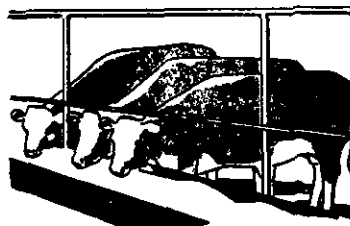


CATTLE ON FEED



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--Selected Markets

May 1, 1969

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Cattle on Feed up 10 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed May 1 for slaughter market are up 10 percent from a year earlier in 6 States -- Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and Texas. The Crop Reporting Board announced that feedlots in these States contained 6,407,000 cattle and calves on May 1, a decline of 1 percent from the number on feed a month earlier. Arizona and Texas showed the largest increases over a year ago, 39 and 38 percent, respectively. Increases are also estimated for Colorado, 18 percent; Nebraska, 7 percent; and Iowa, 1 percent. The number on feed in California declined 2 percent from a year earlier.

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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		
	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	340	422	124	306	425	139
California	688	733	107	765	746	98
Colorado	588	680	116	550	651	118
Iowa 2/	2,268	2,291	101	2,181	2,203	101
Nebraska	1,344	1,344	100	1,295	1,381	107
Texas	761	1,019	134	726	1,001	138
Total 6 States:	5,989	6,489	108	5,823	6,407	110

State	Placements during April			Marketings during April		
	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	37	79	214	71	76	107
California	213	168	79	136	155	114
Colorado	95	129	136	133	158	119
Iowa 2/	244	213	87	331	301	91
Nebraska	251	330	131	300	293	98
Texas	149	226	152	184	244	133
Total 6 States:	989	1,145	116	1,155	1,227	106

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.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
APRIL 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	6,062	7,183	1,265	1,250	29.61	33.34
Choice	48,395	41,053	1,160	1,160	27.49	30.98
Good	7,502	6,061	1,066	1,078	25.93	29.04
Other ^{2/}	3,068	1,533	1,090	1,122	23.81	26.18
Total	65,027	55,830	1,156	1,162	27.38	30.98
KANSAS CITY						
Prime	274	138	1,138	1,162	27.04	31.48
Choice	8,311	4,377	1,096	1,085	26.33	30.26
Good	4,945	1,477	1,060	1,079	24.91	28.05
Other ^{2/}	185	188	1,104	1,104	22.46	24.68
Total	13,715	6,180	1,084	1,085	25.79	29.59
OMAHA						
Prime	2,038	2,131	1,210	1,205	27.26	31.74
Choice	35,531	26,282	1,142	1,109	26.42	30.41
Good	18,767	8,632	1,096	1,070	25.20	28.44
Other ^{2/}	1,056	722	1,092	1,074	22.74	25.30
Total	57,392	37,767	1,129	1,105	26.00	29.96
ST. LOUIS NSY						
Prime	354	425	1,170	1,161	27.37	31.75
Choice	11,685	10,679	1,067	1,074	26.13	29.97
Good	8,911	7,002	1,032	1,007	24.94	28.00
Other ^{2/}	1,053	1,336	1,056	1,036	22.30	25.09
Total	22,003	19,442	1,054	1,050	25.50	29.00
SIOUX CITY						
Prime	1,394	2,057	1,218	1,200	27.25	31.57
Choice	31,570	22,331	1,155	1,116	26.45	30.33
Good	9,584	4,757	1,102	1,081	25.30	28.30
Other ^{2/}	491	89	1,113	1,001	22.85	24.64
Total	43,039	29,234	1,145	1,116	26.19	30.09
SIOUX FALLS						
Prime	36	85	1,186	1,162	27.08	31.82
Choice	7,862	6,278	1,184	1,146	26.24	30.48
Good	4,752	1,806	1,143	1,108	25.17	28.84
Other ^{2/}	784	515	1,146	1,158	22.82	25.64
Total	13,434	8,684	1,167	1,139	25.68	29.87
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
Prime	915	1,352	1,162	1,135	27.11	31.46
Choice	20,507	16,425	1,114	1,092	26.39	30.59
Good	6,252	3,403	1,078	1,112	24.84	27.91
Other ^{2/}	252	230	1,088	1,101	22.46	25.38
Total	27,926	21,410	1,107	1,098	26.04	30.16
SO. ST. PAUL ^{3/}						
Prime	110	111	1,197	1,220	27.26	31.82
Choice	7,990	6,573	1,127	1,116	26.74	30.24
Good	7,215	4,249	1,103	1,093	24.56	27.98
Other ^{2/}	2,422	2,907	1,028	1,084	22.59	25.26
Total	17,737	13,840	1,104	1,103	25.33	28.54
TOTAL 8 MARKETS						
Prime	11,183	13,482	1,234	1,219	28.55	32.56
Choice	171,851	133,998	1,140	1,122	26.71	30.56
Good	67,928	37,387	1,085	1,070	25.14	28.34
Other ^{2/}	9,311	7,520	1,076	1,087	23.01	25.44
Total	260,273	192,387	1,127	1,117	26.28	30.10

^{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,
APRIL 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	1,910	1,237	1,022	1,024	26.90	30.93
Choice	11,163	9,435	950	946	26.16	29.64
Good	3,767	5,174	902	917	24.99	28.08
Other ^{2/}	1,598	1,030	895	866	22.90	25.60
Total	18,438	16,876	943	938	25.75	29.05
KANSAS CITY						
Prime	151	131	915	989	26.17	30.04
Choice	2,880	2,100	892	911	25.40	28.84
Good	2,643	1,070	858	832	23.89	26.89
Other ^{2/}	173	159	890	862	20.89	23.67
Total	5,847	3,460	877	887	24.62	28.10
OMAHA						
Prime	2,014	2,099	1,010	992	26.51	30.38
Choice	28,225	22,281	965	937	25.69	29.31
Good	13,680	7,968	929	904	24.18	27.05
Other ^{2/}	1,019	948	986	996	20.57	22.63
Total	44,938	33,296	957	934	25.16	28.66
ST. LOUIS NSY						
Prime	209	249	937	988	25.83	30.24
Choice.....	4,111	4,462	890	883	24.94	28.34
Good	3,603	4,535	840	833	23.41	26.16
Other ^{2/}	267	481	845	859	20.98	23.06
Total	8,190	9,727	868	861	24.19	27.15
SIOUX CITY						
Prime	867	1,024	1,008	999	26.14	30.19
Choice	15,307	12,682	963	940	25.40	29.07
Good	5,127	3,486	935	925	23.84	26.91
Other ^{2/}	193	217	961	962	21.30	23.33
Total	21,494	17,409	958	940	25.03	28.64
SIOUX FALLS						
Prime	30	49	1,015	1,004	26.21	30.43
Choice	5,018	2,691	995	965	25.30	29.21
Good	3,584	1,946	951	932	24.03	27.55
Other ^{2/}	659	531	973	952	21.32	24.18
Total	9,291	5,217	977	951	24.55	28.10
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
Prime	39	249	999	972	26.50	30.20
Choice.....	6,451	5,672	921	896	25.48	28.90
Good	2,456	1,383	888	882	23.65	26.14
Other ^{2/}	3	---	902	---	20.00	---
Total	8,949	7,304	913	896	24.99	28.43
SO. ST. PAUL ^{3/}						
Prime	---	98	---	1,074	---	31.07
Choice	6,676	5,247	951	935	25.82	29.54
Good	3,743	3,518	914	899	24.91	27.00
Other ^{2/}	2,238	2,072	983	986	20.85	22.46
Total	12,657	10,935	945	934	24.36	27.35
TOTAL 8 MARKETS						
Prime	5,220	5,136	1,008	1,001	26.56	30.47
Choice	79,831	64,570	953	932	25.62	29.21
Good	38,603	29,080	912	895	24.05	27.07
Other ^{2/}	6,150	5,438	950	946	21.38	23.32
Total	129,804	104,224	943	926	25.01	28.39

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Placements up 16 Percent

There were 1,145,000 cattle and calves placed on feed in these 6 States during April, up 16 percent from April 1968. Placements were up sharpest in Arizona with a 114 percent increase. Placements in Texas were up 52 percent; Colorado, 36 percent; and Nebraska, 31 percent. Placements in Iowa and California declined 13 and 21 percent, respectively.

Fed Marketings up 6 Percent

Marketings of fed cattle from these 6 States during April totaled 1,227,000 head, 6 percent above the same month a year earlier. Fed marketings were larger than last year in Texas, Colorado, California, and Arizona with Texas showing the largest increase. Marketings during April in Iowa and Nebraska were off from a year earlier.

April Marketings for 8 Markets

Steers and heifers marketed out of first hand for slaughter at 8 livestock markets during April 1969 totaled 296,611 head. Steers accounted for 192,387 head, and heifers 104,224 head. The average liveweight of steers marketed during April was 1,117 pounds compared with 1,127 pounds last year. Heifers averaged 926 pounds liveweight compared with 943 pounds a year earlier.

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

Item	Total 6 States		
	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	1,000 head		Percent
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Placed on feed during April	989	1,145	116
Marketed during April	1,155	1,227	106
On feed May 1	5,823	6,407	110