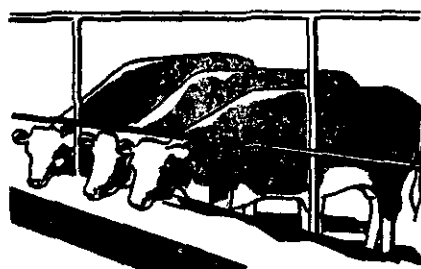


CATTLE ON FEED



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--Selected Markets

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Cattle and calves on feed March 1 for slaughter market are up 7 percent from a year earlier in 6 States--Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and Texas. According to the Crop Reporting Board, feedlots in these States contained 6,381,000 on March 1, a decrease of 7 percent from the estimated number on feed a month earlier. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during February in the 6 States totaled 773,000 head, 14 percent less than during February a year earlier. February marketings of fed cattle for slaughter from these 6 States totaled 1,228,000, 8 percent more than a year earlier.

Arizona: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Arizona on March 1 totaled 430,000 head, 4 percent less than a month earlier but 19 percent above March 1, 1968. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during February, at 43,000, were nearly double the 23,000 placed on feed a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during February were 61,000 head, 36 percent more than February 1968.

California: The number of cattle and calves on feed in California on March 1 was 726,000 head, 15 percent less than a month earlier, but 6 percent more than a year ago. Placements of cattle and calves during February totaled 50,000 head, 28 percent less than February 1968. Marketings of fed cattle during February 1969 were 178,000 head, 2 percent less than a year earlier.

Colorado: Colorado feedlots contained 671,000 head of cattle on feed for slaughter market on March 1. This is a 3 percent decrease from the preceding month, but is 12 percent above a year earlier. Placements of 133,000 head of cattle and calves during February were 46 percent above the same month last year. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 152,000 head, 42 percent above a year earlier.

Iowa: On March 1, there were 2,204,000 cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa, the same as a year earlier. Placements during February were 211,000 head, 28 percent less than a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 328,000 head, 2 percent more than February 1968.

Nebraska: There were 1,311,000 cattle and calves on feed March 1 in Nebraska, 9 percent less than a month earlier and 4 percent less than March 1, 1968. February placements of cattle and calves on feed, at 181,000, were 43 percent less than the 320,000 placed a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during February were 310,000 head, 5 percent less than February 1968.

Texas: The March 1 number of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas was 1,039,000 head, 4 percent below the preceding month but 38 percent above a year earlier. February placements of cattle and calves were 155,000 head, 49 percent more than a year earlier. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 199,000 head, 24 percent above a year earlier.

February Marketings for 15 Markets: Steers and heifers marketed out of first hands for slaughter at 15 livestock markets during February totaled 323,982 head. Steer marketings totaled 208,651 and heifers accounted for 115,331 head. The average liveweight of steers marketed during February was 1,104 pounds compared with 1,124 pounds a year earlier. Heifers averaged 921 pounds compared with 941 pounds last year.

NOTICE

Recent program analysis by the Statistical Reporting Service has resulted in some changes in publication of reports and data series. Beginning with the Cattle on Feed Report released April 17, 1969, data on beef steers and heifers sold out of first hands for slaughter will be discontinued for 7 markets. Data will continue to be published for Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, NSY, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, So. St. Joseph and So. St. Paul.

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		
	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	383	448	117	361	430	119
California	799	854	107	687	726	106
Colorado	616	690	112	600	671	112
Iowa 2/	2,232	2,321	104	2,204	2,204	100
Nebraska	1,371	1,440	105	1,366	1,311	96
Texas	807	1,083	134	751	1,039	138
Total 6 States	6,208	6,836	110	5,969	6,381	107

State	Placements during February			Marketings during February		
	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
		1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head	
Arizona	23	43	187	45	61	136
California	69	50	72	181	178	98
Colorado	91	133	146	107	152	142
Iowa 2/	294	211	72	322	328	102
Nebraska	320	181	57	325	310	95
Texas	104	155	149	160	199	124
Total 6 States	901	773	86	1,140	1,228	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.

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fed cattle, February 1 to March 1

Item	Total 6 States		
	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	1,000 head		Percent
On feed February 1	6,208	6,836	110
Placed on feed during February	901	773	86
Marketed during February	1,140	1,228	108
On feed March 1	5,969	6,381	107

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
FEBRUARY 1968 AND 1969 ^{1/}

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVEWEIGHT	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>DOLLARS</u>	<u>DOLLARS</u>
CHICAGO						
PRIME.....	5,441	6,473	1,271	1,254	29.33	31.08
CHOICE.....	44,152	41,106	1,167	1,146	27.34	29.11
GOOD.....	7,909	8,319	1,074	1,069	25.66	27.18
OTHER ^{2/}	2,132	1,368	1,070	1,068	22.91	23.99
TOTAL.....	59,634	57,266	1,161	1,145	27.19	28.97
CINCINNATI						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	1,499	1,339	1,060	1,012	26.77	27.79
GOOD.....	2,017	1,065	1,036	1,030	24.91	26.09
OTHER ^{2/}	233	134	1,068	1,053	22.01	23.13
TOTAL.....	3,749	2,538	1,048	1,021	25.48	26.81
DENVER						
PRIME.....	---	5	---	1,075	---	27.85
CHOICE.....	686	152	1,109	1,087	25.55	26.87
GOOD.....	192	63	1,090	1,172	24.19	25.14
OTHER ^{2/}	48	12	1,132	1,238	21.16	23.93
TOTAL.....	926	232	1,106	1,118	25.04	26.23
FORT WORTH						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	106	52	1,140	985	26.30	26.85
GOOD.....	188	134	924	873	23.54	26.24
OTHER ^{2/}	122	19	889	798	20.80	22.90
TOTAL.....	416	205	969	894	23.63	26.14
INDIANAPOLIS						
PRIME.....	161	27	1,179	1,119	28.37	29.56
CHOICE.....	5,012	4,141	1,093	1,097	26.72	28.21
GOOD.....	3,126	3,032	1,052	1,038	25.12	26.45
OTHER ^{2/}	1,406	1,080	1,066	1,092	22.58	23.81
TOTAL.....	9,705	8,280	1,077	1,075	25.65	27.01
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	227	115	1,097	1,056	26.68	28.52
CHOICE.....	10,185	6,014	1,089	1,092	25.70	27.18
GOOD.....	4,884	2,844	1,062	1,073	24.06	25.57
OTHER ^{2/}	211	306	1,069	1,095	20.61	22.21
TOTAL.....	15,507	9,279	1,080	1,086	25.14	26.54
OKLAHOMA CITY						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	187	21	1,080	1,211	25.16	26.79
GOOD.....	266	35	1,042	953	24.34	25.94
OTHER ^{2/}	53	---	1,299	---	21.22	---
TOTAL.....	506	56	1,083	1,050	24.25	26.30
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2,003	1,837	1,179	1,173	27.10	28.67
CHOICE.....	29,425	26,163	1,153	1,113	26.19	27.63
GOOD.....	13,735	12,037	1,107	1,066	25.01	26.14
OTHER ^{2/}	1,520	1,016	1,143	1,107	21.98	23.09
TOTAL.....	46,683	41,053	1,140	1,102	25.75	27.14

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
FEBRUARY 1968 AND 1969 ^{1/}

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELWEIGHT	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	308	86	1,143	1,107	27.24	28.91
CHOICE.....	8,664	8,376	1,060	1,073	26.24	27.65
GOOD.....	8,750	9,924	1,019	1,011	24.81	26.18
OTHER ^{2/}	1,099	1,200	1,047	1,026	21.57	23.34
TOTAL.....	18,821	19,586	1,041	1,039	25.33	26.67
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	2,126	1,613	1,202	1,176	27.43	28.67
CHOICE.....	26,567	18,605	1,148	1,112	26.29	27.61
GOOD.....	8,477	4,291	1,097	1,057	24.77	26.05
OTHER ^{2/}	452	518	1,095	1,113	21.56	22.84
TOTAL.....	37,622	25,027	1,139	1,107	25.98	27.33
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	85	75	1,210	1,165	27.19	28.76
CHOICE.....	6,662	5,091	1,174	1,128	26.36	27.80
GOOD.....	4,065	2,288	1,132	1,085	24.75	26.32
OTHER ^{2/}	769	725	1,175	1,148	21.95	22.87
TOTAL.....	11,581	8,179	1,160	1,118	25.52	26.96
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	484	56	1,150	1,182	27.10	28.45
CHOICE.....	16,379	13,416	1,122	1,105	26.17	27.29
GOOD.....	7,829	3,208	1,084	1,082	24.65	25.71
OTHER ^{2/}	757	221	1,163	1,158	21.69	22.91
TOTAL.....	25,449	16,901	1,112	1,101	25.59	26.94
SOUTH ST. PAUL ^{3/}						
PRIME.....	114	---	1,175	---	27.57	---
CHOICE.....	6,673	4,799	1,128	1,107	26.44	27.81
GOOD.....	5,830	4,612	1,091	1,066	24.20	25.86
OTHER ^{2/}	2,062	2,452	1,071	1,064	21.71	23.05
TOTAL.....	14,679	11,863	1,106	1,082	24.93	26.10
WEST FARGO						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	4,175	2,436	1,115	1,105	25.55	26.91
GOOD.....	4,134	2,687	1,118	1,116	23.60	24.71
OTHER ^{2/}	1,558	448	1,153	1,045	21.81	21.87
TOTAL.....	9,867	5,571	1,122	1,105	24.13	25.46
LOUISVILLE						
PRIME.....	197	60	1,033	1,015	27.26	28.56
CHOICE.....	1,229	1,221	1,047	1,017	26.28	27.58
GOOD.....	1,055	1,069	1,047	1,062	24.63	25.56
OTHER ^{2/}	331	265	1,086	1,054	21.86	23.12
TOTAL.....	2,812	2,615	1,051	1,039	25.19	26.30
TOTAL 15 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	11,146	10,347	1,222	1,221	28.31	30.22
CHOICE.....	161,601	132,932	1,139	1,116	26.52	28.06
GOOD.....	72,457	55,608	1,081	1,058	24.75	26.16
OTHER ^{2/}	12,753	9,764	1,099	1,078	22.02	23.20
TOTAL.....	257,957	208,651	1,124	1,104	25.91	27.47

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^{2/} STANDARD, COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY.
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HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
FEBRUARY 1968 AND 1969 1/

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELWEIGHT	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
CHICAGO						
PRIME.....	1,234	659	1,015	1,001	26.88	28.78
CHOICE.....	9,006	11,748	956	949	26.05	27.46
GOOD.....	4,675	2,943	900	889	24.74	25.89
OTHER 2/.....	1,375	568	891	900	22.09	23.35
TOTAL.....	16,290	15,918	939	938	25.44	27.10
CINCINNATI						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	696	617	875	875	25.28	26.29
GOOD.....	922	800	816	845	23.58	24.64
OTHER 2/.....	83	110	791	803	20.97	22.75
TOTAL.....	1,701	1,527	839	854	24.19	25.19
DENVER						
PRIME.....	21	10	953	992	25.49	27.01
CHOICE.....	910	498	923	938	24.65	26.09
GOOD.....	505	264	895	1,007	23.72	24.23
OTHER 2/.....	39	8	1,022	1,007	20.31	21.23
TOTAL.....	1,475	780	916	963	24.22	25.39
FORT WORTH						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	166	90	752	652	24.29	26.51
GOOD.....	348	506	654	675	23.93	25.43
OTHER 2/.....	85	48	605	598	22.66	25.45
TOTAL.....	599	644	674	666	23.88	25.58
INDIANAPOLIS						
PRIME.....	64	---	912	---	26.69	---
CHOICE.....	2,141	1,792	899	888	25.52	26.61
GOOD.....	1,711	1,092	845	832	23.51	24.66
OTHER 2/.....	737	559	830	861	21.12	22.36
TOTAL.....	4,653	3,443	869	866	24.15	25.33
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	155	96	949	937	25.88	27.26
CHOICE.....	3,525	1,663	899	900	24.71	25.83
GOOD.....	1,836	1,587	874	850	22.61	24.16
OTHER 2/.....	69	167	900	923	19.86	21.45
TOTAL.....	5,585	3,513	892	879	24.01	24.93
OKLAHOMA CITY						
PRIME.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHOICE.....	158	71	955	981	24.23	26.21
GOOD.....	154	106	811	816	23.53	24.54
OTHER 2/.....	---	3	---	988	---	21.11
TOTAL.....	312	180	884	884	23.91	25.21
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2,014	1,437	1,012	1,009	26.36	27.49
CHOICE.....	26,444	22,157	967	939	25.53	26.69
GOOD.....	11,815	9,268	929	896	24.18	25.08
OTHER 2/.....	730	720	984	953	20.58	21.06
TOTAL.....	41,003	33,582	959	930	25.10	26.18

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FEBRUARY 1968 AND 1969 ^{1/}

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELINEWEIGHT	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	59	38	1,010	1,072	26.04	28.35
CHOICE.....	3,540	3,039	906	920	25.10	26.56
GOOD.....	3,480	5,118	856	854	23.07	24.78
OTHER ^{2/}	563	795	856	847	20.28	21.58
TOTAL.....	7,642	8,990	881	877	23.86	25.15
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	1,529	1,126	1,010	983	26.21	27.36
CHOICE.....	13,664	11,253	969	936	25.31	26.43
GOOD.....	4,154	3,344	935	903	23.65	24.54
OTHER ^{2/}	144	185	972	989	20.96	21.35
TOTAL.....	19,491	15,908	965	933	25.01	26.05
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	26	30	1,001	1,031	26.72	27.60
CHOICE.....	6,588	3,475	987	964	25.35	26.70
GOOD.....	3,818	3,123	950	909	23.71	25.07
OTHER ^{2/}	824	482	968	951	20.76	21.80
TOTAL.....	11,256	7,110	973	939	24.48	25.67
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	10	45	888	989	26.40	27.35
CHOICE.....	5,643	5,437	933	919	25.28	26.35
GOOD.....	3,405	2,208	903	888	23.39	24.52
OTHER ^{2/}	16	14	844	924	20.01	20.07
TOTAL.....	9,074	7,704	922	910	24.58	25.84
SOUTH ST. PAUL ^{3/}						
PRIME.....	121	142	1,037	1,066	26.34	28.06
CHOICE.....	6,593	3,940	955	952	25.60	27.20
GOOD.....	4,902	5,176	928	907	23.61	25.04
OTHER ^{2/}	2,373	2,307	1,001	980	19.57	20.55
TOTAL.....	13,989	11,565	954	939	23.86	24.89
WEST FARGO						
PRIME.....	---	11	---	1,060	---	28.39
CHOICE.....	1,585	1,244	964	943	24.62	26.08
GOOD.....	938	1,132	959	925	23.14	24.25
OTHER ^{2/}	684	489	970	970	19.12	19.72
TOTAL.....	3,207	2,876	964	941	23.01	24.26
LOUISVILLE						
PRIME.....	200	40	939	933	26.07	27.65
CHOICE.....	1,011	475	898	903	25.35	26.92
GOOD.....	577	1,049	868	852	24.00	25.44
OTHER ^{2/}	114	27	898	924	21.44	21.28
TOTAL.....	1,902	1,591	893	870	24.79	25.88
TOTAL 15 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	5,433	3,634	1,007	1,000	26.41	27.72
CHOICE.....	81,670	67,499	955	936	25.44	26.74
GOOD.....	43,240	37,716	909	885	23.80	24.94
OTHER ^{2/}	7,836	6,482	938	933	20.44	21.24
TOTAL.....	138,179	115,331	941	921	24.70	25.89

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