

# cattle on feed

CATTLE SOLD FOR SLAUGHTER--SELECTED MARKETS  
March 1, 1972



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## CATTLE ON FEED UP 10 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed March 1 for slaughter market in the 6 monthly States totaled 7,971,000 head, up 10 percent from a year ago, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Compared with March 1, 1971, all 6 States showed increases in the

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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                    |       |                         |
|                   | 1971                       | 1972    | :1972 as %:<br>: of 1971 : | 1971                       | 1972  | :1972 as %<br>: of 1971 |
|                   | 1,000 head                 | Percent | 1,000 head                 | Percent                    |       |                         |
| Iowa              | 2,093                      | 2,219   | 106                        | 1,962                      | 2,080 | 106                     |
| Nebraska          | 1,459                      | 1,605   | 110                        | 1,393                      | 1,518 | 109                     |
| Kansas 2/         |                            | 1,100   |                            |                            | 1,050 |                         |
| Texas             | 1,575                      | 1,822   | 116                        | 1,580                      | 1,844 | 117                     |
| Colorado          | 933                        | 970     | 104                        | 903                        | 965   | 107                     |
| Arizona           | 517                        | 540     | 104                        | 523                        | 548   | 105                     |
| California        | 904                        | 1,037   | 115                        | 878                        | 1,016 | 116                     |
| Total 6 States 3/ | 7,481                      | 8,193   | 110                        | 7,239                      | 7,971 | 110                     |
| Total 7 States 2/ |                            | 9,293   |                            |                            | 9,021 |                         |
|                   | Placements during February |         |                            | Marketings during February |       |                         |
|                   | 1971                       | 1972    | :1972 as %:<br>: of 1971:  | 1971                       | 1972  | :1972 as %<br>: of 1971 |
|                   | 1,000 head                 | Percent | 1,000 head                 | Percent                    |       |                         |
| Iowa              | 156                        | 148     | 95                         | 287                        | 287   | 100                     |
| Nebraska          | 234                        | 231     | 99                         | 300                        | 318   | 106                     |
| Kansas 2/         |                            | 150     |                            |                            | 200   |                         |
| Texas             | 236                        | 323     | 137                        | 231                        | 301   | 130                     |
| Colorado          | 157                        | 185     | 118                        | 187                        | 190   | 102                     |
| Arizona           | 67                         | 86      | 128                        | 61                         | 78    | 128                     |
| California        | 121                        | 141     | 117                        | 147                        | 162   | 110                     |
| Total 6 States 3/ | 971                        | 1,114   | 115                        | 1,213                      | 1,336 | 110                     |
| Total 7 States 2/ |                            | 1,264   |                            |                            | 1,536 |                         |

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/ Data not available for periods blank. 3/ Excludes Kansas.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER  
FEBRUARY 1971 AND 1972 1/

| MARKET AND GRADE       | NUMBER |       | AVERAGE WEIGHT |        | AVERAGE PRICE<br>PER 100 POUNDS<br>LIVEWEIGHT |         |
|------------------------|--------|-------|----------------|--------|---|---------|
|                        | 1971   | 1972  | 1971           | 1972   | 1971  | 1972    |
|                        | HEAD   | HEAD  | POUNDS         | POUNDS | DOLLARS                                       | DOLLARS |
| <b>KANSAS CITY</b>     |        |       |                |        |   |         |
| PRIME.....             | 71     | 43    | 1054           | 1063   | 32.75   | 36.30   |
| CHOICE.....            | 1756   | 1368  | 1104           | 1087   | 31.61   | 35.46   |
| GOOD.....              | 807    | 988   | 1097           | 1054   | 29.65   | 34.02   |
| OTHER 2/.....          | 42     | 193   | 1138           | 1235   | 26.24   | 30.38   |
| TOTAL.....             | 2676   | 2592  | 1101           | 1085   | 30.96   | 34.51   |
| <b>OMAHA</b>           |        |       |                |        |   |         |
| PRIME.....             | 2278   | 2298  | 1214           | 1180   | 33.26   | 37.25   |
| CHOICE.....            | 23498  | 19344 | 1150           | 1124   | 32.23   | 36.19   |
| GOOD.....              | 8089   | 8378  | 1132           | 1099   | 30.71   | 34.88   |
| OTHER 2/.....          | 919    | 1092  | 1227           | 1177   | 26.83   | 30.97   |
| TOTAL.....             | 34784  | 31112 | 1152           | 1123   | 31.80   | 35.74   |
| <b>ST. LOUIS NSY</b>   |        |       |                |        |   |         |
| PRIME.....             | 546    | 741   | 1170           | 1150   | 33.47   | 36.86   |
| CHOICE.....            | 7686   | 6930  | 1088           | 1079   | 32.37   | 35.69   |
| GOOD.....              | 3276   | 5264  | 1079           | 1059   | 30.01   | 34.07   |
| OTHER 2/.....          | 844    | 840   | 1106           | 1133   | 25.36   | 29.83   |
| TOTAL.....             | 12352  | 13775 | 1090           | 1079   | 31.32   | 34.77   |
| <b>SIOUX CITY</b>      |        |       |                |        |   |         |
| PRIME.....             | 2386   | 1089  | 1228           | 1203   | 33.01   | 36.92   |
| CHOICE.....            | 24840  | 15777 | 1157           | 1137   | 31.74   | 35.75   |
| GOOD.....              | 3888   | 4293  | 1124           | 1108   | 29.70   | 34.11   |
| OTHER 2/.....          | 473    | 394   | 1190           | 1156   | 26.73   | 30.32   |
| TOTAL.....             | 31587  | 21553 | 1159           | 1135   | 31.52   | 35.39   |
| <b>SIOUX FALLS</b>     |        |       |                |        |   |         |
| PRIME.....             | 192    | 72    | 1199           | 1186   | 32.72   | 37.19   |
| CHOICE.....            | 7676   | 5589  | 1172           | 1147   | 31.67   | 35.60   |
| GOOD.....              | 1830   | 2485  | 1122           | 1122   | 29.91   | 34.22   |
| OTHER 2/.....          | 1084   | 852   | 1212           | 1217   | 26.40   | 30.60   |
| TOTAL.....             | 10782  | 8998  | 1168           | 1147   | 30.85   | 34.74   |
| <b>SO. ST. JOSEPH</b>  |        |       |                |        |   |         |
| PRIME.....             | 570    | 450   | 1110           | 1146   | 32.71   | 36.84   |
| CHOICE.....            | 9553   | 7014  | 1109           | 1105   | 31.78   | 35.89   |
| GOOD.....              | 1521   | 1360  | 1156           | 1107   | 29.18   | 34.18   |
| OTHER 2/.....          | 215    | 326   | 1205           | 1285   | 25.97   | 30.43   |
| TOTAL.....             | 11859  | 9150  | 1117           | 1114   | 31.36   | 35.46   |
| <b>SO. ST. PAUL 3/</b> |        |       |                |        |   |         |
| PRIME.....             | 106    | 318   | 1231           | 1176   | 32.95   | 37.12   |
| CHOICE.....            | 6885   | 3446  | 1143           | 1143   | 31.76   | 35.70   |
| GOOD.....              | 3086   | 5267  | 1157           | 1125   | 28.92   | 33.34   |
| OTHER 2/.....          | 2927   | 3190  | 1160           | 1150   | 26.18   | 30.27   |
| TOTAL.....             | 13004  | 12221 | 1151           | 1138   | 29.83   | 33.30   |
| <b>TOTAL 7 MARKETS</b> |        |       |                |        |   |         |
| PRIME.....             | 6149   | 5011  | 1204           | 1176   | 33.10   | 37.07   |
| CHOICE.....            | 81894  | 59468 | 1142           | 1122   | 31.93   | 35.88   |
| GOOD.....              | 22497  | 28035 | 1126           | 1099   | 29.98   | 34.20   |
| OTHER 2/.....          | 6504   | 6887  | 1174           | 1169   | 26.25   | 30.39   |
| TOTAL.....             | 117044 | 99401 | 1144           | 1122   | 31.30   | 35.08   |

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HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER  
FEBRUARY 1971 AND 1972 1/

| MARKET AND GRADE | NUMBER |       | AVERAGE WEIGHT |        | AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELWEIGHT |         |
|------------------|--------|-------|----------------|--------|--|---------|
|                  | 1971   | 1972  | 1971           | 1972   | 1971                                     | 1972    |
|                  | HEAD   | HEAD  | POUNDS         | POUNDS | DOLLARS                                  | DOLLARS |
| KANSAS CITY      |        |       |                |        |  |         |
| PRIME.....       | 68     | 36    | 978            | 940    | 31.40                                    | 35.46   |
| CHOICE.....      | 747    | 424   | 917            | 937    | 30.44                                    | 34.51   |
| GOOD.....        | 300    | 540   | 914            | 897    | 28.31                                    | 32.81   |
| OTHER 2/.....    | 10     | 48    | 1065           | 949    | 24.59                                    | 29.08   |
| TOTAL.....       | 1125   | 1048  | 921            | 917    | 29.88                                    | 33.43   |
| OMAHA            |        |       |                |        |  |         |
| PRIME.....       | 2649   | 1626  | 1016           | 1000   | 32.15                                    | 35.99   |
| CHOICE.....      | 18736  | 17782 | 976            | 963    | 31.31                                    | 35.40   |
| GOOD.....        | 7002   | 9019  | 933            | 933    | 29.66                                    | 33.83   |
| OTHER 2/.....    | 417    | 560   | 1026           | 1045   | 24.65                                    | 27.78   |
| TOTAL.....       | 28804  | 28987 | 970            | 957    | 30.90                                    | 34.80   |
| ST. LOUIS NSY    |        |       |                |        |  |         |
| PRIME.....       | 209    | 220   | 974            | 957    | 31.46                                    | 35.22   |
| CHOICE.....      | 3772   | 3628  | 910            | 924    | 30.32                                    | 34.40   |
| GOOD.....        | 2642   | 2497  | 870            | 872    | 28.52                                    | 31.94   |
| OTHER 2/.....    | 433    | 559   | 868            | 924    | 24.63                                    | 27.47   |
| TOTAL.....       | 7056   | 6904  | 894            | 906    | 29.36                                    | 33.00   |
| SIOUX CITY       |        |       |                |        |  |         |
| PRIME.....       | 1082   | 542   | 1037           | 1012   | 31.93                                    | 36.03   |
| CHOICE.....      | 12237  | 9999  | 973            | 957    | 30.75                                    | 34.70   |
| GOOD.....        | 2474   | 3000  | 950            | 945    | 28.98                                    | 32.95   |
| OTHER 2/.....    | 73     | 248   | 1117           | 1015   | 25.27                                    | 29.43   |
| TOTAL.....       | 15866  | 13789 | 974            | 958    | 30.54                                    | 34.28   |
| SIOUX FALLS      |        |       |                |        |  |         |
| PRIME.....       | 118    | 88    | 1073           | 1095   | 31.49                                    | 35.57   |
| CHOICE.....      | 5892   | 4579  | 999            | 982    | 30.43                                    | 34.63   |
| GOOD.....        | 1954   | 2955  | 963            | 947    | 28.86                                    | 33.34   |
| OTHER 2/.....    | 278    | 215   | 955            | 969    | 25.88                                    | 29.29   |
| TOTAL.....       | 8242   | 7837  | 990            | 970    | 29.94                                    | 34.02   |
| SO. ST. JOSEPH   |        |       |                |        |  |         |
| PRIME.....       | 162    | 328   | 986            | 1008   | 32.16                                    | 36.21   |
| CHOICE.....      | 7127   | 3479  | 939            | 935    | 31.02                                    | 35.10   |
| GOOD.....        | 486    | 877   | 947            | 936    | 28.33                                    | 33.70   |
| TOTAL.....       | 7775   | 4684  | 940            | 940    | 30.88                                    | 34.93   |
| SO. ST. PAUL 3/  |        |       |                |        |  |         |
| PRIME.....       | 92     | 74    | 1093           | 1075   | 31.43                                    | 35.52   |
| CHOICE.....      | 5682   | 3056  | 964            | 966    | 30.61                                    | 34.83   |
| GOOD.....        | 2216   | 3233  | 928            | 930    | 28.14                                    | 32.83   |
| OTHER 2/.....    | 1202   | 1471  | 1051           | 1053   | 23.36                                    | 27.20   |
| TOTAL.....       | 9192   | 7834  | 968            | 968    | 29.01                                    | 32.49   |
| TOTAL 7 MARKETS  |        |       |                |        |  |         |
| PRIME.....       | 4380   | 2914  | 1021           | 1004   | 32.02                                    | 35.94   |
| CHOICE.....      | 54193  | 42947 | 966            | 958    | 30.90                                    | 35.00   |
| GOOD.....        | 17074  | 22121 | 929            | 928    | 29.04                                    | 33.26   |
| OTHER 2/.....    | 2413   | 3101  | 1005           | 1018   | 24.13                                    | 27.70   |
| TOTAL.....       | 78060  | 71083 | 962            | 953    | 30.35                                    | 34.17   |

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number on feed ranging from 5 percent in Arizona to 17 percent in Texas. Compared with a month ago, the number on feed in these 6 States was down 3 percent. Kansas (added to the monthly Cattle on Feed report November 1, 1971) had 1,050,000 head on feed March 1, 1972, down 5 percent from February 1.

PLACEMENTS UP 15 PERCENT

Placements of cattle and calves on feed during February in these 6 States totaled 1,114,000 head, up 15 percent from February 1971. Placements were up in Texas, Arizona, Colorado and California but declined in Nebraska and Iowa. Kansas placements totaled 150,000 head.

FED CATTLE MARKETINGS UP 10 PERCENT

February marketings of fed cattle from the 6 States totaled 1,336,000 head, a 10 percent increase from February 1971. Marketings increased in all States but Iowa where they remained unchanged. Marketings from Kansas feed lots totaled 200,000 head during February.

FEBRUARY MARKETINGS FOR 7 MARKETS

February marketings of steers and heifers sold out of first hands for slaughter at 7 markets totaled 170,484 head. Of this number 99,401 were steers, 71,083 heifers. Steers averaged 1,122 pounds, 22 pounds less, while heifers, at 953 pounds weighed 9 pounds less than last February. Average price per 100 pounds live weight during February was \$35.08 for steers, up \$3.78 from a year ago, and \$34.17 for heifers, up \$3.82. This is an increase over a month ago of \$0.32 for both steers and heifers.

Cattle and calves: Inventories, placements and marketings,  
fed cattle, February 1 to March 1

| Item                           | Total 6 States |            |       |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------|----------------------|
|                                | 1970           | 1971       | 1972  | 1972 as<br>% of 1971 |
|                                |                | 1,000 head |       | Percent              |
| On feed February 1             | 7,338          | 7,481      | 8,193 | 110                  |
| Placed on feed during February | 924            | 971        | 1,114 | 115                  |
| Marketed during February       | 1,229          | 1,213      | 1,336 | 110                  |
| On feed March 1                | 7,033          | 7,239      | 7,971 | 110                  |