 1 percent below the May 1 estimate, but 24 percent above a year earlier. May placements of cattle and calves on feed were 161,000 head, 11 percent more than a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 166,000 head, 6 percent above May 1967.

May Marketings for 15 Markets: Steers and heifers marketed out of first hands for slaughter at 15 major livestock markets during May totaled 406,700 head, 21 percent less than May 1967. Steer marketings, at 279,179 head, were 21 percent below last year's May marketings, and heifer marketings, at 127,521 head, were down 22 percent from a year earlier.

Steers and heifers grading prime, choice, and 'good' totaled 390,213 head, 21 percent lower than the marketings of these three grades in May last year.

The average live weight of steers marketed during May was 1,132 pounds this year compared with 1,139 pounds a year earlier. Heifers averaged 935 pounds compared with 943 pounds last year.

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

State	Number on feed 1/					
	May 1			June 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	334	306	92	326	331	102
California	725	765	106	792	958	121
Colorado	540	555	103	517	526	102
Iowa 2/	2,097	2,181	104	1,950	2,048	105
Nebraska	1,231	1,295	105	1,145	1,162	101
Texas	592	726	123	581	721	124
Total 6 States	5,519	5,828	106	5,311	5,746	108

State	Placements during May			Marketings during May		
	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	63	93	148	71	68	96
California	225	330	147	158	137	87
Colorado	106	101	95	129	130	101
Iowa 2/	223	222	100	370	355	96
Nebraska	218	197	90	304	330	109
Texas	145	161	111	156	166	106
Total 6 States	980	1,104	113	1,188	1,186	100

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, May 1 to June 1

Item	Total 6 States		
	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
MAY 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.....	10,921	4,789	1,267	1,286	26.40	28.83
CHOICE.....	57,159	49,569	1,180	1,177	25.46	27.16
GOOD.....	10,509	7,822	1,084	1,072	24.37	25.69
OTHER 2/.....	2,712	2,239	1,075	1,084	22.34	23.45
TOTAL.....	81,301	64,419	1,176	1,169	25.37	27.02
CINCINNATI						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	2,248	2,143	1,028	1,049	25.09	26.30
GOOD.....	1,673	1,555	1,055	1,027	23.70	24.75
OTHER 2/.....	624	207	1,052	1,019	22.06	22.46
TOTAL.....	4,545	3,905	1,041	1,039	24.15	25.49
DENVER						
PRIME.....	213	29	1,159	1,193	24.88	25.89
CHOICE.....	2,360	879	1,145	1,158	24.59	25.87
GOOD.....	258	93	1,113	1,178	22.70	24.43
OTHER 2/.....	31	13	1,041	1,132	21.55	22.02
TOTAL.....	2,862	1,014	1,142	1,160	24.41	25.69
FORT WORTH						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	127	122	1,032	1,012	24.82	26.26
GOOD.....	169	270	810	830	23.08	25.21
OTHER 2/.....	59	47	789	861	20.70	22.33
TOTAL.....	355	439	886	884	23.45	25.24
INDIANAPOLIS						
PRIME.....	18	4	1,083	1,269	26.00	28.00
CHOICE.....	8,696	6,050	1,108	1,108	25.01	26.40
GOOD.....	3,751	3,777	1,073	1,062	23.83	24.89
OTHER 2/.....	1,211	792	1,066	1,044	22.24	22.75
TOTAL.....	13,676	10,623	1,094	1,087	24.45	25.61
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	380	341	1,173	1,138	25.52	27.26
CHOICE.....	12,340	6,745	1,114	1,090	24.93	26.60
GOOD.....	4,796	3,236	1,054	1,062	23.41	25.30
OTHER 2/.....	269	212	1,086	1,102	21.24	22.71
TOTAL.....	17,785	10,534	1,098	1,083	24.50	26.15
OKLAHOMA CITY						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	827	95	1,077	973	24.10	26.10
GOOD.....	224	51	950	1,063	23.13	23.94
OTHER 2/.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL.....	1,051	146	1,050	1,005	23.91	25.30
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2,044	2,016	1,238	1,201	25.26	27.02
CHOICE.....	51,308	36,549	1,164	1,146	24.64	26.29
GOOD.....	19,945	15,193	1,098	1,097	23.44	25.12
OTHER 2/.....	2,531	1,091	1,131	1,092	21.62	22.85
TOTAL.....	75,828	54,849	1,148	1,133	24.25	25.94

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
MAY 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.....	488	245	1,127	1,150	25.82	26.89
CHOICE.....	12,699	10,567	1,087	1,068	24.82	26.10
GOOD.....	6,941	7,116	1,024	1,043	23.91	25.08
OTHER ^{2/}	1,128	878	1,048	1,076	21.95	22.48
TOTAL.....	21,256	18,806	1,065	1,060	24.41	25.56
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	3,417	1,661	1,225	1,229	25.19	26.98
CHOICE.....	34,648	31,338	1,159	1,158	24.55	26.28
GOOD.....	7,821	9,057	1,106	1,104	23.29	25.20
OTHER ^{2/}	996	819	1,130	1,104	21.55	22.95
TOTAL.....	46,882	42,875	1,154	1,148	24.33	26.03
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	298	100	1,235	1,243	25.51	26.86
CHOICE.....	12,247	10,850	1,210	1,184	24.78	26.24
GOOD.....	4,000	3,903	1,139	1,162	23.39	24.75
OTHER ^{2/}	976	425	1,159	1,130	21.58	22.90
TOTAL.....	17,521	15,278	1,192	1,177	24.32	25.78
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	1,414	716	1,206	1,177	25.58	27.24
CHOICE.....	24,409	18,089	1,131	1,111	24.95	26.45
GOOD.....	9,730	4,583	1,072	1,072	23.65	24.90
OTHER ^{2/}	747	266	1,087	1,058	21.62	22.59
TOTAL.....	36,300	23,654	1,117	1,105	24.58	26.14
SOUTH ST. PAUL						
PRIME.....	---	284	---	1,183	---	27.41
CHOICE.....	12,016	10,127	1,147	1,139	25.02	26.73
GOOD.....	4,069	6,865	1,090	1,112	23.26	24.38
OTHER ^{2/}	4,532	2,128	1,057	1,031	21.72	22.64
TOTAL.....	20,617	19,404	1,116	1,118	24.00	25.50
WEST FARGO						
PRIME.....	---	56	---	1,159	---	26.94
CHOICE.....	3,860	2,845	1,128	1,129	24.57	26.19
GOOD.....	2,311	5,083	1,060	1,134	23.26	24.27
OTHER ^{2/}	913	759	1,057	1,070	21.17	23.25
TOTAL.....	7,084	8,743	1,096	1,127	23.74	24.83
LOUISVILLE						
PRIME.....	253	163	1,037	1,019	25.79	27.16
CHOICE.....	2,764	2,131	1,044	1,089	24.44	26.04
GOOD.....	1,614	1,584	1,123	1,104	22.85	24.39
OTHER ^{2/}	912	612	1,139	1,123	21.81	22.46
TOTAL.....	5,543	4,490	1,082	1,097	23.57	24.99
TOTAL 15 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	19,446	10,404	1,242	1,237	25.95	27.91
CHOICE.....	237,708	188,099	1,153	1,145	24.92	26.56
GOOD.....	77,811	70,188	1,082	1,090	23.60	24.99
OTHER ^{2/}	17,641	10,488	1,085	1,073	21.81	22.89
TOTAL.....	352,606	279,179	1,139	1,132	24.56	26.10

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^{2/} STANDARD, COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY.

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
MAY 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.....	3,358	1,970	1,012	1,024	25.36	26.96
CHOICE.....	13,501	10,159	941	947	24.51	26.10
GOOD.....	2,806	2,479	896	909	22.78	24.74
OTHER 2/.....	789	952	918	908	20.93	22.82
TOTAL.....	20,454	15,560	946	948	24.30	25.82
CINCINNATI						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	1,352	684	842	818	23.73	25.30
GOOD.....	1,130	962	792	789	22.80	23.93
OTHER 2/.....	135	13	796	790	21.08	21.43
TOTAL.....	2,617	1,659	818	801	23.21	24.49
DENVER						
PRIME.....	210	---	1,007	---	24.85	---
CHOICE.....	2,456	686	967	933	24.16	25.14
GOOD.....	526	123	952	911	22.63	23.70
OTHER 2/.....	15	30	914	1,084	20.73	22.90
TOTAL.....	3,207	839	967	935	23.95	24.76
FORT WORTH						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	61	124	678	795	24.04	25.26
GOOD.....	671	469	692	633	22.94	25.98
OTHER 2/.....	191	284	735	656	20.48	22.18
TOTAL.....	923	877	700	663	22.48	24.64
INDIANAPOLIS						
PRIME.....	59	---	1,010	---	24.79	---
CHOICE.....	3,337	2,701	870	876	23.98	25.13
GOOD.....	1,789	1,767	836	833	22.49	23.35
OTHER 2/.....	578	255	822	836	20.92	20.84
TOTAL.....	5,763	4,723	856	857	23.24	24.26
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	298	179	977	966	24.54	26.24
CHOICE.....	4,686	2,244	896	891	23.69	25.60
GOOD.....	1,781	1,635	862	845	21.86	24.25
OTHER 2/.....	16	108	793	965	20.20	21.19
TOTAL.....	6,781	4,166	890	878	23.26	25.00
OKLAHOMA CITY						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	342	143	892	901	23.39	25.21
GOOD.....	393	166	818	775	22.47	24.16
OTHER 2/.....	5	---	997	---	19.10	---
TOTAL.....	740	309	853	833	22.89	24.69
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2,480	1,825	1,040	1,018	24.90	26.50
CHOICE.....	33,845	26,899	976	965	24.19	25.79
GOOD.....	13,909	10,283	934	931	22.93	24.33
OTHER 2/.....	1,553	990	943	967	20.49	20.97
TOTAL.....	51,787	39,997	967	959	23.79	25.34

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MAY 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.....	268	165	967	978	24.58	25.94
CHOICE.....	5,216	4,179	908	876	23.83	25.21
GOOD.....	2,430	2,693	838	840	22.78	23.85
OTHER ^{2/}	553	185	868	902	21.47	21.42
TOTAL.....	8,467	7,222	887	866	23.42	24.64
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	2,063	1,449	1,022	1,006	24.31	26.17
CHOICE.....	15,969	13,702	976	956	23.63	25.53
GOOD.....	3,587	3,529	939	933	22.14	24.05
OTHER ^{2/}	445	193	960	997	20.19	21.97
TOTAL.....	22,064	18,873	974	956	23.39	25.27
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	172	90	1,048	1,008	24.69	26.06
CHOICE.....	7,176	4,621	1,002	985	23.77	25.41
GOOD.....	3,380	2,837	957	954	22.29	24.01
OTHER ^{2/}	904	390	968	981	20.39	21.32
TOTAL.....	11,632	7,938	987	974	23.11	24.72
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	237	148	996	978	24.64	26.47
CHOICE.....	5,593	5,411	923	905	23.89	25.70
GOOD.....	3,253	2,065	869	888	22.60	23.98
OTHER ^{2/}	191	8	900	781	20.45	20.91
TOTAL.....	9,274	7,632	906	901	23.41	25.25
SOUTH ST. PAUL						
PRIME.....	---	165	---	967	---	26.57
CHOICE.....	7,931	7,457	959	945	24.36	25.81
GOOD.....	4,496	3,082	912	919	22.58	23.79
OTHER ^{2/}	2,108	1,966	956	993	19.87	20.84
TOTAL.....	14,535	12,670	944	946	23.17	24.53
WEST FARGO						
PRIME.....	---	10	---	1,030	---	26.25
CHOICE.....	1,539	929	960	983	23.46	25.07
GOOD.....	794	1,205	919	967	22.08	23.61
OTHER ^{2/}	332	554	936	965	19.29	20.44
TOTAL.....	2,665	2,698	945	972	22.55	23.48
LOUISVILLE						
PRIME.....	212	136	885	914	24.49	26.05
CHOICE.....	1,904	1,507	864	849	23.89	25.55
GOOD.....	737	644	841	833	22.36	23.74
OTHER ^{2/}	167	71	895	924	20.40	21.21
TOTAL.....	3,020	2,358	861	851	23.37	24.95
TOTAL 15 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	9,357	6,137	1,017	1,010	24.90	26.53
CHOICE.....	104,908	81,446	954	943	24.04	25.68
GOOD.....	41,682	33,939	903	902	22.63	24.11
OTHER ^{2/}	7,982	5,999	924	945	20.38	21.27
TOTAL.....	163,929	127,521	943	935	23.58	25.11

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