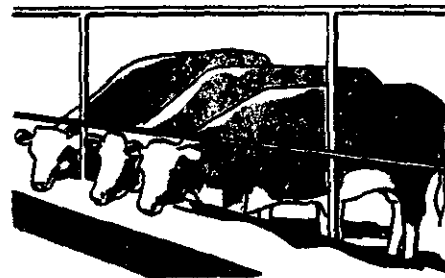


CATTLE ON FEED



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--Selected Markets

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CATTLE ON FEED UP 7 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed April 1 for slaughter market are up 7 percent from a year earlier in the 32 major feeding States. According to the Crop Reporting Board, 11,419,000 head of cattle and calves were on feed April 1, 1969.

Placements during January-March were down 1 percent from a year earlier. Fed cattle marketings during January-March were 6 percent above a year earlier in the 32 States. Severe winter weather caused fed marketings in the North Central States to fall below earlier expectations, but this was offset by larger than expected marketings in the Western States.

Marketings during April-June 1969 are expected to be 6 percent larger than during the same period last year.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION UP 3 PERCENT

The North Central States had 7,277,000 head on feed on April 1, 1969, an increase of 3 percent from a year earlier. Iowa, with over 31 percent of the total in the region, showed a 1 percent increase. The largest increase was in Kansas, which was up 28 percent.

NOTICE

Recent program analysis by the Statistical Reporting Service has resulted in some changes in publication of reports and data series. Data on beef steers and heifers sold out of first hands for slaughter have been discontinued for Cincinnati, Denver, Fort Worth, Indianapolis, Oklahoma City, West Fargo and Louisville, beginning with this report.

The number on feed in Nebraska, the second largest feeding State, was unchanged from a year earlier. Other States showing increases were Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Missouri. Minnesota had the greatest decline in the region, down 7 percent from a year earlier. North Dakota, South Dakota and Ohio also showed decreases.

13 WESTERN STATES UP 18 PERCENT

In the 11 Western States, plus Oklahoma and Texas, the number of cattle and calves on feed was 3,859,000 head on April 1, 1969, an increase of 18 percent from a year earlier. Texas, the leading feeding State in this region, increased 34 percent from a year earlier while California, ranking second, was up 7 percent. All other States showed increases ranging from 3 to 36 percent except Wyoming and Utah, where numbers declined sharply from a year earlier.

PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT--MARKETINGS UP 6 PERCENT

There were 5,137,000 cattle and calves placed on feed during the January-March quarter, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier. Placements are down 12 percent in the North Central States. Iowa and Nebraska showed decreases of 21 and 9 percent, respectively. Placements were up 24 percent in the Western States. Texas and Arizona showed the largest gains, up 43 and 56 percent, respectively.

Marketings of fed cattle for slaughter during the first quarter this year totaled 6,142,000 head, 6 percent above the same period a year earlier. Fed cattle marketings in the North Central States were down 1 percent from a year earlier while marketings in the Western States were up 18 percent.

WEIGHT OF STEERS AND HEIFERS ON FEED

The number of steers and steer calves in each weight group and change from April 1, 1968 are as follows: Under 500 pounds, 387,000 head, down 12,000 head; 500-699 pounds, 2,432,000 head, up 346,000 head; 700-899 pounds, 2,532,000 head, up 138,000 head; 900-1,099 pounds, 2,240,000 head, up 195,000 head; 1,100 pounds and over 426,000 head, down 22,000 head.

Heifers and heifer calves by weight groups and change from a year earlier are as follows: Under 500 pounds, 434,000 head, up 33,000 head; 500-699 pounds, 1,673,000 head, up 54,000 head; 700-899 pounds, 985,000 head, up 25,000 head; 900-1,099 pounds, 275,000 head, down 6,000 head.

KINDS ON FEED

Steers and steer calves on feed in the 32 major feeding States totaled 8,017,000 head, 9 percent above April 1, 1968. There 3,367,000 heifers and heifer calves on feed, 3 percent more than a year earlier. Cows and others on feed totaled 35,000 head, up 3,000 head from a year earlier.

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Cattle and calves: Number on feed, placements and marketings January 1-April 1, 1968 and 1969; number on feed by kinds, time on feed and weight groups April 1, 1968 and 1969; actual and expected marketings April-June 1968 and 1969, 32 States

Item	32 States		
	Number		1969 as % of 1968
	1968	1969	
	<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
Cattle and calves on feed January 1	11,263	12,424	110
Cattle and calves placed on feed			
January 1-March 31 1/	5,186	5,137	99
Fed cattle marketed January 1-March 31 1/	5,784	6,142	106
Cattle and calves on feed April 1	10,665	11,419	107
<u>Kinds on feed April 1</u>			
Steers and steer calves	7,372	8,017	109
Heifers and heifer calves	3,261	3,367	103
Cows and other	32	35	109
<u>Time on feed April 1</u>			
Under 3 months	4,967	4,937	99
3 to 6 months	5,023	5,747	114
6 months and over	675	735	109
<u>Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups April 1</u>			
<u>Steers and steer calves</u>			
Less than 500 pounds	399	387	97
500-699 pounds	2,086	2,432	117
700-899 pounds	2,394	2,532	106
900-1,099 pounds	2,045	2,240	110
1,100 pounds and over	448	426	95
<u>Heifers and heifer calves</u>			
Less than 500 pounds	401	434	108
500-699 pounds	1,619	1,673	103
700-899 pounds	960	985	103
900-1,099 pounds	281	275	98
1,100 pounds and over	---	---	---
<u>Total</u>			
Less than 500 pounds	800	822	103
500-699 pounds	3,707	4,108	111
700-899 pounds	3,361	3,522	105
900-1,099 pounds	2,344	2,540	108
1,100 pounds and over	453	427	94
Marketings April-June	2/ 5,691	3/ 6,006	106

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, 1969 number on feed.

Cattle and calves: Number on feed, placements and marketings January 1-April 1, 1968 and 1969; number on feed by kinds, time on feed and weight groups April 1, 1968 and 1969; actual and expected marketings April-June 1968 and 1969, North Central States.

Item	North Central States 1/		
	1,000 head		1969 as % of 1968
	1968	1969	
	<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
Cattle and calves on feed January 1	7,113	7,698	108
Cattle and calves placed on feed			
January 1-March 31 2/	3,522	3,090	88
Fed cattle marketed January 1-March 31 2/.....	3,540	3,511	99
Cattle and calves on feed April 1	7,095	7,277	103
<u>Kinds on feed April 1</u>			
Steers and steer calves	4,892	5,073	104
Heifers and heifer calves	2,188	2,188	100
Cows and other	15	16	107
<u>Time on feed April 1</u>			
Under 3 months	3,362	2,965	88
3 to 6 months	3,304	3,889	118
6 months and over	429	423	99
<u>Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups April 1</u>			
<u>Steers and steer calves</u>			
Less than 500 pounds	214	169	79
500-699 pounds	1,497	1,661	111
700-899 pounds	1,586	1,602	101
900-1,099 pounds	1,294	1,359	105
1,100 pounds and over	301	282	94
<u>Heifers and heifer calves</u>			
Less than 500 pounds	188	190	101
500-699 pounds	1,156	1,152	100
700-899 pounds	655	672	103
900-1,099 pounds	189	174	92
1,100 pounds and over	---	---	---
<u>Total</u>			
Less than 500 pounds	402	359	89
500-699 pounds	2,653	2,813	106
700-899 pounds	2,243	2,275	101
900-1,099 pounds	1,494	1,547	104
1,100 pounds and over	303	283	93
Marketings April-June	3/3,562	4/3,543	99

1/ Includes Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, N. Dak., S. Dak., Nebraska and Kansas. 2/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter. 3/ Actual marketings from April 1 number on feed, excluding those placed on feed after April 1 and marketed before June 30. 4/ Expected marketings from April 1, 1969 number on feed.

Cattle and calves: Number on feed, placements and marketings, January 1-April 1, 1968 and 1969; number on feed by kinds, time on feed and weight groups April 1, 1968 and 1969; actual and expected marketings April-June, 1968 and 1969, Western States.

Item	Western States 1/		
	1,000 head		1969 as % of 1968
	1968	1969	
	<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
Cattle and calves on feed January 1	3,780	4,364	115
Cattle and calves placed on feed			
January 1-March 31 2/	1,563	1,941	124
Fed cattle marketed January 1-March 31 2/.....	2,067	2,446	118
Cattle and calves on feed April 1	3,276	3,859	118
<u>Kinds on feed April 1</u>			
Steers and steer calves	2,247	2,719	121
Heifers and heifer calves	1,016	1,128	111
Cows and other	13	12	92
<u>Time on feed April 1</u>			
Under 3 months	1,512	1,875	124
3 to 6 months	1,543	1,708	111
6 months and over	221	276	125
<u>Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups April 1</u>			
<u>Steers and steer calves</u>			
Less than 500 pounds	171	206	120
500-699 pounds	538	723	134
700-899 pounds	729	843	116
900-1,099 pounds	675	815	121
1,100 pounds and over	134	132	99
<u>Heifers and heifer calves</u>			
Less than 500 pounds	202	231	114
500-699 pounds	431	498	116
700-899 pounds	291	298	102
900-1,099 pounds	92	101	110
1,100 pounds and over	---	---	---
<u>Total</u>			
Less than 500 pounds	373	437	117
500-699 pounds	970	1,221	126
700-899 pounds	1,024	1,143	112
900-1,099 pounds	773	926	120
1,100 pounds and over	136	132	97
Marketings April-June	3/ 1,956	4/2,294	117

1/ Includes Oklahoma, Texas, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, and California. 2/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter. 3/ Actual marketings from April 1 number on feed, excluding those placed on feed after April 1 and marketed before June 30. 4/ Expected marketings from April 1, 1969 number on feed.

Cattle and calves on feed by quarters,
April 1, 1968, January 1 and April 1, 1969 1/

State	April 1, 1968	January 1, 1969	April 1, 1969	April 1, 1969 as percent of April 1, 1968
	- - - <u>1,000 head</u> - - -			<u>Percent</u>
Pa.	80	84	78	98
Ohio	309	324	306	99
Ind.	313	349	335	107
Ill.	711	786	740	104
Mich.	172	200	182	106
Wis.	138	154	146	106
Minn.	562	556	523	93
Iowa	2,268	2,213	2,291	101
Mo.	359	442	365	102
N. Dak.	66	72	63	95
S. Dak.	346	406	332	96
Nebr.	1,344	1,430	1,344	100
Kans.	507	766	650	128
N. C. States	7,095	7,698	7,277	103
Georgia	62	71	56	90
Fla.	44	60	42	95
Ky.	52	57	52	100
Tenn.	21	29	16	76
Ala.	23	41	24	104
Miss.	12	20	15	125
Okla.	141	205	171	121
Texas	761	1,075	1,019	134
Mont.	70	120	81	116
Idaho	193	248	225	117
Wyo.	37	36	28	76
Colo.	588	711	680	116
N. Mex.	170	209	192	113
Ariz.	340	442	422	124
Utah	58	61	47	81
Nev.	22	39	30	136
Wash.	135	159	156	116
Oreg.	73	91	75	103
Calif.	688	968	733	107
West <u>2/</u>.....	3,276	4,364	3,859	118
32 State				
Total	10,665	12,424	11,419	107

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. 2/ 11 Western States, Oklahoma and Texas.

Cattle and calves: Placements and marketings,
by quarters, 1968-69

State	Number placed on feed 1/				Number marketed 1/			
	Jan.- Mar. 1968	Oct.- Dec. 1968	Jan.- Mar. 1969	Jan.-Mar. 1969 as % of Jan.- Mar. 1968	Jan.- Mar. 1968	Oct.- Dec. 1968	Jan.- Mar. 1969	Jan.-Mar. 1969 as % of Jan.- Mar. 1968
	- 1,000 head -				- 1,000 head -			
			Percent				Percent	
Pa.	21	55	21	100	26	32	27	104
Ohio	63	225	75	119	95	81	93	98
Ind.	81	236	82	101	104	105	96	92
Ill.	282	575	236	84	292	310	282	97
Mich.	33	129	34	103	48	42	52	108
Wis.	45	103	44	98	50	54	52	104
Minn.	201	377	175	87	224	243	208	93
Iowa	1,339	1,723	1,059	79	995	1,111	981	99
Mo.	122	297	121	99	189	167	198	105
N. Dak.	23	55	23	100	37	28	32	86
S. Dak.	120	342	78	65	180	166	152	84
Nebr.	930	1,053	850	91	940	797	936	100
Kans.	283	489	313	111	386	293	429	111
N. C. States:	3,522	5,604	3,090	88	3,540	3,397	3,511	99
Ga.	19	40	21	111	31	21	36	116
Fla.	23	44	25	109	41	30	43	105
Ky.	15	37	17	113	20	19	22	110
Tenn.	9	15	4	44	17	10	17	100
Ala.	8	30	11	138	26	11	28	108
Miss.	6	13	7	117	16	12	12	75
Okla.	82	124	103	126	122	98	137	112
Texas	421	690	604	143	470	522	660	140
Mont.	26	81	26	100	60	26	65	108
Idaho	102	150	89	87	108	98	112	104
Wyo.	11	28	13	118	20	14	21	105
Colo.	308	476	418	136	348	322	449	129
N. Mex.	67	116	76	113	82	67	93	113
Ariz.	114	277	178	156	159	169	198	125
Utah	18	42	15	83	26	14	29	112
Nev.	11	26	13	118	20	16	22	110
Wash.	65	98	82	126	82	81	85	104
Oreg.	36	54	29	81	54	42	45	83
Calif.	302	520	295	98	516	605	530	103
West 2/.....	1,563	2,682	1,941	124	2,067	2,074	2,446	118
32 State Total	5,186	8,520	5,137	99	5,784	5,606	6,142	106

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

2/ 11 Western States, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Cattle and calves on feed by classes, by quarters,
April 1, 1968 and January 1 and April 1, 1969

State	Steers and steer calves		Heifers & heifer calves		Cows and others				
	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969
- - - 1,000 head - - -									
Pa.	66	74	69	11	6	4	3	4	5
Ohio	247	266	245	62	58	61	---	---	---
Ind.	200	213	217	110	133	116	3	3	2
Ill.	487	519	503	224	267	237	---	---	---
Mich.	144	168	156	26	30	24	2	2	2
Wis.	106	117	113	31	34	32	1	3	1
Minn.	377	361	324	184	194	198	1	1	1
Iowa	1,588	1,593	1,672	679	619	618	1	1	1
Mo.	270	335	274	89	107	91	---	---	---
N. Dak.	33	37	31	33	34	32	---	1	---
S. Dak.	211	256	213	132	146	116	3	4	3
Nebr.	885	956	887	455	467	451	4	7	6
Kans.	344	552	438	163	214	212	---	---	---
N.C. States	4,892	5,373	5,073	2,188	2,303	2,188	15	22	16
Ga.	51	56	49	11	14	6	---	1	1
Fla.	39	48	33	4	10	8	1	2	1
Ky.	36	37	35	16	20	17	---	---	---
Tenn.	15	23	11	6	6	5	---	---	---
Ala.	18	27	18	5	14	6	---	---	---
Miss.	8	14	10	4	6	5	---	---	---
Okla.	88	131	121	53	71	50	---	3	---
Texas	397	593	593	363	482	426	1	---	---
Mont.	40	65	43	28	50	37	2	5	1
Idaho	134	173	165	59	72	57	---	3	3
Wyo.	20	21	15	16	14	13	1	1	---
Colo.	360	423	401	228	286	279	---	2	---
N. Mex.	93	130	119	75	77	71	2	2	2
Ariz.	282	380	359	55	58	61	3	4	2
Utah	32	32	25	25	25	21	1	4	1
Nev.	12	26	20	10	12	10	---	1	---
Wash.	105	116	114	29	43	41	1	---	1
Oreg.	44	61	48	28	28	26	1	2	1
Calif.	640	908	696	47	58	36	1	2	1
West 1/	2,247	3,059	2,719	1,016	1,276	1,128	13	29	12
32 State									
Total	7,372	8,711	8,017	3,261	3,655	3,367	32	58	35

1/ 11 Western States, Oklahoma and Texas.

Cattle and calves: Length of time on feed beginning of each quarter,
April 1, 1968, January 1 and April 1, 1969

State	Less than 3 months			3-6 months			More than 6 months		
	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969
	- - - 1,000 head - - -								
Pa.	20	52	20	46	25	44	14	7	14
Ohio	61	220	70	194	78	205	54	26	31
Ind.	78	234	80	197	87	211	38	28	44
Ill.	268	566	230	377	155	466	66	55	44
Mich.	33	128	33	108	54	109	31	18	40
Wis.	43	99	39	76	32	88	19	23	19
Minn.	197	367	173	342	133	298	23	56	52
Iowa	1,293	1,704	1,031	862	420	1,146	113	89	114
Mo.	118	289	114	204	120	233	37	33	18
N. Dak.	22	53	22	38	12	38	6	7	3
S. Dak.	118	337	76	218	49	236	10	20	20
Nebr.	852	978	788	467	416	525	25	36	31
Kans.	279	486	309	221	269	334	7	11	7
N.C. States	3,362	5,461	2,965	3,304	1,835	3,889	429	402	423
Ga.	18	37	18	43	32	24	1	2	14
Fla.	21	40	21	22	19	20	1	1	1
Ky.	15	37	17	31	17	31	6	3	4
Tenn.	7	14	4	12	14	11	2	1	1
Ala.	6	30	11	16	11	12	1	---	1
Miss.	6	12	6	6	7	8	---	1	1
Okla.	77	121	97	60	81	73	4	3	1
Texas	411	672	589	343	392	400	7	11	30
Mont.	25	80	24	44	38	55	1	2	2
Idaho	97	147	87	83	89	102	13	12	36
Wyo.	9	26	12	24	8	14	4	2	2
Colo.	292	429	390	275	266	274	21	16	16
N. Mex.	65	115	75	88	79	86	17	15	31
Ariz.	112	269	173	163	146	211	65	27	38
Utah	17	40	14	37	19	30	4	2	3
Nev.	11	26	13	11	12	15	---	1	2
Wash.	61	93	80	69	63	70	5	3	6
Oreg.	36	51	29	32	38	38	5	2	8
Calif.	299	513	292	314	368	340	75	87	101
West 1/	1,512	2,582	1,875	1,543	1,599	1,708	221	183	276
32 State Total	4,967	8,265	4,937	5,023	3,559	5,747	675	600	735

1/ 11 Western States, Oklahoma and Texas.

Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
April 1, 1968, January 1 and April 1, 1969

State	Under 500 pounds			500-699 pounds			700-899 pounds		
	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969
----- 1,000 head -----									
Pa.	5	7	4	18	21	15	23	23	26
Ohio	18	64	21	112	130	116	116	81	113
Ind.	36	60	21	116	116	111	110	105	122
Ill.	50	163	36	281	255	316	237	222	242
Mich.	8	31	11	51	74	61	73	65	67
Wis.	21	30	18	45	33	48	32	49	39
Minn.	64	137	52	295	138	272	124	157	116
Iowa	82	434	70	890	603	957	696	695	695
Mo.	27	72	24	134	163	159	117	119	121
N. Dak.	3	19	4	34	20	37	17	17	17
S. Dak.	19	120	32	182	98	160	76	101	53
Nebr.	59	100	52	391	292	397	442	513	420
Kans.	15	17	18	122	200	179	203	303	270
N.C. States	402	1,247	359	2,653	2,122	2,813	2,243	2,427	2,275
Ga.	5	30	4	28	18	16	15	16	24
Fla.	5	6	7	4	12	9	19	29	18
Ky.	3	8	4	18	18	18	18	19	18
Tenn.	2	1	2	5	11	4	7	11	5
Ala.	2	8	2	7	13	7	9	14	9
Miss.	3	3	3	4	6	5	3	7	4
Okla.	14	28	11	41	83	56	47	59	59
Texas	152	196	164	310	382	393	184	325	280
Mont.	6	20	4	25	28	29	25	41	22
Idaho	25	34	11	49	56	87	67	79	66
Wyo.	1	8	1	12	7	11	8	10	8
Colo.	20	56	26	122	92	149	188	269	180
N. Mex.	15	30	14	65	71	60	53	73	74
Ariz.	55	82	71	82	146	143	106	132	120
Utah	3	13	3	17	13	13	22	21	19
Nev.	---	4	1	12	12	12	4	13	13
Wash.	2	1	5	31	36	49	51	58	49
Oreg.	6	14	4	22	24	25	33	27	30
Calif.	74	152	122	182	230	194	236	322	223
West 1/ ...	373	638	437	970	1,180	1,221	1,024	1,429	1,143
32 State	800	1,948	822	3,707	3,401	4,108	3,361	3,975	3,522
Total									

1/ 11 Western States, Oklahoma and Texas.

Cattle and calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
April 1, 1968, January 1 and April 1, 1969

State	900 to 1,099 pounds			1,100 pounds and over		
	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969
	----- 1,000 head -----					
Pa.:	27	26	25	7	7	8
Ohio	58	44	54	5	5	2
Ind.:	45	53	68	6	15	13
Ill.:	123	125	121	20	21	25
Mich.:	39	27	41	1	3	2
Wis.:	30	34	33	10	8	8
Minn.:	71	109	73	8	15	10
Iowa	489	385	469	111	96	100
Mo.:	65	79	55	16	9	6
N. Dak.:	10	14	4	2	2	1
S. Dak.:	55	72	67	14	15	20
Nebr.:	364	409	395	88	116	80
Kans.:	145	222	167	22	24	16
N.C.States	1,494	1,573	1,547	303	329	283
Ga.:	14	7	11	---	---	1
Fla.:	13	12	8	3	1	---
Ky.:	10	12	9	3	---	3
Tenn.:	7	6	5	---	---	---
Ala.:	4	6	6	1	---	---
Miss.:	2	4	3	---	---	---
Okla.:	27	27	41	12	8	4
Texas	99	161	175	16	11	7
Mont.:	13	29	24	1	2	2
Idaho	44	59	57	8	20	4
Wyo.:	15	9	6	1	2	2
Colo.:	195	245	234	63	49	91
N. Mex.:	34	28	43	3	7	1
Ariz.:	94	78	84	3	4	4
Utah	12	12	10	4	2	2
Nev.:	6	10	4	---	---	---
Wash.:	40	55	47	11	9	6
Oreg.:	11	24	14	1	2	2
Calif.:	183	236	187	13	28	7
West 1/ ...:	773	973	926	136	144	132
32 State	2,344	2,619	2,540	453	481	427
Total						

1/ 11 Western States, Oklahoma and Texas.

Steers and steer calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
April 1, 1968, January 1 and April 1, 1969

State	Under 500 pounds		500-699 pounds		700-899 pounds				
	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969
	----- 1,000 head -----								
Pa.	3	5	2	11	18	11	19	20	24
Ohio	10	40	12	71	104	83	104	74	96
Ind.	22	19	8	64	64	49	72	72	86
Ill.	29	88	15	159	140	186	169	161	166
Mich.	6	22	8	40	64	48	60	54	59
Wis.	14	22	14	32	25	35	25	35	28
Minn.	38	65	26	177	90	149	98	97	81
Iowa	48	255	33	524	430	636	492	478	485
Mo.	18	42	15	82	116	103	91	96	98
N. Dak.	1	5	1	15	12	15	9	9	11
S. Dak.	6	56	13	97	64	90	51	72	36
Nebr.	15	48	16	179	146	179	283	313	282
Kans.	7	6	8	57	104	88	132	212	174
N.C. States	214	668	169	1,497	1,359	1,661	1,586	1,673	1,602
Ga.	2	23	3	20	12	12	15	14	22
Fla.	4	3	1	3	8	7	17	24	17
Ky.	2	4	2	8	8	10	13	14	11
Tenn.	1	1	1	2	8	2	5	9	3
Ala.	1	2	1	5	6	4	7	13	7
Miss.	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	7	3
Okla.	5	9	4	17	54	29	29	36	46
Texas	24	32	13	143	162	185	123	231	217
Mont.	3	8	1	13	15	9	14	22	12
Idaho	19	23	6	25	36	61	42	50	44
Wyo.	1	3	---	4	5	5	5	6	4
Colo.	9	21	5	35	32	44	112	133	90
N. Mex.	7	12	5	27	39	27	27	48	46
Ariz.	34	49	46	65	133	122	90	118	108
Utah	1	6	1	7	5	6	11	12	9
Nev.	---	3	1	6	6	8	2	9	8
Wash.	1	---	3	21	25	32	35	35	33
Oreg.	3	10	3	9	15	14	21	17	17
Calif.	64	145	118	166	218	181	218	291	209
West 1/ ...	171	321	206	538	745	723	729	1,008	843
32 State	399	1,029	387	2,086	2,166	2,432	2,394	2,782	2,532
Total									

1/ 11 Western States, Oklahoma and Texas.

Steers and steer calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
April 1, 1968, January 1 and April 1, 1969

State	900 to 1,099 pounds			1,100 pounds and over		
	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969
	----- 1,000 head -----					
Pa.	26	24	24	7	7	8
Ohio	57	43	52	5	5	2
Ind.	36	43	61	6	15	13
Ill.	110	109	111	20	21	25
Mich.	37	25	39	1	3	2
Wis.	25	29	28	10	6	8
Minn.	56	94	58	8	15	10
Iowa	413	334	418	111	96	100
Mo.	63	72	52	16	9	6
N. Dak.	6	10	3	2	1	1
S. Dak.	44	51	55	13	13	19
Nebr.	321	334	330	87	115	80
Kans.	126	206	152	22	24	16
N.C. States	1,294	1,350	1,359	301	323	282
Ga.	14	7	11	---	---	1
Fla.	13	12	8	2	1	---
Ky.	10	11	9	3	---	3
Tenn.	7	5	5	---	---	---
Ala.	4	6	6	1	---	---
Miss.	2	3	3	---	---	---
Okla.	25	24	38	12	8	4
Texas	91	157	171	16	11	7
Mont.	9	18	19	1	2	2
Idaho	40	44	50	8	20	4
Wyo.	9	5	4	1	2	2
Colo.	141	188	171	63	49	91
N. Mex.	30	25	40	2	6	1
Ariz.	90	76	79	3	4	4
Utah	9	7	7	4	2	2
Nev.	4	8	3	---	---	---
Wash.	38	47	40	10	9	6
Oreg.	10	17	12	1	2	2
Calif.	179	227	181	13	27	7
West 1/ ...	675	843	815	134	142	132
32 State	2,045	2,261	2,240	448	473	426
Total						

1/ 11 Western States, Oklahoma and Texas.

Heifers and heifer calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
April 1, 1968, January 1 and April 1, 1969

State	Under 500 pounds			500-699 pounds			700-899 pounds		
	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Apr. 1, 1969
	- - - 1,000 head - - -								
Pa.	2	2	1	6	3	2	3	1	1
Ohio	8	24	9	41	26	33	12	7	17
Ind.	14	41	13	52	52	62	38	33	36
Ill.	21	75	21	122	115	130	68	61	76
Mich.	2	9	3	11	10	13	11	10	7
Wis.	7	8	4	13	8	13	7	14	11
Minn.	26	72	26	118	48	123	26	60	35
Iowa	34	179	37	366	173	321	204	217	210
Mo.	9	30	9	52	47	56	26	23	23
N. Dak.	2	14	3	19	8	22	8	8	6
S. Dak.	13	64	19	85	34	70	25	29	17
Nebr.	44	52	36	212	146	218	159	199	138
Kans.	8	11	10	65	96	91	71	91	96
N.C. States:	188	579	190	1,156	763	1,152	655	752	672
Ga.	3	7	1	8	6	3	---	1	2
Fla.	1	3	6	1	4	2	2	3	---
Ky.	1	4	2	10	10	8	5	5	7
Tenn.	1	---	1	3	3	2	2	2	2
Ala.	1	6	1	2	7	3	2	1	2
Miss.	2	1	1	2	4	3	---	---	1
Okla.	9	19	7	24	29	27	18	21	13
Texas	128	164	151	167	220	208	61	94	63
Mont.	3	12	3	12	13	20	10	17	10
Idaho	6	11	5	24	20	26	25	29	22
Wyo.	---	5	1	8	2	6	3	4	4
Colo.	11	35	21	87	60	105	76	135	90
N. Mex.	8	18	9	37	32	33	25	25	27
Ariz.	21	33	25	17	13	21	14	11	11
Utah	2	7	2	10	8	7	11	8	10
Nev.	---	1	---	6	6	4	2	4	5
Wash.	1	1	2	10	11	17	16	23	16
Oreg.	3	4	1	13	9	11	12	10	13
Calif.	10	7	4	16	12	13	18	31	14
West 1/ ...	202	317	231	431	435	498	291	412	298
32 State									
Total	401	919	434	1,619	1,235	1,673	960	1,177	985

1/ 11 Western States, Oklahoma and Texas.

Heifers and heifer calves on feed by weight groups, by quarters,
, April 1, 1968, January 1 and April 1, 1969

State	900 to 1,099 pounds			1,100 pounds and over		
	April 1,	January 1,	April 1,	April 1,	January 1,	April 1,
	1968	1969	1969	1968	1969	1969
	- - - - 1,000 head - - - -					
Pa.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ohio	1	1	2	---	---	---
Ind.	6	7	5	---	---	---
Ill.	13	16	10	---	---	---
Mich.	2	1	1	---	---	---
Wis.	4	4	4	---	---	---
Minn.	14	14	14	---	---	---
Iowa	75	50	50	---	---	---
Mo.	2	7	3	---	---	---
N. Dak.	4	4	1	---	---	---
S. Dak.	9	19	10	---	---	---
Nebr.	40	70	59	---	---	---
Kans.	19	16	15	---	---	---
N. C.						
States	189	209	174	---	---	---
Ga.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fla.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ky.	---	1	---	---	---	---
Tenn.	---	1	---	---	---	---
Ala.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Miss.	---	1	---	---	---	---
Okla.	2	2	3	---	---	---
Texas	7	4	4	---	---	---
Mont.	3	8	4	---	---	---
Idaho	4	12	4	---	---	---
Wyo.	5	3	2	---	---	---
Colo.	54	56	63	---	---	---
N. Mex.	5	2	2	---	---	---
Ariz.	3	1	4	---	---	---
Utah	2	2	2	---	---	---
Nev.	2	1	1	---	---	---
Wash.	2	8	6	---	---	---
Oreg.	---	5	1	---	---	---
Calif.	3	8	5	---	---	---
West 1/	92	112	101	---	---	---
32 State						
total	281	324	275	---	---	---

1/ 11 Western States, Oklahoma and Texas.

Cattle and calves: Expected marketings of the cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1969 compared with actual marketings of cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1968

State	On feed April 1, 1968		Expected marketings of cattle and calves on feed April 1, 1969		
	Marketed Apr.- June 1968 1/	Marketed after June 30, 1968	April-June 1969	After June 30, 1969	Number: 1969 as % of 1968
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	
Pa.	37	43	39	105	39
Ohio	133	176	125	94	181
Ind.	128	185	152	119	183
Ill.	301	410	311	103	429
Mich.	78	94	80	103	102
Wis.	53	85	63	119	83
Minn.	216	346	170	79	353
Iowa	1,118	1,150	1,050	94	1,241
Mo.	172	187	145	84	220
N. Dak.	28	38	27	96	36
S. Dak.	153	193	140	92	192
Nebr.	839	505	840	100	504
Kans.	343	164	440	128	210
N. C. States	3,562	3,533	3,543	99	3,734
Ga.	37	25	35	95	21
Fla.	32	12	29	91	13
Ky.	30	22	29	97	23
Tenn.	14	7	11	79	5
Ala.	15	8	15	100	9
Miss.	8	4	11	138	4
Okla.	100	41	108	108	63
Texas	486	275	675	139	344
Mont.	36	34	45	125	36
Idaho	98	95	112	114	113
Wyo.	22	15	18	82	10
Colo.	372	216	430	116	250
N. Mex.	85	85	94	111	98
Ariz.	199	141	240	121	182
Utah	31	27	28	90	19
Nev.	13	9	21	162	9
Wash.	80	55	81	101	75
Oreg.	40	33	42	105	33
Calif.	394	294	400	102	333
West 2/.....	1,956	1,320	2,294	117	1,565
32 State					
Total	5,691	4,974	6,006	106	5,413

1/ Excludes "Short Feds," that is cattle which were put on feed after April 1, 1968 and marketed before July 1, 1968.

2/ 11 Western States, Oklahoma and Texas.

Cattle and calves on feed: Inventories, placements and marketings, by months,
 Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and Texas, October 1, 1967 -
 April 1, 1968 and October 1, 1968 - April 1, 1969

State	On Feed			Placed on Feed			Marketed		
	1967	1968	1968/1967	1967	1968	1968/1967	1967	1968	1968/1967
	1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent	
	October 1			During October			During October		
Arizona	313	334	107	94	120	128	53	65	123
California	956	1,053	110	224	237	106	205	230	112
Colorado	488	557	114	199	216	109	108	117	108
Iowa	1,496	1,601	107	448	421	94	375	375	100
Nebraska	1,164	1,174	101	430	429	100	254	274	108
Texas	644	907	141	245	282	115	135	182	135
Total 6 States	5,061	5,626	111	1,640	1,705	104	1,130	1,243	110
	November 1			During November			During November		
Arizona	354	389	110	78	91	117	45	51	113
California	975	1,060	109	174	162	93	175	191	109
Colorado	579	656	113	145	155	107	97	101	104
Iowa	1,569	1,647	105	537	523	109	380	371	98
Nebraska	1,340	1,329	99	212	326	154	235	253	108
Texas	754	1,007	134	156	205	131	117	162	138
Total 6 States	5,571	6,088	109	1,302	1,527	117	1,049	1,129	108
	December 1			During December			During December		
Arizona	387	429	111	44	66	150	46	53	115
California	974	1,031	106	102	121	119	174	184	106
Colorado	627	710	113	101	105	104	100	104	104
Iowa	1,726	1,864	108	577	714	124	379	365	96
Nebraska	1,317	1,402	106	277	298	108	240	270	112
Texas	793	1,050	132	142	203	143	125	178	142
Total 6 States	5,824	6,486	111	1,243	1,507	121	1,064	1,154	108
	1968	1969	1969/1968	1968	1969	1969/1968	1968	1969	1969/1968
	January 1			During January			During January		
Arizona	385	442	115	51	68	133	53	62	117
California	902	968	107	99	104	105	202	218	108
Colorado	628	711	113	102	111	109	114	132	116
Iowa	1,924	2,213	115	660	453	69	352	345	98
Nebraska	1,354	1,430	106	342	316	92	325	322	99
Texas	810	1,075	133	147	221	150	150	213	142
Total 6 States	6,003	6,839	114	1,401	1,273	91	1,196	1,292	108
	February 1			During February			During February		
Arizona	383	448	117	23	43	187	45	61	136
California	799	854	107	69	50	72	181	178	98
Colorado	616	690	112	91	133	146	107	152	142
Iowa	2,232	2,321	104	294	211	72	322	328	102
Nebraska	1,371	1,424	104	320	197	62	325	310	95
Texas	807	1,083	134	104	155	149	160	199	124
Total 6 States	6,208	6,820	110	901	789	88	1,140	1,228	108
	March 1			During March			During March		
Arizona	361	430	119	40	67	168	61	75	123
California	687	726	106	134	141	105	133	134	101
Colorado	600	671	112	115	174	151	127	165	130
Iowa	2,204	2,204	100	385	395	103	321	308	96
Nebraska	1,366	1,311	96	268	337	126	290	304	105
Texas	751	1,039	138	170	228	134	160	248	155
Total 6 States	5,969	6,381	107	1,112	1,342	121	1,092	1,234	113
	April 1								
Arizona	340	422	124						
California	688	733	107						
Colorado	588	680	116						
Iowa	2,268	2,291	101						
Nebraska	1,344	1,344	100						
Texas	761	1,019	134						
Total 6 States	5,989	6,489	108						

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

Market and grade	Number		Average weight		Average price per 100 pounds liveweight	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
CHICAGO	- Head -		- Pounds -		- Dollars -	
Prime	6,184	7,009	1,266	1,254	29.94	32.99
Choice	47,725	45,656	1,161	1,138	27.75	30.19
Good	7,482	6,548	1,064	1,037	26.04	28.00
Other ^{2/}	2,125	1,576	1,063	1,371	23.54	25.11
Total	63,516	60,789	1,156	1,140	27.67	23.53
KANSAS CITY						
Prime	206	160	1,097	1,121	27.05	29.92
Choice	8,254	4,536	1,092	1,084	26.31	28.48
Good	5,486	2,589	1,055	1,042	25.11	26.86
Other ^{2/}	230	379	1,105	1,064	22.16	23.56
Total	14,176	7,664	1,078	1,070	25.80	27.74
OMAHA						
Prime	1,731	1,698	1,201	1,185	27.52	30.20
Choice	28,414	24,805	1,144	1,111	26.63	29.00
Good	13,193	10,590	1,099	1,059	25.46	27.19
Other ^{2/}	1,158	646	1,121	1,055	22.71	23.95
Total	44,496	37,739	1,133	1,099	26.23	28.49
ST. LOUIS, MSY						
Prime	119	321	1,126	1,142	27.39	30.22
Choice	10,163	9,639	1,077	1,065	26.41	28.72
Good	8,395	10,112	1,028	1,000	25.10	27.07
Other ^{2/}	957	1,360	1,074	1,038	22.44	24.16
Total	19,634	21,432	1,056	1,034	25.67	27.70
SIOUX CITY						
Prime	1,406	2,269	1,230	1,177	27.67	29.78
Choice	26,728	19,105	1,152	1,100	26.60	28.63
Good	8,051	4,341	1,093	1,058	25.24	26.75
Other ^{2/}	455	297	1,077	1,052	22.60	23.03
Total	36,640	26,012	1,141	1,099	26.32	28.37
SIOUX FALLS						
Prime	95	166	1,200	1,213	27.33	29.79
Choice	8,212	6,964	1,178	1,135	26.48	28.79
Good	5,057	1,539	1,140	1,090	25.19	27.12
Other ^{2/}	514	643	1,167	1,157	22.53	23.88
Total	13,878	9,312	1,164	1,130	25.88	28.20
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
Prime	601	827	1,171	1,161	27.41	30.26
Choice	19,639	16,338	1,113	1,091	26.61	28.82
Good	5,339	3,044	1,086	1,085	24.79	26.66
Other ^{2/}	331	284	1,140	1,130	22.34	23.75
Total	25,910	20,493	1,109	1,093	26.21	28.49
SOUTH ST. PAUL ^{3/}						
Prime	55	168	1,164	1,192	27.70	29.96
Choice	8,191	5,141	1,123	1,097	26.69	28.89
Good	6,549	4,867	1,104	1,076	24.21	26.94
Other ^{2/}	1,705	2,586	1,029	1,073	22.31	24.23
Total	16,500	12,762	1,106	1,085	25.29	27.24
TOTAL 8 MARKETS						
Prime	10,397	12,618	1,239	1,219	28.99	31.71
Choice	157,326	132,184	1,140	1,113	26.94	29.29
Good	59,552	43,630	1,083	1,046	25.20	27.15
Other ^{2/}	7,475	7,771	1,078	1,081	22.76	24.25
Total	234,750	196,203	1,128	1,103	26.49	28.82

^{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 1968 AND 1969 ^{1/}

Market and grade	Number		Average weight		Average price per 100 pounds liveweight	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	- Head -		- Pounds -		- Dollars -	
CHICAGO						
Prime	613	1,216	1,038	1,011	27.40	29.64
Choice	9,237	13,561	964	953	26.52	28.68
Good	4,328	4,354	904	902	25.07	27.04
Other ^{2/}	2,047	587	892	882	23.06	24.64
Total	16,225	19,718	942	943	25.77	28.28
KANSAS CITY						
Prime	159	135	915	937	26.18	28.52
Choice	2,710	2,347	898	900	25.42	27.07
Good	2,320	1,467	870	848	23.90	25.36
Other ^{2/}	137	159	884	898	21.22	22.23
Total	5,326	4,108	886	882	24.69	26.35
OMAHA						
Prime	1,638	1,915	1,022	1,009	26.81	28.64
Choice	26,209	21,798	967	933	25.92	27.76
Good	10,811	9,782	928	898	24.28	25.98
Other ^{2/}	903	936	975	993	20.59	21.86
Total	39,561	34,431	959	929	25.40	27.15
ST. LOUIS NSY						
Prime	77	54	965	1,022	26.31	29.10
Choice	3,981	3,954	902	906	25.16	27.48
Good	2,838	6,587	858	835	23.56	25.65
Other ^{2/}	178	864	908	848	20.97	22.57
Total	7,074	11,459	885	862	24.44	26.10
SIOUX CITY						
Prime	868	1,333	1,017	989	26.46	28.41
Choice	14,213	12,301	967	930	25.51	27.44
Good	4,924	4,067	930	886	24.03	25.69
Other ^{2/}	130	395	950	940	21.17	22.69
Total	20,135	18,096	960	925	25.18	27.04
SIOUX FALLS						
Prime	44	26	996	997	26.28	28.39
Choice	5,178	3,909	994	956	25.46	27.55
Good	3,838	2,307	956	922	24.03	25.99
Other ^{2/}	667	594	971	952	21.15	23.07
Total	9,727	6,836	977	944	24.62	26.65
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
Prime	84	248	994	950	26.69	28.97
Choice	5,734	4,961	941	907	25.80	27.45
Good	2,104	2,450	904	872	23.94	25.42
Other ^{2/}	3	---	763	---	20.00	---
Total	7,926	7,659	932	898	25.33	26.87
SOUTH ST. PAUL ^{3/}						
Prime	18	6	1,019	1,054	27.23	29.25
Choice	8,912	4,927	952	946	25.85	28.05
Good	4,495	4,956	924	902	23.57	26.07
Other ^{2/}	2,114	2,177	993	955	20.43	21.71
Total	15,539	12,066	950	937	24.44	26.05
TOTAL 8 MARKETS						
Prime	3,501	4,933	1,016	1,000	26.78	28.84
Choice	76,175	67,758	959	934	25.81	27.84
Good	35,658	35,970	917	884	24.12	25.97
Other ^{2/}	6,179	5,712	948	950	21.40	22.35
Total	121,513	114,373	948	922	25.14	27.04

^{1/} Data collected by livestock Div., C and MS and Statistical Reporting Service. ^{2/} Standard, commercial and utility. ^{3/} Partial receipts.

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TIME ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed less than 3 months are estimated at 4,937,000 head, down 1 percent from April 1, 1968. The total on feed 3-6 months, at 5,747,000 head, was up 14 percent from a year earlier. Cattle on feed over 6 months totaled 735,000 head, 60,000 head more than a year earlier.

MARKETING INTENTIONS

Cattle feeders in the 32 States intend to market 6,006,000 head during the April-June 1969 period. If these intentions materialize, marketings from those on feed April 1, 1969 would be 6 percent above marketings during April-June a year earlier. Intentions are to market 33 percent of the 3 month total during April, 33 percent during May and 34 percent during June. Expected marketings are based on the usual relationship of survey data and actual marketings.

MARCH MARKETINGS FOR 8 LIVESTOCK MARKETS

Steers and heifers marketed out of first hands for slaughter at 8 livestock markets during March 1969 totaled 310,576 head. Steers accounted for 196,203 head, and heifers 114,373 head. The average live weight of steers marketed during March 1969 was 1,103 pounds, compared with 1,128 pounds last year. Heifers averaged 922 pounds live weight compared with 948 pounds a year earlier.