

CATTLE ON FEED

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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES -- DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed May 1 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 7,196,000 head, down 4 percent from a year ago but 29 percent more than May 1, 1975, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number on feed May 1 was below a year ago in 6 of the 7 States.

April placements of cattle and calves on feed in the States totaled 1,658,000, the highest in 6 years of record, 2 percent more than April last year and 20 percent greater than April 1975. Placements were above last year in 5 of the 7 States.

Fed cattle marketed during April totaled 1,564,000, up 3 percent from 1976 and 23 percent larger than April 1975. Marketings were equal to or exceeded a year ago in 4 of the 7 States.

Other disappearance totaled 178,000, compared with 121,000 in April last year. Movement out of feedlots to early pasture was heavier than usual for the month of April.

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 67 percent was actually reported in the survey.

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

ITEM	TOTAL 7 STATES					
	1975			1976		
	1975	1976	1977	1977 AS % OF		
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT		
ON FEED APR 1 1/	5,598	7,528	7,280	130	97	
PLACED ON FEED DURING APR	1,377	1,618	1,658	120	102	
FED CATTLE MARKETED DURING APR	1,275	1,512	1,564	123	103	
OTHER DISAPPEARANCE DURING APR 2/	111	121	178	160	147	
ON FEED MAY 1 1/	5,589	7,513	7,196	129	96	

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

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED 1/							
	APR 1				MAY 1			
	1975	1976	1977	1977 AS % OF 1976	1975	1976	1977	1977 AS % OF 1976
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT
ARIZ	329	422	320	76	335	408	344	84
CALIF	479	756	640	85	504	747	697	93
COLO	688	845	810	96	685	845	835	99
IOWA	1,160	1,420	1,400	99	1,150	1,400	1,310	94
KANS	860	1,200	1,180	98	900	1,200	1,190	99
NEBR	960	1,210	1,450	120	950	1,310	1,380	105
TEX	1,122	1,675	1,480	88	1,065	1,603	1,440	90
TOTAL 7 STATES	5,598	7,528	7,280	97	5,589	7,513	7,196	96

APRIL

STATE	PLACEMENTS				FED CATTLE MARKETED				OTHER DISAPPEARANCE 2/							
	1975		1976		1977		1977 AS % OF 1976		1975		1976		1977		1977 AS % OF 1976	
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT		1,000 HEAD		PERCENT		1,000 HEAD		PERCENT		1,000 HEAD		PERCENT	
ARIZ	77	78	89	114	65	78	57	73	6	14	8	57				
CALIF	154	160	197	123	94	134	117	87	35	35	23	66				
COLO	171	198	238	120	168	190	200	105	6	8	13	163				
IOWA	216	230	180	78	210	230	230	100	16	20	40	200				
KANS	250	290	310	107	205	280	270	96	5	10	30	300				
NEBR	275	377	300	80	275	270	320	119	10	7	50	714				
TEX	234	285	344	121	258	330	370	112	33	27	14	52				
TOTAL 7 STATES	1,377	1,618	1,658	102	1,275	1,512	1,564	103	111	121	178	147				

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.