

# cattle on feed



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## CATTLE ON FEED DECREASE 4 PERCENT

Cattle and Calves on feed March 1 for slaughter market totaled 9,268,000 head in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates, down 4 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

Numbers on feed were down in all States except Texas where there was an increase of 6 percent from March 1, 1973.

## PLACEMENTS DOWN 20 PERCENT

February placements on feed in the 7 States totaled 941,000 head, down 20 percent from the number placed during February a year earlier. Placements were down in all States except Colorado.

## FED CATTLE MARKETINGS DOWN 15 PERCENT

Fed cattle marketings from these States during February totaled 1,305,000 head, down 15 percent from that period a year earlier.

California was the only State to market more than last year. Arizona marketings were the same and each of the other States marketed fewer cattle than in February, 1973.

## FEBRUARY MARKETINGS FROM SEVEN MARKETS DOWN

February marketings of steers and heifers sold out of first hands for slaughter at 7 markets totaled 145,371 head compared with 158,662 in February, 1973. Steers accounted for 90,045 head and heifers totaled 55,326. Average liveweight of steers was 1,162 pounds, up 18 pounds and heifers averaged 995 pounds, 30 pounds over last February.

The average price of \$45.06 per hundred pounds liveweight for steers was up \$2.50 from a year ago but down \$1.49 from January. The average price of \$44.71 for heifers was up \$3.25 from a year earlier but down \$0.88 from the previous month.

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

Item	Total 7 States		
	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973
	1,000 head		Percent
On feed February 1	9,993	9,632	96
Placed on feed during February	1,183	941	80
Marketed during February	1,541	1,305	85
On feed March 1	9,635	9,268	96

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		
	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	658	620	94	643	597	93
California	1,137	1,147	101	1,095	1,064	97
Colorado	1,045	945	90	980	939	96
Iowa	2,041	1,835	90	1,955	1,760	90
Kansas	1,260	1,195	95	1,230	1,130	92
Nebraska	1,637	1,550	95	1,548	1,460	94
Texas	2,215	2,340	106	2,184	2,318	106
Total 7 States	9,993	9,632	96	9,635	9,268	96
	Placements during February			Marketings during February		
	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	56	48	86	71	71	100
California	115	79	69	157	162	103
Colorado	95	134	141	160	140	88
Iowa	201	155	77	287	230	80
Kansas	180	110	61	210	175	83
Nebraska	226	175	77	315	265	84
Texas	310	240	77	341	262	77
Total 7 States	1,183	941	80	1,541	1,305	85

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 1973 AND 1974

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS LIVEWEIGHT	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	27	15	1082	1048	43.58	46.64
CHOICE.....	996	905	1100	1072	42.58	46.39
GOOD.....	360	377	1072	1105	40.48	43.27
OTHER 2/.....	39	102	1131	1082	37.04	40.32
TOTAL.....	1422	1399	1093	1081	41.92	45.09
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2351	1852	1175	1157	44.57	47.42
CHOICE.....	16792	16699	1124	1145	43.35	46.13
GOOD.....	6400	6864	1116	1135	41.16	44.78
OTHER 2/.....	730	771	1142	1229	37.21	41.30
TOTAL.....	26273	26186	1127	1146	42.76	45.72
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	541	267	1215	1137	43.90	47.05
CHOICE.....	5874	5293	1077	1070	43.53	48.08
GOOD.....	1402	1979	1101	1068	41.82	45.39
OTHER 2/.....	1181	711	1174	1205	38.96	41.29
TOTAL.....	8998	8250	1102	1083	42.65	46.76
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	832	1414	1170	1126	44.40	45.94
CHOICE.....	20155	18846	1156	1169	43.18	44.96
GOOD.....	5508	3202	1146	1240	41.80	43.11
OTHER 2/.....	299	171	1152	1301	37.51	40.36
TOTAL.....	26794	23633	1154	1177	42.87	44.72
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	249	70	1192	1121	43.63	46.44
CHOICE.....	8615	8868	1182	1178	42.68	44.69
GOOD.....	2672	1869	1166	1235	41.36	42.46
OTHER 2/.....	478	108	1196	1182	37.52	40.21
TOTAL.....	12014	10915	1179	1187	42.20	44.26
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	388	321	1117	1094	44.28	47.64
CHOICE.....	5013	3330	1093	1092	43.06	46.58
GOOD.....	515	811	1090	1118	41.00	44.43
OTHER 2/.....	79	102	1187	1280	37.17	39.86
TOTAL.....	5995	4564	1096	1101	42.88	46.09
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	54	647	1239	1137	43.75	47.07
CHOICE.....	7325	7862	1169	1198	43.15	45.37
GOOD.....	4439	3450	1210	1269	39.46	43.41
OTHER 2/.....	194	3139	1061	1232	35.50	40.55
TOTAL.....	12012	15098	1183	1219	41.65	43.96
TOTAL 7 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	4442	4586	1175	1138	44.36	46.90
CHOICE.....	64770	61803	1140	1153	43.16	45.64
GOOD.....	21296	18552	1147	1180	41.01	43.97
OTHER 2/.....	3000	5104	1160	1227	37.88	40.73
TOTAL.....	93508	90045	1144	1162	42.56	45.06

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3/ PARTIAL RECEIPTS

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS AT SELECTED MARKETS FOR SLAUGHTER  
FEBRUARY 1973 AND 1974

MARKET AND GRADE	NUMBER		AVERAGE WEIGHT		AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS	
			LIVEWEIGHT			
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
KANSAS CITY						
PRIME.....	21	29	974	938	42.93	46.06
CHOICE.....	393	646	938	938	41.70	45.56
GOOD.....	203	141	878	900	39.89	43.17
OTHER 2/.....		10		921		37.75
TOTAL.....	617	826	919	931	41.18	45.09
OMAHA						
PRIME.....	2004	1399	980	1026	43.60	46.88
CHOICE.....	15159	12418	952	991	42.30	46.11
GOOD.....	6787	5482	925	964	40.20	44.25
OTHER 2/.....	335	490	1047	1046	34.74	39.63
TOTAL.....	24285	19789	948	987	41.72	45.50
ST. LOUIS NSY						
PRIME.....	363	129	965	990	43.12	46.91
CHOICE.....	3176	2542	920	915	42.51	46.90
GOOD.....	1303	1206	892	885	40.91	43.63
OTHER 2/.....	382		921		38.12	
TOTAL.....	5224	3877	916	908	41.84	45.91
SIOUX CITY						
PRIME.....	279	1248	1004	1022	43.09	46.41
CHOICE.....	11239	10894	983	1000	41.80	44.80
GOOD.....	3904	1810	952	985	40.11	42.71
OTHER 2/.....	146	188	1005	1105	36.44	37.75
TOTAL.....	15568	14140	976	1002	41.36	44.58
SIOUX FALLS						
PRIME.....	106	98	1057	1023	42.65	45.29
CHOICE.....	6841	5378	996	1035	41.70	44.07
GOOD.....	2175	2196	981	1007	40.23	42.82
OTHER 2/.....	113	15	954	990	36.09	38.34
TOTAL.....	9235	7687	992	1027	41.30	43.73
SO. ST. JOSEPH						
PRIME.....	358	114	1006	997	43.54	46.45
CHOICE.....	2408	1692	934	951	41.90	46.12
GOOD.....	449	417	922	907	40.62	43.78
TOTAL.....	3215	2223	940	945	41.92	45.71
SO. ST. PAUL 3/						
PRIME.....	48	465	1124	1072	43.75	45.62
CHOICE.....	4330	3185	995	1029	42.62	44.47
GOOD.....	1780	2090	1003	1033	39.18	42.91
OTHER 2/.....	852	1043	1097	1072	33.98	37.40
TOTAL.....	7010	6784	1010	1040	40.62	42.95
TOTAL 7 MARKETS						
PRIME.....	3179	3482	988	1028	43.46	46.48
CHOICE.....	43546	36756	968	995	42.09	45.31
GOOD.....	16601	13342	944	975	40.12	43.50
OTHER 2/.....	1828	1746	1035	1067	35.20	38.06
TOTAL.....	65154	55326	965	995	41.46	44.71

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