

CATTLE ON FEED

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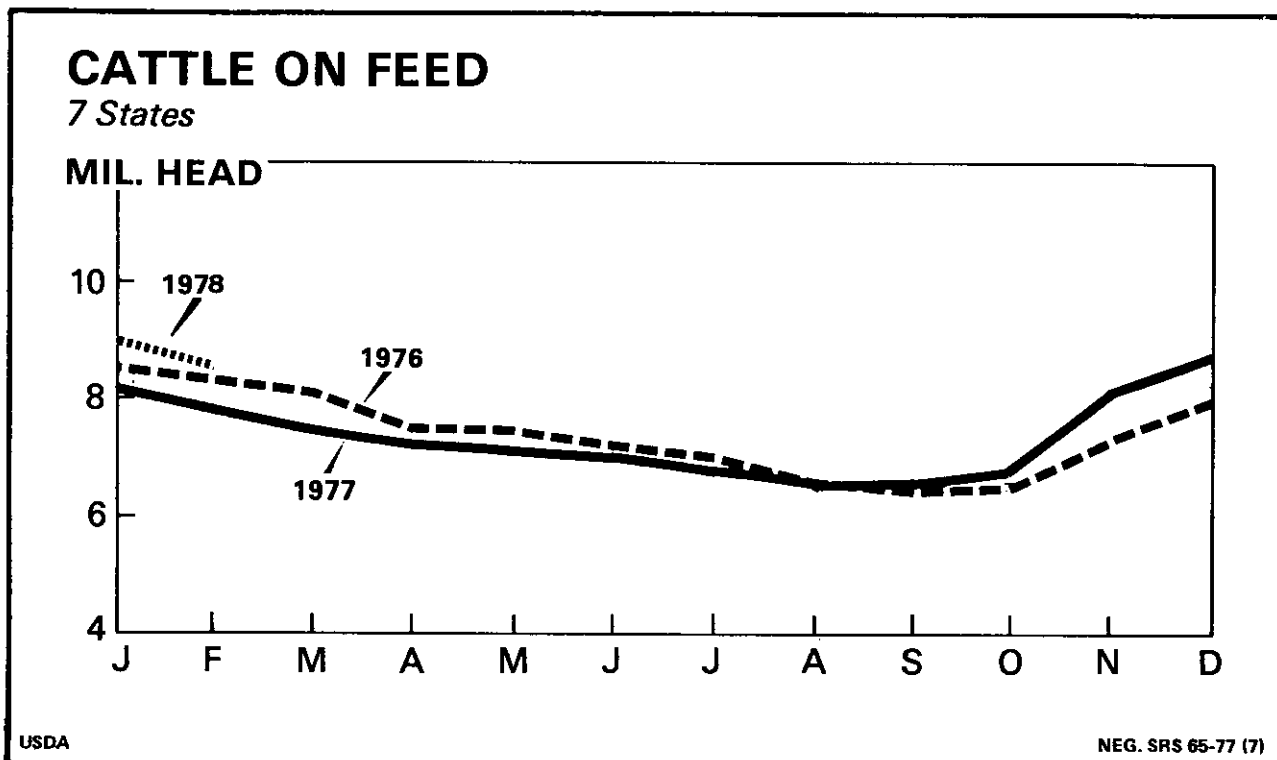
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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES UP 9 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed February 1 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 8,614,000 head, 9 percent more than a year ago and 3 percent higher than February 1, 1976, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1,740,000, 9 percent above last year and 19 percent greater than 1976.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during January totaled 1,639,000, 20 percent more than last year and 19 percent greater than January 1976. Net placements of 1,427,000 are 13 percent more than last year and 11 percent greater than 1976.

Other disappearance totaled 212,000 compared with 107,000 in January 1977 and 90,000 in 1976. Pasture and range conditions in California were considerably improved by recent heavy rains.



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

ITEM	TOTAL 7 STATES				
	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF	
	1,000 HEAD			1976	1977
ON FEED JAN 1 ^{1/}	8,537	8,213	8,927	105	109
PLACED ON FEED DURING JAN	1,372	1,369	1,639	119	120
FED CATTLE MARKETED DURING JAN	1,462	1,602	1,740	119	109
OTHER DISAPPEARANCE DURING JAN ^{2/}	90	107	212	236	198
ON FEED FEB 1 ^{1/}	8,357	7,873	8,614	103	109

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

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED ^{1/}							
	JAN 1				FEB 1			
	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977
	1,000 HEAD				PERCENT			
ARIZ	510	361	422	117	499	359	396	110
CALIF	960	812	845	104	906	694	668	96
COLO	925	915	1,020	111	865	870	980	113
IOWA	1,530	1,520	1,690	111	1,560	1,480	1,650	111
KANS	1,340	1,315	1,400	106	1,320	1,280	1,380	108
NEBR	1,390	1,580	1,700	108	1,310	1,530	1,700	111
TEX	1,882	1,710	1,850	108	1,897	1,660	1,840	111
TOTAL 7 STATES	8,537	8,213	8,927	109	8,357	7,873	8,614	109

JANUARY

STATE	PLACEMENTS				FED CATTLE MARKETED				OTHER DISAPPEARANCE ^{2/}			
	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977
	1,000 HEAD				PERCENT				PERCENT			
ARIZ	57	51	39	76	63	45	54	120	5	8	11	138
CALIF	139	90	90	100	171	171	152	89	22	37	115	311
COLO	125	170	173	102	166	209	195	93	19	6	18	300
IOWA	272	210	252	120	230	240	272	113	12	10	20	200
KANS	235	255	280	110	245	277	285	103	10	13	15	115
NEBR	220	280	385	138	295	310	365	118	5	20	20	100
TEX	324	313	420	134	292	350	417	119	17	13	13	100
TOTAL 7 STATES	1,372	1,369	1,639	120	1,462	1,602	1,740	109	90	107	212	198

^{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.

ESTIMATES IN THIS CATTLE ON FEED REPORT ARE BASED ON DATA PROVIDED VOLUNTARILY BY CATTLE FEEDERS. THE STATE STATISTICAL OFFICES MAINTAIN 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 73 PERCENT WAS ACTUALLY REPORTED IN THE SURVEY.