

cattle on feed



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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES--48 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR'S RECORD LOW:

Cattle and calves on feed March 1 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 8,121,000 head, up 48 percent from last year's record low number but down 12 percent from March 1, 1974, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

February placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States totaled 1,401,000 head, 74 percent more than February's record low of last year and 31 percent above 1974. Placements were well above last year except in Arizona which placed the same number as a year ago.

Fed cattle marketed during February totaled 1,517,000, up 15 percent from last year and 13 percent more than in 1974. Marketings were above February 1975 in 6 of the 7 monthly States.

Other disappearance during February totaled 116,000, compared with 59,000 in the same month last year.

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Estimates in this Cattle on Feed Report are based on data provided voluntarily by cattle feeders. The Statistical Reporting Service maintains an up-to-date list of cattle feeders stratified by feedlot capacity. Data are collected by mail and by personal and telephone interviews on or about the 1st day of each survey period. Survey procedures are designed to obtain reports from all feeders in the larger size strata, and feeders in the small size strata are sampled. Of the total inventory of cattle on feed for this report 69 percent was actually reported in the survey.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED, PLACEMENTS, MARKETED, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE,
7 STATES, FEBRUARY 1 TO MARCH 1

ITEM	TOTAL 7 STATES					
	1974			1975		
	1974	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF		
			1975	1974		
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT		
ON FEED FEB 1 1/	9,632	6,050	8,353	138	87	
PLACED ON FEED DURING FEB	1,070	806	1,401	174	131	
FED CATTLE MARKETED DURING FEB	1,340	1,316	1,517	115	113	
OTHER DISAPPEARANCE DURING FEB 2/	114	59	116	197	102	
ON FEED MARCH 1 1/	9,248	5,481	8,121	148	88	

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED, PLACEMENTS, MARKETED, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE,
BY STATES, FEBRUARY 1 TO MARCH 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED 1/							
	FEB 1				MAR 1			
	1974	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF 1975	1974	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF 1975
	1,000 HEAD				PERCENT			
ARIZ	620	308	499	162	597	304	472	155
CALIF	1,147	585	902	154	1,064	476	854	179
COLO	945	710	865	122	939	685	875	128
IOWA	1,835	1,250	1,560	125	1,740	1,180	1,550	131
KANS	1,195	880	1,320	150	1,130	800	1,250	156
NEBR	1,550	1,080	1,310	121	1,460	960	1,310	136
TEX	2,340	1,237	1,897	153	2,318	1,076	1,810	168
TOTAL 7 STATES	9,632	6,050	8,353	138	9,248	5,481	8,121	148

FEBRUARY

STATE	PLACEMENTS				FED CATTLE MARKETED				OTHER DISAPPEARANCE 2/			
	1974	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF 1975	1974	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF 1975	1974	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF 1975
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT		1,000 HEAD		PERCENT		1,000 HEAD		PERCENT	
ARIZ	55	54	54	100	71	54	68	126	7	4	13	325
CALIF	112	69	161	233	162	158	172	109	33	20	37	185
COLO	144	141	201	143	135	162	178	110	15	4	13	325
IOWA	198	172	218	127	270	230	220	96	23	12	8	67
KANS	118	100	210	210	175	175	275	157	8	5	5	100
NEBR	191	136	264	194	265	250	260	104	16	6	4	67
TEX	252	134	293	219	262	287	344	120	12	8	36	450
TOTAL 7 STATES	1,070	806	1,401	174	1,340	1,316	1,517	115	114	59	116	197

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/ INCLUDES DEATH LOSSES, MOVEMENT FROM FEEDLOTS TO PASTURES AND SHIPMENTS TO OTHER FEEDLOTS FOR FURTHER FEEDING.