

cattle on feed



CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--Selected Markets

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CATTLE ON FEED UP 6 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed intended for slaughter totaled 7,030,000 head on May 1 in the 6 States estimated monthly. This is 6 percent above a year earlier. Compared with May 1, 1970, Texas showed to greatest increase, 37 percent. Numbers were up 23 percent in Colorado, 12 percent in California, and 9 percent in Arizona. The sharpest decrease, 10 percent, was in Iowa while Nebraska showed a 7 percent decline.

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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		
	1970	1971	1971 as % of 1970	1970	1971	1971 as % of 1970
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	454	497	109	440	481	109
California	759	856	113	805	899	112
Colorado	748	865	116	718	880	123
Iowa	2,245	2,043	91	2,203	1,983	90
Nebraska	1,397	1,312	94	1,312	1,217	93
Texas	1,243	1,563	126	1,142	1,570	137
Total 6 States	6,846	7,136	104	6,620	7,030	106
	Placements during April			Marketings during April		
	1970	1971	1971 as % of 1970	1970	1971	1971 as % of 1970
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	72	72	100	86	88	102
California	205	180	88	159	137	86
Colorado	133	187	141	163	172	106
Iowa	292	221	76	334	281	84
Nebraska	225	227	101	310	322	104
Texas	190	321	169	291	314	108
Total 6 States	1,117	1,208	108	1,343	1,314	98

1/ Animals being fattened for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates and expected to produce a carcass that will grade good or better.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER
APRIL 1970 AND 1971 1/

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELWEIGHT	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	117	89	1044	1002	31.54	33.16
CHOICE.....	4131	1844	1099	1090	30.56	32.19
GOOD.....	1147	924	1136	1072	28.52	30.25
OTHER 2/.....	207	68	1161	1133	26.65	26.75
TOTAL.....	5602	2925	1107	1083	30.00	31.48
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2651	2476	1174	1189	31.29	33.30
CHOICE.....	25998	23273	1154	1132	30.64	32.44
GOOD.....	6495	6668	1145	1098	28.95	30.68
OTHER 2/.....	569	1378	1137	1189	26.97	27.60
TOTAL.....	35713	33795	1153	1132	30.32	31.96
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	430	491	1157	1191	31.93	33.37
CHOICE.....	7207	8250	1099	1075	31.10	32.19
GOOD.....	5922	4014	1076	1053	29.68	29.95
OTHER 2/.....	914	898	1104	1078	27.06	26.76
TOTAL.....	14473	13653	1091	1073	30.29	31.23
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	1849	1599	1199	1227	31.04	33.19
CHOICE.....	19761	18536	1149	1151	30.35	32.20
GOOD.....	4303	3292	1130	1120	29.07	29.96
OTHER 2/.....	637	258	1126	1149	27.21	27.22
TOTAL.....	26550	23685	1149	1152	30.12	31.91
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	142	135	1188	1215	30.82	33.29
CHOICE.....	6924	7406	1173	1168	30.02	32.15
GOOD.....	1958	1496	1194	1124	28.49	30.31
OTHER 2/.....	446	644	1144	1172	27.07	27.33
TOTAL.....	9470	9681	1176	1162	29.58	31.57
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	846	488	1114	1145	31.49	33.32
CHOICE.....	16689	9431	1113	1117	30.73	32.29
GOOD.....	2677	1288	1165	1109	28.60	30.09
OTHER 2/.....	191	278	1173	1202	27.03	26.92
TOTAL.....	20403	11485	1121	1120	30.43	31.95
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	10	114	1257	1196	31.75	33.42
CHOICE.....	5711	5758	1155	1158	30.65	32.42
GOOD.....	3771	3537	1177	1169	28.41	28.96
OTHER 2/.....	3086	2305	1161	1119	27.16	26.93
TOTAL.....	12578	11714	1163	1154	29.12	30.32
TOTAL 7 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	6045	5392	1170	1194	31.28	33.28
CHOICE.....	86421	74498	1139	1133	30.57	32.30
GOOD.....	26273	21219	1137	1106	28.95	30.05
OTHER 2/.....	6050	5829	1146	1140	27.11	27.12
TOTAL.....	124789	106938	1141	1131	30.10	31.63

1/ DATA COLLECTED BY LIVESTOCK DIV., C&MS AND STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE
2/ STANDARD, COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY
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HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER
APRIL 1970 AND 1971 1/

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVEWEIGHT	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	96	67	940	905	30.60	32.56
CHOICE.....	1703	1067	925	914	29.81	31.55
GOOD.....	537	517	875	879	27.92	29.29
OTHER 2/.....	33	45	911	864	25.22	25.64
TOTAL.....	2369	1696	914	901	29.37	30.77
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2274	2078	1023	998	30.94	32.68
CHOICE.....	23451	18678	972	959	30.18	31.93
GOOD.....	6462	7043	961	938	28.32	30.11
OTHER 2/.....	1057	1009	1030	1013	24.96	25.33
TOTAL.....	33244	28808	975	958	29.70	31.31
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	132	169	979	959	30.84	32.18
CHOICE.....	3946	3296	913	895	29.95	31.11
GOOD.....	3084	2940	853	853	28.40	28.76
OTHER 2/.....	552	422	901	875	25.92	25.06
TOTAL.....	7714	6827	890	877	29.08	29.78
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	1044	1070	1017	1015	30.60	32.31
CHOICE.....	11788	11161	965	971	29.68	31.50
GOOD.....	2846	2199	946	965	28.32	29.48
OTHER 2/.....	344	11	981	1059	26.00	25.30
TOTAL.....	16022	14441	965	973	29.42	31.25
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	11	103	1028	1021	30.36	32.31
CHOICE.....	4350	4273	1001	990	29.55	31.42
GOOD.....	1648	1531	968	958	28.19	29.46
OTHER 2/.....	361	351	990	975	25.71	26.75
TOTAL.....	6370	6258	992	982	28.99	30.71
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	408	328	967	1025	30.97	33.06
CHOICE.....	4918	3657	929	933	30.03	31.55
GOOD.....	1201	610	915	924	28.08	29.36
OTHER 2/.....						
TOTAL.....	6527	4595	929	938	29.74	31.38
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	55	199	1059	1035	30.50	32.36
CHOICE.....	5233	4656	983	971	29.83	31.69
GOOD.....	2265	2124	958	953	28.04	30.04
OTHER 2/.....	1264	882	1040	1055	25.03	24.43
TOTAL.....	8817	7861	985	977	28.66	30.40
TOTAL 7 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	4020	4014	1013	1004	30.83	32.56
CHOICE.....	55389	46788	964	958	29.95	31.66
GOOD.....	18043	16964	935	928	28.26	29.69
OTHER 2/.....	3611	2720	1004	998	25.29	25.17
TOTAL.....	81063	70486	962	955	29.41	30.99

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PLACEMENTS UP 8 PERCENT

April placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 6 States totaled 1,208,000 head, up 8 percent from a year ago. Texas placements increased 69 percent and Colorado, 41 percent. Nebraska showed a 1 percent gain while placements were unchanged in Arizona and down in California and Iowa.

FED CATTLE MARKETINGS SHOW A 2 PERCENT DECREASE

Fed cattle marketings from the 6 States totaled 1,314,000 head during April, down 2 percent from the year before. Marketings were larger in Texas, Colorado, Nebraska, and Arizona, but were smaller in California and Iowa.

APRIL MARKETINGS FOR 7 MARKETS

Steers and heifers sold out of first hands for slaughter at 7 markets during April totaled 177,424 head. Steers numbered 106,938; heifers, 70,486. Average steer live weight, 1,131 pounds, was 10 pounds less than a year earlier. Heifers averaged 955 pounds live weight, 7 pounds below April 1970. Average price per 100 pounds live weight in 7 markets during April was \$31.63 for steers, \$30.99 for heifers, up \$1.53 and \$1.58, respectively, from a year earlier.

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

Item	Total 6 States			
	: 1969	: 1970	: 1971	: 1971 as % of 1970
				Percent
On feed April 1	: 6,489	1,000 head 6,846	7,136	104
Placed on feed during April	: 1,192	1,117	1,208	108
Marketed during April	: 1,273	1,343	1,314	98
On feed May 1	: 6,408	6,620	7,030	106