

cattle on feed



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CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed December 1 for slaughter market in the seven States estimated monthly totaled 9,540,000 head, down 2 percent from a year earlier but up slightly from last month, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

Numbers in Nebraska, Texas, and California were up 3, 2, and 1 percent, respectively, from December 1, 1972. Other States showed declines from last year.

PLACEMENTS DOWN 10 PERCENT

November placements of cattle and calves on feed in the seven States totaled 1,690,000 head, down 10 percent from last year. California and Nebraska placed more than in November 1972 but all remaining States placed less.

FED CATTLE MARKETINGS DOWN 5 PERCENT

Fed cattle marketings from the seven States during November totaled 1,652,000 head, down 5 percent from the year before. Arizona and Kansas marketed 22 and 18 percent more, respectively, than in November 1972 while Texas' sales were up 2 percent. However, the remaining States were down.

NOVEMBER MARKETINGS FOR SEVEN MARKETS

November marketings of steers and heifers sold out of first hands for slaughter at seven markets totaled 153,731 head. Steers accounted for 86,366 head and heifers totaled 67,365 head. Average live weight of steers was 1,149 pounds, up 10 pounds from last November. Heifers averaged 1,003 pounds, up 22 pounds.

Average price of \$38.99 per hundred pounds liveweight for steers was up \$5.68 from a year ago but down \$1.84 from October. Average price of \$37.87 for heifers was up \$5.53 from last year but down \$1.57 from last month.

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

Item	Total 7 States		
	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent
On feed November 1	9,578	9,502	99
Placed on feed during November	1,871	1,690	90
Marketed during November	1,735	1,652	95
On feed December 1	9,714	9,540	98

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		
	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Iowa	1,562	1,515	97	1,727	1,623	94
Nebraska	1,577	1,549	98	1,598	1,640	103
Kansas	1,230	1,230	100	1,230	1,185	96
Texas	2,266	2,359	104	2,225	2,277	102
Colorado	1,070	1,000	93	1,060	973	92
Arizona	597	597	100	634	592	93
California	1,276	1,252	98	1,240	1,250	101
Total 7 States	9,578	9,502	99	9,714	9,540	98
	Placements during November			Marketings during November		
	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Iowa	531	408	77	366	300	82
Nebraska	367	381	104	346	290	84
Kansas	200	190	95	200	235	118
Texas	339	305	90	380	387	102
Colorado	191	173	91	201	200	100
Arizona	102	74	73	65	79	122
California	141	159	113	177	161	91
Total 7 States	1,871	1,690	90	1,735	1,652	95

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

NOVEMBER 1972 AND 1973

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVELIGHT	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	26	32	1011	1061	34.54	40.82
CHOICE.....	797	453	1097	1075	33.85	39.87
GOOD.....	530	450	1134	1126	32.23	37.98
OTHER 2/.....	62	34	1111	1244	30.66	35.53
TOTAL.....	1415	969	1110	1104	33.10	38.84
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	3032	2126	1116	1093	34.23	40.73
CHOICE.....	19325	16812	1120	1130	33.56	39.88
GOOD.....	5244	4670	1152	1179	32.60	38.55
OTHER 2/.....	653	899	1162	1237	30.87	36.74
TOTAL.....	28254	24507	1126	1140	33.38	39.56
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	510	442	1192	1131	34.67	39.11
CHOICE.....	4732	6405	1075	1079	34.45	40.06
GOOD.....	1399	1333	1119	1166	33.55	38.52
OTHER 2/.....	596	204	1167	1189	31.73	36.67
TOTAL.....	7237	8384	1100	1098	34.05	39.66
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	1505	1558	1138	1247	34.15	37.30
CHOICE.....	15713	18107	1149	1138	33.27	39.32
GOOD.....	3109	2705	1190	1193	32.30	37.81
OTHER 2/.....	93	246	1301	1281	31.03	35.80
TOTAL.....	20420	22616	1155	1154	33.17	38.94
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	202	54	1118	1178	33.71	38.77
CHOICE.....	8509	8678	1159	1148	33.24	38.67
GOOD.....	1556	1697	1223	1241	31.87	37.41
OTHER 2/.....	26	81	1128	1318	29.76	35.84
TOTAL.....	10293	10510	1168	1165	33.02	38.43
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	583	780	1120	1111	34.44	39.37
CHOICE.....	5448	3855	1110	1095	33.62	39.39
GOOD.....	411	780	1191	1126	32.06	38.30
OTHER 2/.....	106	203	1261	1290	30.94	36.20
TOTAL.....	6548	5618	1119	1109	33.54	39.10
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	421	9	1190	1200	34.52	39.89
CHOICE.....	7459	6297	1137	1141	33.81	39.09
GOOD.....	3169	5355	1193	1242	32.46	37.88
OTHER 2/.....	1417	2101	1139	1234	30.96	36.09
TOTAL.....	12466	13762	1153	1195	33.16	38.13
TOTAL 7 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	6279	5001	1132	1148	34.27	39.20
CHOICE.....	61983	60607	1130	1128	33.54	39.44
GOOD.....	15418	16990	1173	1202	32.49	38.07
OTHER 2/.....	2953	3768	1158	1240	31.08	36.25
TOTAL.....	86633	86366	1139	1149	33.31	38.99
Corrected Total 7 Markets October 1972 and 1973						
TOTAL 7 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	5404	6154	1145	1130	35.52	41.51
CHOICE.....	61025	76828	1122	1116	34.80	41.23
GOOD.....	17277	21003	1161	1183	33.49	39.67
OTHER 2/.....	2108	2658	1139	1224	31.91	37.58
TOTAL.....	85814	106643	1132	1133	34.50	40.83

1/ DATA COLLECTED BY LIVESTOCK DIV., AMS AND STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE
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HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER

NOVEMBER, 1972 AND 1973

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.....	19	17	886	908	33.21	39.29
CHOICE.....	416	429	938	956	32.77	38.22
GOOD.....	252	108	939	969	31.35	36.26
TOTAL.....	687	554	937	957	32.26	37.86
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2701	3653	979	991	33.43	39.32
CHOICE.....	24102	17637	976	994	32.71	38.63
GOOD.....	3820	4488	979	1034	31.30	37.26
OTHER 2/.....	836	497	1069	1117	29.11	33.65
TOTAL.....	31459	26275	979	1003	32.50	38.38
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	442	421	928	1028	33.64	35.93
CHOICE.....	2821	3006	901	929	33.24	38.19
GOOD.....	818	376	908	882	31.98	36.90
OTHER 2/.....	283		959		29.90	
TOTAL.....	4364	3803	909	935	32.82	37.79
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	1391	1065	1008	1008	33.32	38.46
CHOICE.....	13913	13386	986	1000	32.54	38.03
GOOD.....	2331	2224	1005	1031	31.40	36.65
OTHER 2/.....	108	233	1153	1074	29.20	32.72
TOTAL.....	17743	16908	991	1006	32.43	37.80
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	192	130	1021	1018	32.85	38.02
CHOICE.....	7378	7139	1000	1010	32.22	37.51
GOOD.....	972	897	1007	1066	30.71	35.59
OTHER 2/.....	66	25	990	963	28.50	33.00
TOTAL.....	8608	8191	1001	1016	32.04	37.28
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	325	486	1020	950	33.30	39.16
CHOICE.....	2672	2187	957	966	32.58	38.90
GOOD.....	156	407	950	970	31.00	37.64
TOTAL.....	3153	3080	963	964	32.58	38.77
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	351	487	1085	1085	33.04	38.07
CHOICE.....	5988	5450	982	1019	32.84	37.73
GOOD.....	1636	1366	952	1024	31.26	36.34
OTHER 2/.....	1430	1251	1059	1094	27.12	32.76
TOTAL.....	9405	8554	992	1035	31.66	36.76
TOTAL 7 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	5421	6259	993	1001	33.36	38.80
CHOICE.....	57290	49234	977	995	32.64	38.18
GOOD.....	9985	9866	976	1026	31.31	36.83
OTHER 2/.....	2723	2006	1054	1096	28.12	32.98
TOTAL.....	75419	67365	981	1003	32.34	37.87

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