

CATTLE ON FEED

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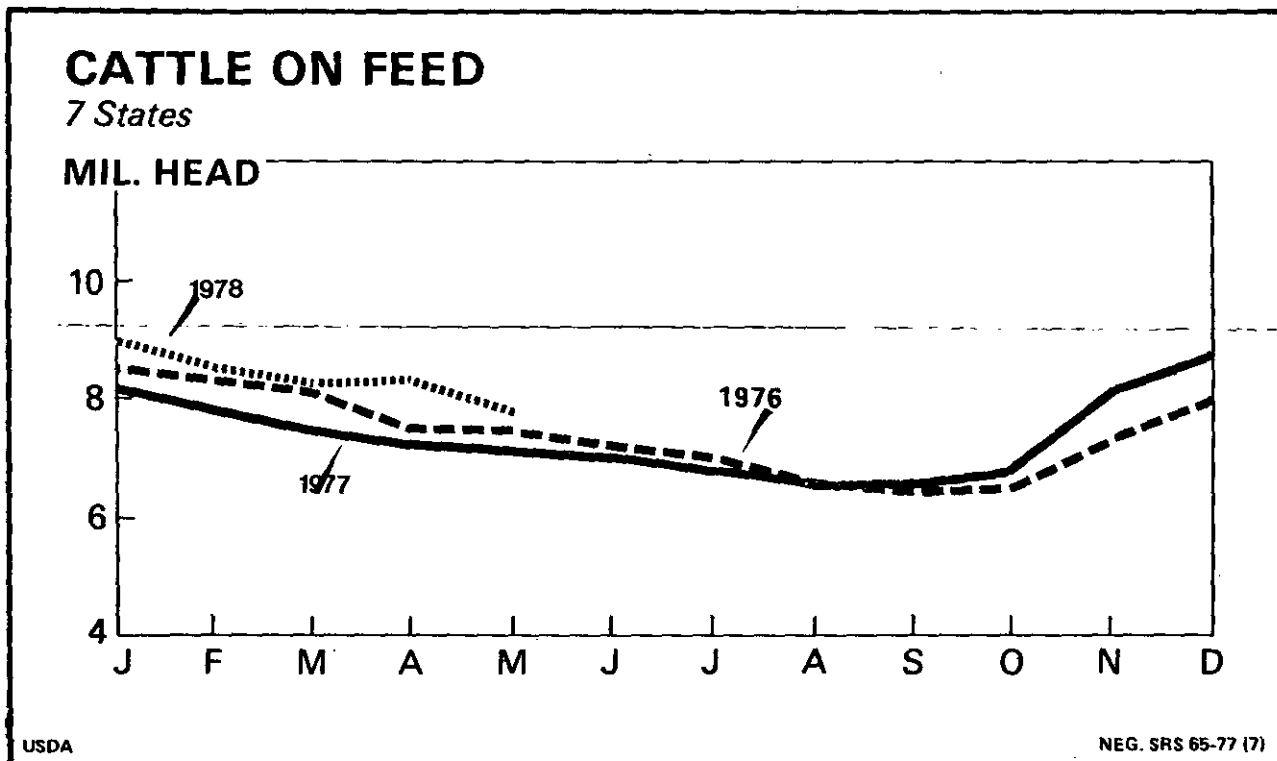
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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES UP 9 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed May 1 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 7,861,000 head, 9 percent more than a year ago and 5 percent more than May 1, 1976, according to the Crop Reporting Board. ~~Marketings of fed-cattle during April totaled 1,695,000, a record high for the month, 9 percent above last year and 12 percent greater than 1976.~~

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during April totaled 1,509,000, down 8 percent from last year and 7 percent less than April 1976. Placements were below last year in 4 of the 7 States. Net placements of 1,294,000 were down 12 percent from 1977 and 14 percent from 2 years ago.

Other disappearance totaled 215,000 compared with 178,000 in April 1977 and 121,000 in 1976.



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

ITEM	TOTAL 7 STATES					
	1976			1977		
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978 AS % OF 1977
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT		
ON FEED APR 1 ^{1/}	7,528	7,281	8,262	110	113	
PLACED ON FEED DURING APR	1,618	1,648	1,509	93	92	
FED CATTLE MARKETED DURING APR	1,512	1,554	1,695	112	109	
OTHER DISAPPEARANCE DURING APR ^{2/}	121	178	215	178	121	
ON FEED MAY 1 ^{1/}	7,513	7,197	7,861	105	109	

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			
	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977
	1,000 HEAD				1,000 HEAD			
ARIZ	422	320	352	110	408	344	350	102
CALIF	756	641	535	83	747	698	511	73
COLO	845	810	940	116	845	835	910	109
IOWA	1,420	1,400	1,560	111	1,400	1,310	1,500	115
KANS	1,200	1,180	1,365	116	1,200	1,190	1,300	109
NEBR	1,210	1,450	1,700	117	1,310	1,380	1,600	116
TEX	1,675	1,480	1,810	122	1,603	1,440	1,690	117
TOTAL 7 STS	7,528	7,281	8,262	113	7,513	7,197	7,861	109

APRIL

STATE	PLACEMENTS				FED CATTLE MARKETED				OTHER DISAPPEARANCE ^{2/}			
	1976		1977		1976		1977		1976		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	78	89	62	70	78	57	49	86	14	8	15	188
CALIF	160	197	106	54	134	117	103	88	35	23	27	117
COLO	198	228	180	79	190	190	194	102	8	13	16	123
IOWA	230	180	220	122	230	230	240	104	20	40	40	100
KANS	290	310	272	88	280	270	314	116	10	30	23	77
NEBR	377	300	320	107	270	320	370	116	7	50	50	100
TEX	285	344	349	101	330	370	425	115	27	14	44	314
TOTAL 7 STS	1,618	1,648	1,509	92	1,512	1,554	1,695	109	121	178	215	121

^{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.