

cattle on feed



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CATTLE ON FEED -- 6 PERCENT ABOVE YEAR AGO IN 7 MONTHLY STATES

Cattle and calves on feed May 1 for slaughter market in the 7 monthly States totaled 9,391,000 head, up 6 percent from a year ago, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Compared with May 1, 1972, increases were registered in 4 States ranging from 5 percent in Arizona to 17 percent in Texas. Iowa was unchanged while Colorado and California inventories decreased. Compared with a month ago, the number on feed in the 7 States was down 3 percent.

PLACEMENTS DOWN 20 PERCENT

Placements of cattle and calves on feed during April in the 7 States totaled 1,197,000 head, a 20 percent decline from April 1972.

FED CATTLE MARKETINGS DOWN 7 PERCENT

April marketings of fed cattle from the 7 States totaled 1,443,000 head, a 7 percent decrease from a year ago.

APRIL MARKETINGS FOR 7 MARKETS

April marketings of steers and heifers sold out of first hands for slaughter at 7 markets totaled 119,952 head. Steers accounted for 69,214 and heifers 50,738 head. Steers averaged 1,130 pounds, 8 pounds less than last April. Heifers at 950 pounds weighed 15 pounds less. In April, average price per 100 pounds live weight was \$44.21 for steers, up \$10.35 from April 1972, while average price for heifers at \$43.01 was up \$10.01 over the previous year. This is a decrease from March 1973 of 44 cents for steers, and 29 cents for heifers.

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

Item	Total 7 States		
	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent
On feed April 1	8,934	9,637	108
Placed on feed during April	1,492	1,197	80
Marketed during April	1,546	1,443	93
On feed May 1	8,880	9,391	106

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		
	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Iowa	2,063	2,022	98	2,003	2,003	100
Nebraska	1,456	1,520	104	1,375	1,485	108
Kansas	1,050	1,230	117	1,080	1,210	112
Texas	1,854	2,259	122	1,848	2,163	117
Colorado	947	946	100	956	930	97
Arizona	547	614	112	550	578	105
California	1,017	1,046	103	1,068	1,022	96
Total 7 States	8,934	9,637	108	8,880	9,391	106
	Placements during April			Marketings during April		
	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Iowa	224	197	88	284	216	76
Nebraska	244	254	104	325	289	89
Kansas	210	175	83	180	195	108
Texas	351	257	73	357	353	99
Colorado	191	154	81	182	170	93
Arizona	74	45	61	71	81	114
California	198	115	58	147	139	95
Total 7 States	1,492	1,197	80	1,546	1,443	93

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

APRIL 1972 AND 1973

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.....	19	20	980	1013	35.10	45.98
CHOICE.....	1537	775	1101	1080	34.11	45.14
GOOD.....	888	202	1062	1112	32.72	43.29
OTHER 2/.....	115	36	1181	1163	30.02	40.99
TOTAL.....	2559	1033	1090	1088	33.45	44.63
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	1889	1171	1203	1184	35.26	46.20
CHOICE.....	21649	13074	1154	1110	34.53	44.97
GOOD.....	6534	3973	1115	1087	33.42	43.15
OTHER 2/.....	1218	276	1184	1072	30.68	40.49
TOTAL.....	31290	18494	1150	1109	34.20	44.61
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	913	168	1158	1130	35.12	46.48
CHOICE.....	7159	5636	1085	1064	34.24	45.26
GOOD.....	3939	2321	1071	1051	32.62	43.75
OTHER 2/.....	584	1435	1101	1150	29.50	40.68
TOTAL.....	12595	9560	1087	1075	33.59	44.19
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	1382	1130	1212	1203	35.12	45.66
CHOICE.....	15909	14028	1153	1147	34.47	44.54
GOOD.....	3560	2653	1144	1128	32.91	42.86
OTHER 2/.....	165	207	1085	1106	29.88	40.62
TOTAL.....	21016	18018	1155	1147	34.22	44.33
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	170	131	1195	1185	35.11	45.44
CHOICE.....	5450	6034	1168	1172	34.31	44.52
GOOD.....	1319	1833	1167	1176	32.04	42.53
OTHER 2/.....	322	364	1219	1212	29.90	40.59
TOTAL.....	7261	8362	1171	1175	33.71	43.92
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	732	216	1132	1089	35.27	46.19
CHOICE.....	7917	3172	1102	1081	34.32	44.78
GOOD.....	897	751	1146	1064	32.39	43.28
OTHER 2/.....	127	96	1227	1164	29.91	40.72
TOTAL.....	9673	4235	1110	1080	34.14	44.50
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	383	571	1215	1268	34.93	45.94
CHOICE.....	4463	4480	1149	1159	34.27	44.87
GOOD.....	5209	4031	1155	1200	31.62	41.81
OTHER 2/.....	1452	430	1095	1080	29.63	39.49
TOTAL.....	11507	9512	1147	1179	32.53	43.40
TOTAL 7 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	5488	3407	1188	1195	35.17	45.95
CHOICE.....	64084	47199	1139	1126	34.41	44.79
GOOD.....	22346	15764	1123	1127	32.62	42.75
OTHER 2/.....	3983	2844	1140	1137	30.00	40.48
TOTAL.....	95901	69214	1138	1130	33.86	44.21

1/ DATA COLLECTED BY LIVESTOCK DIV., AMS AND STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE

2/ STANDARD, COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY

3/ PARTIAL RECEIPTS

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER

APRIL 1972 AND 1973

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.....	9	18	935	918	34.21	45.30
CHOICE.....	900	495	944	922	33.27	44.19
GOOD.....	327	155	926	911	31.65	42.34
OTHER 2/.....	71	6	929	1010	28.72	38.15
TOTAL.....	1307	674	939	920	32.63	43.74
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2408	1270	1012	988	34.40	45.21
CHOICE.....	18327	11422	967	941	33.82	44.31
GOOD.....	6318	5902	957	917	31.98	42.26
OTHER 2/.....	736	750	1044	955	27.53	37.70
TOTAL.....	27789	19344	971	937	33.28	43.50
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	190	291	959	940	33.89	44.53
CHOICE.....	3508	2980	918	909	33.10	43.77
GOOD.....	2221	1689	875	879	31.24	41.75
OTHER 2/.....	402	458	895	902	27.71	38.84
TOTAL.....	6321	5418	902	901	32.15	42.78
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	820	573	1019	1004	34.46	44.45
CHOICE.....	9860	8865	966	960	33.61	43.06
GOOD.....	2306	1992	981	946	31.86	41.33
OTHER 2/.....	220	480	1066	993	28.53	38.95
TOTAL.....	13206	11910	974	961	33.26	42.68
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	115	58	1022	1043	34.07	44.19
CHOICE.....	3747	3958	990	988	33.33	43.10
GOOD.....	967	1430	982	964	31.60	41.55
OTHER 2/.....	136	188	962	941	28.24	38.23
TOTAL.....	4965	5634	988	981	32.88	42.57
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	779	245	996	1013	34.52	45.46
CHOICE.....	2703	1440	943	918	33.71	44.10
GOOD.....	440	497	942	861	31.92	42.27
TOTAL.....	3922	2182	953	916	33.68	43.88
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	94	180	1133	1089	34.26	45.38
CHOICE.....	4343	3345	958	986	33.47	44.00
GOOD.....	1536	1324	960	984	31.31	40.78
OTHER 2/.....	1173	727	1071	1083	27.37	37.03
TOTAL.....	7146	5576	980	1001	31.93	42.32
TOTAL 7 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	4415	2635	1011	996	34.40	44.99
CHOICE.....	43388	32505	962	952	33.62	43.72
GOOD.....	14115	12989	949	926	31.74	41.81
OTHER 2/.....	2738	2609	1029	987	27.63	37.95
TOTAL.....	64656	50738	965	950	33.00	43.01