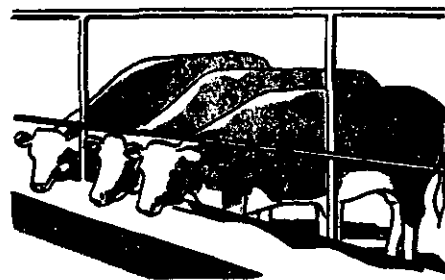


CATTLE ON FEED



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--Selected Markets

December 1, 1968

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and Texas on December 1, 1968 are estimated at 6,486,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 7 percent more than a month earlier and 11 percent more than on December 1, 1967. Cattle and calves placed on feed during November in these States totaled 1,524,000 head, 18 percent more than placements in November 1967. Marketings of fed cattle for slaughter from these States totaled 1,126,000 head during November, 10 percent more than a year earlier.

Arizona: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Arizona on December 1 totaled 429,000 head, 10 percent above a month earlier and 11 percent above December 1, 1967. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during November, at 91,000 head, were up 18 percent from a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during November 1968 were 51,000 head, 16 percent more than November 1967.

California: The number of cattle and calves on feed in California on December 1 was 1,031,000 head, 3 percent less than a month earlier, but 6 percent more than a year earlier. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during November totaled 162,000 head, 7 percent less than in November 1967. Marketings of fed cattle during November 1968 were 191,000 head, 9 percent more than a year earlier.

Colorado: Colorado feedlots contained 710,000 head of cattle on feed for slaughter market on December 1. This is an 8 percent increase from the preceding month and is 12 percent above a year earlier. Placements of 155,000 head of cattle and calves on feed during November were 2 percent above the same month last year. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 101,000 head, 3 percent less than a year earlier.

Iowa: On December 1, there were 1,864,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa. This was 13 percent above November 1, 1968 and 7 percent above December 1, 1967. November placements of cattle and calves on feed totaled 588,000 head, 12 percent more than a year earlier. Marketing of fed cattle during November totaled 371,000 head, 6 percent above November 1967.

Nebraska: There were 1,402,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on December 1 in Nebraska, 5 percent more than a month earlier and 6 percent more than December 1, 1967. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during November totaled 323,000 head, 52 percent more than the number placed a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during November were 250,000 head, 6 percent more than November 1967.

Texas: The number of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas on December 1 was 1,050,000 head, 4 percent above the preceding month and 32 percent above a year earlier. November placements of cattle and calves on feed were 205,000 head, 31 percent more than a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 162,000 head, 38 percent above November 1967.

November Marketings for 15 Markets: Steers and heifers marketed out of first hands for slaughter at 15 major livestock markets during November totaled 341,487 head. Steer marketings totaled 214,622 head and heifers accounted for 126,865 head. The average live weight of steers marketed during November was 1,108 pounds compared with 1,121 pounds a year earlier. Heifers averaged 939 pounds compared with 945 pounds last year.

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"Effective January 1, 1969, the Statistical Reporting Service plans to discontinue calculation and publication of 5-year averages that appear in this report. The report will contain data for the current and the two preceding years. It is believed that changes in agriculture have decreased the value of the five-year averages for making comparisons."

Cattle and calves: Inventories, placements and marketings,
fed cattle, by States, November 1 to December 1

State	Number on feed 1/					
	November 1			December 1		
	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
	<u>head</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Arizona	354	389	110	387	429	111
California	975	1,060	109	974	1,031	106
Colorado	587	656	112	635	710	112
Iowa 2/	1,569	1,647	105	1,742	1,864	107
Nebraska	1,340	1,329	99	1,317	1,402	106
Texas	754	1,007	134	793	1,050	132
Total 6 States	5,579	6,088	109	5,848	6,486	111

State	Placements during November			Marketings during November		
	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
		1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
	<u>head</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Arizona	77	91	118	44	51	116
California	174	162	93	175	191	109
Colorado	152	155	102	104	101	97
Iowa 2/	523	588	112	350	371	106
Nebraska	212	323	152	235	250	106
Texas	156	205	131	117	162	138
Total 6 States	1,294	1,524	118	1,025	1,126	110

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.
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		1,000	1,000
	<u>head</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>
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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
NOVEMBER 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.....	8,876	6,785	1,269	1,254	27.61	30.10
CHOICE.....	59,307	49,730	1,149	1,133	26.51	28.46
GOOD.....	8,126	6,038	1,081	1,064	25.52	26.96
OTHER 2/.....	2,063	2,186	1,051	1,096	22.66	24.15
TOTAL.....	78,372	64,739	1,153	1,138	26.46	28.38
CINCINNATI						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	1,485	1,118	1,055	1,036	26.18	27.28
GOOD.....	1,117	872	1,033	1,043	24.92	25.58
OTHER 2/.....	154	103	1,067	1,036	22.11	22.56
TOTAL.....	2,756	2,093	1,047	1,039	25.44	26.34
DENVER						
PRIME.....	44	---	1,136	---	26.33	---
CHOICE.....	613	176	1,099	1,056	25.83	27.24
GOOD.....	144	43	1,029	1,033	24.55	25.85
OTHER 2/.....	14	---	1,259	---	20.19	---
TOTAL.....	815	219	1,092	1,052	25.54	26.97
FORT WORTH						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	76	11	1,006	957	25.90	25.59
GOOD.....	110	86	995	793	24.26	24.95
OTHER 2/.....	56	11	930	664	22.39	21.81
TOTAL.....	242	108	984	796	24.38	24.76
INDIANAPOLIS						
PRIME.....	29	117	1,101	1,144	27.20	29.00
CHOICE.....	5,518	4,076	1,076	1,061	26.05	27.81
GOOD.....	2,355	2,534	1,045	1,035	24.38	26.19
OTHER 2/.....	613	903	1,068	1,058	22.02	23.32
TOTAL.....	8,515	7,630	1,067	1,053	25.31	26.77
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	257	110	1,134	1,064	26.56	27.92
CHOICE.....	10,692	4,646	1,096	1,090	25.41	26.77
GOOD.....	5,771	2,379	1,083	1,099	23.70	24.87
OTHER 2/.....	340	284	1,095	1,137	21.05	21.98
TOTAL.....	17,060	7,419	1,092	1,094	24.77	25.98
OKLAHOMA CITY						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	127	87	1,020	1,109	24.96	26.37
GOOD.....	88	40	1,044	1,024	23.76	25.18
OTHER 2/.....	5	---	1,073	---	20.00	---
TOTAL.....	220	127	1,031	1,082	24.36	26.02
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2,031	2,003	1,158	1,134	26.26	28.28
CHOICE.....	33,254	25,049	1,126	1,101	25.55	27.46
GOOD.....	13,660	8,828	1,093	1,088	24.39	25.98
OTHER 2/.....	928	839	1,151	1,158	21.58	22.98
TOTAL.....	49,873	36,719	1,119	1,101	25.19	27.05

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
NOVEMBER 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.....	317	401	1,161	1,122	26.79	28.57
CHOICE.....	7,325	6,903	1,061	1,039	25.91	27.41
GOOD.....	6,817	5,052	1,016	1,037	24.59	25.87
OTHER ^{2/}	904	582	1,011	1,087	21.69	23.28
TOTAL.....	15,363	12,938	1,040	1,043	25.12	26.66
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	3,819	2,269	1,186	1,196	25.93	28.36
CHOICE.....	33,116	26,362	1,142	1,126	25.25	27.43
GOOD.....	7,571	6,222	1,089	1,059	24.43	26.39
OTHER ^{2/}	451	566	1,133	1,153	22.05	23.60
TOTAL.....	44,957	35,419	1,136	1,119	25.14	27.26
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	147	73	1,201	1,134	26.07	28.39
CHOICE.....	11,265	5,792	1,140	1,135	25.10	27.27
GOOD.....	2,058	3,230	1,107	1,086	23.63	26.17
OTHER ^{2/}	439	590	1,144	1,174	21.54	23.78
TOTAL.....	13,909	9,685	1,136	1,121	24.78	26.70
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	855	825	1,149	1,121	26.34	28.41
CHOICE.....	11,882	12,681	1,108	1,095	25.43	27.49
GOOD.....	3,715	3,454	1,075	1,089	23.92	25.58
OTHER ^{2/}	405	317	1,156	1,156	21.48	22.51
TOTAL.....	16,857	17,277	1,104	1,096	25.05	27.06
SOUTH ST. PAUL ^{3/}						
PRIME.....	92	66	1,163	1,216	26.39	28.17
CHOICE.....	10,916	6,797	1,113	1,100	25.60	27.36
GOOD.....	3,502	3,719	1,071	1,055	24.17	25.64
OTHER ^{2/}	3,486	2,352	1,084	1,091	21.64	22.88
TOTAL.....	17,996	12,934	1,099	1,086	24.58	26.07
WEST FARGO						
PRIME.....	---	145	---	1,152	---	27.33
CHOICE.....	4,174	2,812	1,121	1,094	24.75	26.16
GOOD.....	2,297	2,136	1,094	1,105	23.04	24.29
OTHER ^{2/}	839	326	1,037	1,001	19.97	21.38
TOTAL.....	7,310	5,419	1,103	1,094	23.70	25.19
LOUISVILLE						
PRIME.....	52	167	1,058	1,020	26.38	28.10
CHOICE.....	900	742	1,034	1,019	25.62	27.37
GOOD.....	807	844	1,037	1,086	24.01	24.95
OTHER ^{2/}	360	143	1,088	1,060	21.58	21.90
TOTAL.....	2,119	1,896	1,045	1,052	24.32	25.90
TOTAL 15 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	16,519	12,961	1,223	1,205	26.96	29.29
CHOICE.....	190,650	146,982	1,128	1,112	25.78	27.75
GOOD.....	58,138	45,477	1,075	1,069	24.39	25.75
OTHER ^{2/}	11,057	9,202	1,080	1,103	21.72	23.26
TOTAL.....	276,364	214,622	1,121	1,108	25.42	27.29

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^{2/} STANDARD, COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY.

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HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
NOVEMBER 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.....	3,028	2,391	972	992	25.94	27.55
CHOICE.....	14,077	16,443	945	948	25.11	26.61
GOOD.....	2,404	2,943	902	890	23.96	24.93
OTHER ^{2/}	914	356	868	890	21.79	23.00
TOTAL.....	20,423	22,133	940	944	24.97	26.45
CINCINNATI						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	952	913	881	868	24.87	26.12
GOOD.....	799	496	818	802	23.36	24.56
OTHER ^{2/}	139	67	718	711	20.71	21.64
TOTAL.....	1,890	1,476	842	839	23.99	25.45
DENVER						
PRIME.....	45	40	941	981	25.30	27.36
CHOICE.....	746	740	946	916	24.92	26.65
GOOD.....	162	72	966	887	24.05	24.30
OTHER ^{2/}	43	13	916	1,018	20.47	20.51
TOTAL.....	996	865	948	919	24.61	26.40
FORT WORTH						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	33	---	842	---	23.19	---
GOOD.....	191	214	606	631	23.08	24.12
OTHER ^{2/}	144	98	614	682	21.04	20.73
TOTAL.....	368	312	630	647	22.32	23.00
INDIANAPOLIS						
PRIME.....	---	226	---	984	---	27.06
CHOICE.....	2,608	1,837	893	902	24.55	26.21
GOOD.....	1,143	1,271	819	832	22.89	24.64
OTHER ^{2/}	439	582	815	814	20.58	22.18
TOTAL.....	4,190	3,916	865	871	23.73	25.22
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	178	99	969	938	25.48	26.44
CHOICE.....	2,740	1,667	904	904	24.50	25.68
GOOD.....	2,119	1,165	845	862	22.72	24.16
OTHER ^{2/}	162	187	859	872	20.58	21.11
TOTAL.....	5,199	3,118	881	888	23.72	24.88
OKLAHOMA CITY						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	44	77	883	912	23.93	25.61
GOOD.....	70	70	788	774	21.64	23.57
OTHER ^{2/}	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL.....	114	147	825	847	22.59	24.72
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2,199	2,356	1,020	992	25.33	27.12
CHOICE.....	30,887	24,411	964	954	24.69	26.35
GOOD.....	12,585	7,363	933	938	23.60	24.84
OTHER ^{2/}	703	519	1,026	988	20.55	21.44
TOTAL.....	46,374	34,649	960	954	24.37	26.01

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	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	62	19	966	996	25.67	27.00
CHOICE.....	2,445	3,565	902	892	24.95	26.09
GOOD.....	3,293	2,570	845	865	23.37	24.68
OTHER <u>2/</u>	504	189	823	880	20.19	21.70
TOTAL.....	6,304	6,343	867	881	23.79	25.40
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	2,177	1,637	1,009	998	24.85	26.87
CHOICE.....	16,457	14,339	978	958	24.20	26.09
GOOD.....	4,146	3,031	939	935	23.08	24.51
OTHER <u>2/</u>	306	266	987	1,010	20.71	22.60
TOTAL.....	23,086	19,273	974	958	24.02	25.87
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	172	76	1,027	1,012	24.61	26.68
CHOICE.....	8,397	7,155	983	972	23.88	25.79
GOOD.....	2,077	1,930	955	926	22.34	24.31
OTHER <u>2/</u>	368	126	1,012	1,010	19.72	21.12
TOTAL.....	11,014	9,287	979	963	23.47	25.44
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	157	195	993	944	25.40	27.05
CHOICE.....	4,047	5,990	920	914	24.32	26.07
GOOD.....	2,124	1,594	905	903	22.64	24.14
OTHER <u>2/</u>	27	---	928	---	20.11	---
TOTAL.....	6,355	7,779	917	913	23.78	25.71
SOUTH ST. PAUL <u>3/</u>						
PRIME.....	27	35	1,058	1,074	25.24	26.38
CHOICE.....	9,004	7,153	954	943	24.25	26.03
GOOD.....	3,699	3,408	927	910	22.95	24.45
OTHER <u>2/</u>	2,353	2,336	963	989	18.25	19.61
TOTAL.....	15,083	12,932	949	943	22.99	24.41
WEST FARGO						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	3,221	2,189	976	969	23.79	25.08
GOOD.....	846	575	967	942	22.31	22.91
OTHER <u>2/</u>	784	502	952	973	17.62	18.53
TOTAL.....	4,851	3,266	971	965	22.55	23.69
LOUISVILLE						
PRIME.....	72	144	876	905	25.17	26.68
CHOICE.....	791	704	864	870	24.41	26.21
GOOD.....	538	471	872	838	23.29	24.62
OTHER <u>2/</u>	172	50	871	843	21.11	21.27
TOTAL.....	1,573	1,369	868	861	23.70	25.55
TOTAL 15 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	8,117	7,218	996	990	25.41	27.18
CHOICE.....	96,449	87,183	956	945	24.51	26.21
GOOD.....	36,196	27,173	909	904	23.23	24.57
OTHER <u>2/</u>	7,058	5,291	923	944	19.53	20.52
TOTAL.....	147,820	126,865	945	939	24.03	25.69

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