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CATTLE ON FEED 8 PERCENT ABOVE A YEAR AGO

Cattle and calves on feed March 1 for slaughter market in the 7 monthly States totaled 9,698,000 head, up 8 percent from a year ago, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Compared with March 1972, the number increased in all States except Iowa which registered a 3 percent decline. Increases ranged from 18 percent in Texas to 2 percent in Nebraska and Colorado. Compared with a month ago, the number on feed in the 7 States was down 4 percent.

PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 PERCENT

February placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States totaled 1,232,000 head, down 3 percent from last year. Decreased placements in Nebraska, Texas, Colorado, and Arizona more than offset increases in Iowa, Kansas and California.

FED CATTLE MARKETINGS UP 4 PERCENT

February marketings of fed cattle from the 7 States totaled 1,594,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. Marketings decreased in Nebraska and Colorado and remained unchanged in Arizona. All other States showed increases.

FEBRUARY MARKETINGS FOR 7 MARKETS

February marketings of steers and heifers sold out of first hands for slaughter at 7 markets totaled 158,662 head--93,508 steers and 65,154 heifers. Steers averaged 1,144 pounds, and heifers 965 pounds, up 22 and 12 pounds, respectively, from a year earlier. Average price per 100 pounds live weight during February was \$42.56 for steers, up \$7.48 from a year ago, and \$41.46 for heifers, up \$7.29.

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

Item	Total 7 States		
	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent
On feed February 1	9,293	10,060	108
Placed on feed during February	1,267	1,232	97
Marketed during February	1,539	1,594	104
On feed March 1	9,021	9,698	108

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		
	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Iowa	2,219	2,108	95	2,080	2,018	97
Nebraska	1,605	1,637	102	1,518	1,548	102
Kansas	1,100	1,260	115	1,050	1,230	117
Texas	1,822	2,215	122	1,844	2,184	118
Colorado	970	1,045	108	965	980	102
Arizona	540	658	122	548	643	117
California	1,037	1,137	110	1,016	1,095	108
Total 7 States	9,293	10,060	108	9,021	9,698	108
	Placements during February			Marketings during February		
	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Iowa	148	208	141	287	298	104
Nebraska	237	211	89	324	300	93
Kansas	150	180	120	200	210	105
Texas	323	310	96	301	341	113
Colorado	185	110	59	190	175	92
Arizona	83	60	72	75	75	100
California	141	153	109	162	195	120
Total 7 States	1,267	1,232	97	1,539	1,594	104

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.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER

FEBRUARY 1972 AND 1973 1/

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELWEIGHT	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	43	27	1063	1082	36.30	43.58
CHOICE.....	1368	996	1087	1100	35.46	42.58
GOOD.....	988	360	1054	1072	34.02	40.48
OTHER 2/.....	193	39	1235	1131	30.38	37.04
TOTAL.....	2592	1422	1085	1093	34.51	41.92
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2298	2351	1180	1175	37.25	44.57
CHOICE.....	19344	16792	1124	1124	36.19	43.35
GOOD.....	8378	6400	1099	1116	34.88	41.16
OTHER 2/.....	1092	730	1177	1142	30.97	37.21
TOTAL.....	31112	26273	1123	1127	35.74	42.76
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	741	541	1150	1215	36.86	43.90
CHOICE.....	6930	5874	1079	1077	35.69	43.53
GOOD.....	5264	1402	1059	1101	34.07	41.82
OTHER 2/.....	840	1181	1133	1174	29.83	38.96
TOTAL.....	13775	8998	1075	1102	34.77	42.65
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	1089	832	1203	1170	36.92	44.40
CHOICE.....	15777	20155	1137	1156	35.75	43.18
GOOD.....	4293	5508	1108	1146	34.11	41.80
OTHER 2/.....	394	299	1156	1152	30.32	37.51
TOTAL.....	21553	26794	1135	1154	35.39	42.87
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	72	249	1186	1192	37.19	43.63
CHOICE.....	5589	8615	1147	1182	35.60	42.68
GOOD.....	2485	2672	1122	1166	34.22	41.36
OTHER 2/.....	852	478	1217	1196	30.60	37.52
TOTAL.....	8998	12014	1147	1179	34.74	42.20
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	450	388	1146	1117	36.84	44.28
CHOICE.....	7014	5013	1105	1093	35.89	43.06
GOOD.....	1360	515	1107	1090	34.18	41.00
OTHER 2/.....	326	79	1285	1187	30.43	37.17
TOTAL.....	9150	5995	1114	1096	35.46	42.88
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	318	54	1176	1239	37.12	43.75
CHOICE.....	3446	7325	1143	1169	35.70	43.15
GOOD.....	5267	4439	1125	1210	33.34	39.46
OTHER 2/.....	3190	194	1150	1061	30.27	35.50
TOTAL.....	12221	12012	1138	1183	33.30	41.65
TOTAL 7 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	5011	4442	1176	1175	37.07	44.36
CHOICE.....	59468	64770	1122	1140	35.88	43.16
GOOD.....	28035	21296	1099	1147	34.20	41.01
OTHER 2/.....	6867	3000	1169	1160	30.39	37.88
TOTAL.....	99401	93508	1122	1144	35.08	42.56

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HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER

FEBRUARY 1972 AND 1973 1/

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVEWEIGHT	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	36	21	940	974	35.46	42.93
CHOICE.....	424	393	937	938	34.51	41.70
GOOD.....	540	203	897	878	32.81	39.89
OTHER 2/.....	48		949		29.08	
TOTAL.....	1048	617	917	919	33.43	41.18
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	1626	2004	1000	980	35.99	43.60
CHOICE.....	17782	15159	963	952	35.40	42.30
GOOD.....	9019	6787	933	925	33.83	40.20
OTHER 2/.....	560	335	1045	1047	27.78	34.74
TOTAL.....	28987	24285	957	948	34.80	41.72
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	220	363	957	965	35.22	43.12
CHOICE.....	3628	3176	924	920	34.40	42.51
GOOD.....	2497	1303	872	892	31.94	40.91
OTHER 2/.....	559	382	924	921	27.47	38.12
TOTAL.....	6904	5224	906	916	33.00	41.84
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	542	279	1012	1004	36.03	43.09
CHOICE.....	9999	11239	957	983	34.70	41.80
GOOD.....	3000	3904	945	952	32.95	40.11
OTHER 2/.....	248	146	1015	1005	29.43	36.44
TOTAL.....	13789	15568	958	976	34.28	41.36
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	88	106	1095	1057	35.57	42.65
CHOICE.....	4579	6841	982	996	34.63	41.70
GOOD.....	2955	2175	947	981	33.34	40.23
OTHER 2/.....	215	113	969	954	29.29	36.09
TOTAL.....	7837	9235	970	992	34.02	41.30
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	328	358	1008	1006	36.21	43.54
CHOICE.....	3479	2408	935	934	35.10	41.90
GOOD.....	877	449	936	922	33.70	40.62
TOTAL.....	4684	3215	940	940	34.93	41.92
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	74	48	1075	1124	35.52	43.75
CHOICE.....	3056	4330	966	995	34.83	42.62
GOOD.....	3233	1780	930	1003	32.83	39.18
OTHER 2/.....	1471	852	1053	1097	27.20	33.98
TOTAL.....	7834	7010	968	1010	32.49	40.62
TOTAL 7 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	2914	3179	1004	988	35.94	43.46
CHOICE.....	42947	43546	958	968	35.00	42.09
GOOD.....	22121	16601	928	944	33.26	40.12
OTHER 2/.....	3101	1828	1018	1035	27.70	35.20
TOTAL.....	71083	65154	953	965	34.17	41.46

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