

# CATTLE ON FEED

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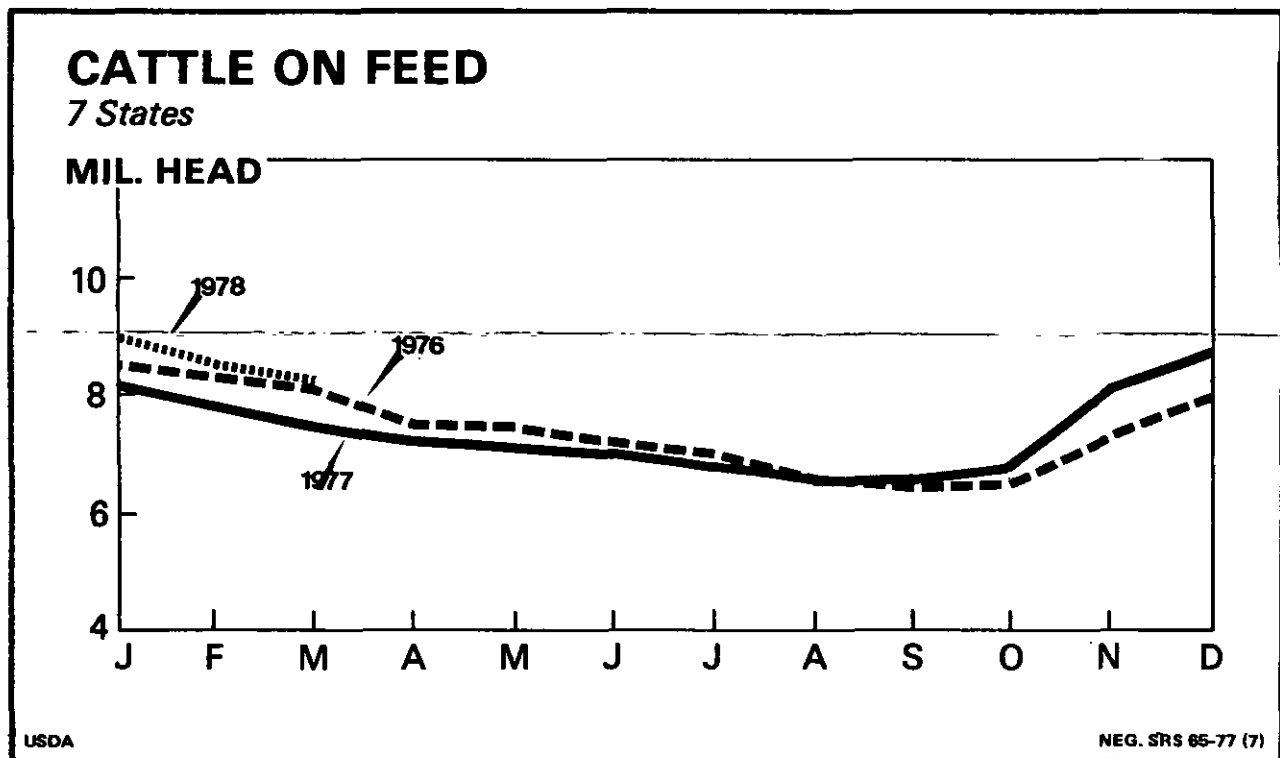
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## CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES UP 10 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed March 1 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 8,276,000 head, 10 percent more than a year ago and 2 percent higher than March 1, 1976, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1,666,000, a record high for the month, 6 percent above last year and 9 percent greater than 1976.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during February totaled 1,509,000, a record high for the month, 11 percent more than last year and 7 percent greater than February 1976. Net placements of 1,328,000 are 6 percent more than last year and 3 percent higher than 1976.

Other disappearance totaled 181,000 compared with 112,000 in February 1977 and 118,000 in 1976.



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

ITEM	TOTAL 7 STATES				
	1976			1978 AS % OF	
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT	
ON FEED FEB 1 1/	8,357	7,873	8,614	103	109
PLACED ON FEED DURING FEB	1,411	1,362	1,509	107	111
FED CATTLE MARKETED DURING FEB	1,529	1,567	1,666	109	106
OTHER DISAPPEARANCE DURING FEB 2/	118	112	181	153	162
ON FEED MAR 1 1/	8,121	7,556	8,276	102	110

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			
	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT
ARIZ	499	359	396	110	468	338	370	109
CALIF	906	694	668	96	858	633	576	91
COLO	865	870	980	113	875	845	945	112
IOWA	1,560	1,480	1,650	111	1,550	1,460	1,630	112
KANS	1,320	1,280	1,380	108	1,250	1,260	1,335	106
NEBR	1,310	1,530	1,700	111	1,310	1,500	1,640	109
TEX	1,897	1,660	1,840	111	1,810	1,520	1,780	117
TOTAL 7 STS	8,357	7,873	8,614	109	8,121	7,556	8,276	110

FEBRUARY

STATE	PLACEMENTS				FED CATTLE MARKETED				OTHER DISAPPEARANCE 2/			
	1976		1978 AS % OF 1977		1976		1978 AS % OF 1977		1976		1978 AS % OF 1977	
	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT
ARIZ	52	52	47	90	68	57	52	91	15	16	21	131
CALIF	161	109	100	92	172	137	127	93	37	33	65	197
COLO	213	190	215	113	190	209	240	115	13	6	10	167
IOWA	218	210	225	107	220	215	225	105	8	15	20	133
KANS	210	270	270	100	275	277	295	106	5	13	20	154
NEBR	264	305	305	100	260	320	350	109	4	15	15	100
TEX	293	226	347	154	344	352	377	107	36	14	30	214
TOTAL 7 STS	1,411	1,362	1,509	111	1,529	1,567	1,666	106	118	112	181	162

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.

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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 72 PERCENT WAS ACTUALLY REPORTED IN THE SURVEY.