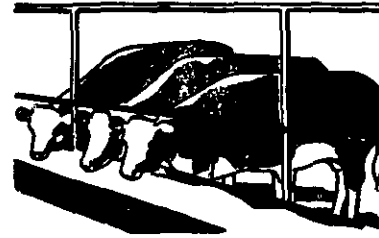


CATTLE ON FEED



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--Selected Markets

December 1, 1969

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Cattle on Feed up 11 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed December 1 intended for slaughter market are estimated to be up 11 percent from a year earlier in 6 States -- Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and Texas. Feedlots in these States contained 7,226,000 cattle and calves on December 1, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Texas continued to show the largest increase, up 36 percent from a year earlier. The number on feed in Arizona was up 19 percent; Colorado, up 11 percent; California, up 6 percent; Iowa, up 5 percent; and Nebraska, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

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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		
	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent	
Arizona	389	37489	126	429	510	119
California	1,060	1,126	106	1,031	1,097	106
Colorado	656	755	115	710	789	111
Iowa 2/	1,647	1,712	104	1,864	1,957	105
Nebraska	1,329	1,355	102	1,402	1,446	103
Texas	1,007	1,415	141	1,050	1,427	136
Total 6 States	6,088	3/6,852	113	6,486	7,226	111
State	Placements during November			Marketings during November		
	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent
Arizona	91	93	102	51	72	141
California	162	141	87	191	170	89
Colorado	155	160	103	101	126	125
Iowa 2/	588	647	110	371	402	108
Nebraska	326	329	101	253	238	94
Texas	205	247	120	162	235	145
Total 6 States	1,527	1,617	106	1,129	1,243	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. 2/ Monthly report financed by matching funds provided jointly by State agencies and C&MS, USDA under provisions of Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946. 3/ Revised.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER,
NOVEMBER 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.....	6785	7929	1254	1268	30.10	29.79
CHOICE.....	49730	46098	1133	1150	28.46	28.66
GOOD.....	6038	3598	1064	1089	26.96	27.41
OTHER 2/.....	2186	823	1096	1144	24.15	25.64
TOTAL.....	64739	58448	1138	1162	28.38	28.71
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	110	148	1064	1086	27.92	28.21
CHOICE.....	4646	3237	1090	1098	26.77	27.29
GOOD.....	2379	2108	1099	1138	24.87	25.74
OTHER 2/.....	284	121	1137	1070	21.98	23.10
TOTAL.....	7419	5614	1094	1112	25.98	26.63
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2003	2039	1134	1151	28.28	28.33
CHOICE.....	25049	21313	1101	1104	27.46	27.67
GOOD.....	8828	5294	1088	1062	25.98	26.46
OTHER 2/.....	839	546	1158	1208	22.98	23.97
TOTAL.....	36719	29192	1101	1102	27.05	27.43
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	401	400	1122	1135	28.57	28.72
CHOICE.....	6903	6501	1039	1061	27.41	28.17
GOOD.....	5052	4011	1037	1070	25.87	27.05
OTHER 2/.....	582	565	1087	1112	23.28	25.06
TOTAL.....	12938	11477	1043	1069	26.66	27.64
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	2269	1310	1196	1216	28.36	28.08
CHOICE.....	26362	20243	1126	1141	27.43	27.28
GOOD.....	6222	6447	1059	1090	26.39	26.28
OTHER 2/.....	566	108	1153	1087	23.60	23.65
TOTAL.....	35419	28108	1119	1132	27.26	27.08
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	73	326	1134	1192	28.39	27.82
CHOICE.....	5792	6748	1135	1161	27.27	27.28
GOOD.....	3230	1616	1086	1141	26.17	25.90
OTHER 2/.....	590	433	1174	1199	23.78	23.86
TOTAL.....	9685	9123	1121	1160	26.70	26.90
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	825	1318	1121	1114	28.41	28.61
CHOICE.....	12681	12548	1095	1090	27.49	27.96
GOOD.....	3454	2572	1089	1122	25.58	26.23
OTHER 2/.....	317	99	1156	1206	22.51	23.87
TOTAL.....	17277	16537	1096	1097	27.06	27.71
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	66	63	1216	1185	28.17	28.16
CHOICE.....	6797	7936	1100	1109	27.36	27.40
GOOD.....	3719	3094	1055	1128	25.64	25.58
OTHER 2/.....	2352	1386	1091	1115	22.88	23.58
TOTAL.....	12934	12479	1086	1115	26.07	26.53
TOTAL 8 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	12532	13533	1209	1222	29.33	29.21
CHOICE.....	137960	124624	1115	1126	27.79	27.98
GOOD.....	38922	28740	1070	1095	26.06	26.41
OTHER 2/.....	7716	4081	1115	1142	23.35	24.28
TOTAL.....	197130	170978	1112	1129	27.39	27.74

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3/ PARTIAL RECEIPTS.

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NOVEMBER 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.....	2391	2259	992	1007	27.55	28.02
CHOICE.....	16443	13534	948	958	26.61	27.32
GOOD.....	2943	3077	890	931	24.93	26.18
OTHER 2/.....	356	192	890	927	23.00	24.15
TOTAL.....	22133	19062	944	959	26.45	27.19
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	99	100	938	961	26.44	26.86
CHOICE.....	1667	1307	904	906	25.68	26.10
GOOD.....	1165	739	862	892	24.16	24.45
OTHER 2/.....	187	91	872	928	21.11	21.45
TOTAL.....	3118	2237	888	905	24.88	25.40
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2356	2338	992	999	27.12	27.26
CHOICE.....	24411	23174	954	959	26.35	26.62
GOOD.....	7363	6707	938	945	24.84	25.50
OTHER 2/.....	519	700	988	1074	21.44	22.23
TOTAL.....	34649	32919	954	962	26.01	26.34
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	19	145	996	922	27.00	27.50
CHOICE.....	3565	3586	892	896	26.09	27.12
GOOD.....	2570	1972	865	878	24.68	26.00
OTHER 2/.....	189	361	880	889	21.70	23.73
TOTAL.....	6343	6065	881	890	25.40	26.57
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	1637	1584	998	1014	26.87	26.84
CHOICE.....	14339	13524	958	977	26.09	26.18
GOOD.....	3031	3102	935	957	24.51	25.02
OTHER 2/.....	266	53	1010	1095	22.60	21.94
TOTAL.....	19273	18263	958	977	25.87	26.03
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	76	183	1012	1001	26.68	26.69
CHOICE.....	7155	5954	972	988	25.79	25.99
GOOD.....	1930	1460	926	960	24.31	24.81
OTHER 2/.....	126	158	1010	1014	21.12	22.37
TOTAL.....	9287	7755	963	984	25.44	25.69
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	195	275	944	950	27.05	27.34
CHOICE.....	5990	6663	914	916	26.07	26.50
GOOD.....	1594	978	903	915	24.14	24.79
OTHER 2/.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL.....	7779	7916	913	917	25.71	26.32
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	35	12	1074	1094	26.38	27.12
CHOICE.....	7153	7656	943	949	26.03	26.41
GOOD.....	3408	2411	910	933	24.45	24.78
OTHER 2/.....	2336	1618	989	1009	19.61	20.88
TOTAL.....	12932	11697	943	954	24.41	25.27
TOTAL 8 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	6808	6897	992	1001	27.19	27.40
CHOICE.....	80723	75398	947	956	26.23	26.59
GOOD.....	24004	20446	913	935	24.62	25.37
OTHER 2/.....	3979	3173	971	1004	20.54	21.78
TOTAL.....	115514	105914	944	956	25.77	26.26

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Placements up 6 Percent

November placements of cattle and calves on feed in these 6 States were 6 percent more than the same month last year. During November, placements were larger than a year earlier in all States except California where placements dropped 13 percent from a year earlier. Texas showed the largest gain as placements were up 20 percent from November 1968.

Fed Cattle Marketings up 10 Percent

Marketings of cattle from feedlots in these 6 States totaled 1,243,000 during November. This is 10 percent more than were marketed during November 1968. Larger marketings than a year earlier were reported in Texas, up 45 percent; Arizona, up 41 percent; Colorado, up 25 percent; and Iowa, up 8 percent. Fed marketings were off 11 percent in California and down 6 percent in Nebraska.

November Marketings for 8 Markets

Steers marketed out of first hands for slaughter at 8 major livestock markets during November 1969 totaled 170,978 head and averaged 1,129 pounds liveweight compared with 1,112 pounds a year earlier. Heifers sold out of first hand for slaughter at these 8 markets totaled 105,914 head and weighed 956 pounds, 12 pounds more than the average liveweight during November last year.

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

Item	Total 6 States			
	1967	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	- - 1,000 head - -			Percent
On feed November 1	5,571	6,088	6,852	113
Placed on feed during November ..	1,302	1,527	1,617	106
Marketed during November	1,049	1,129	1,243	110
On feed December 1	5,824	6,486	7,226	111