

CATTLE ON FEED



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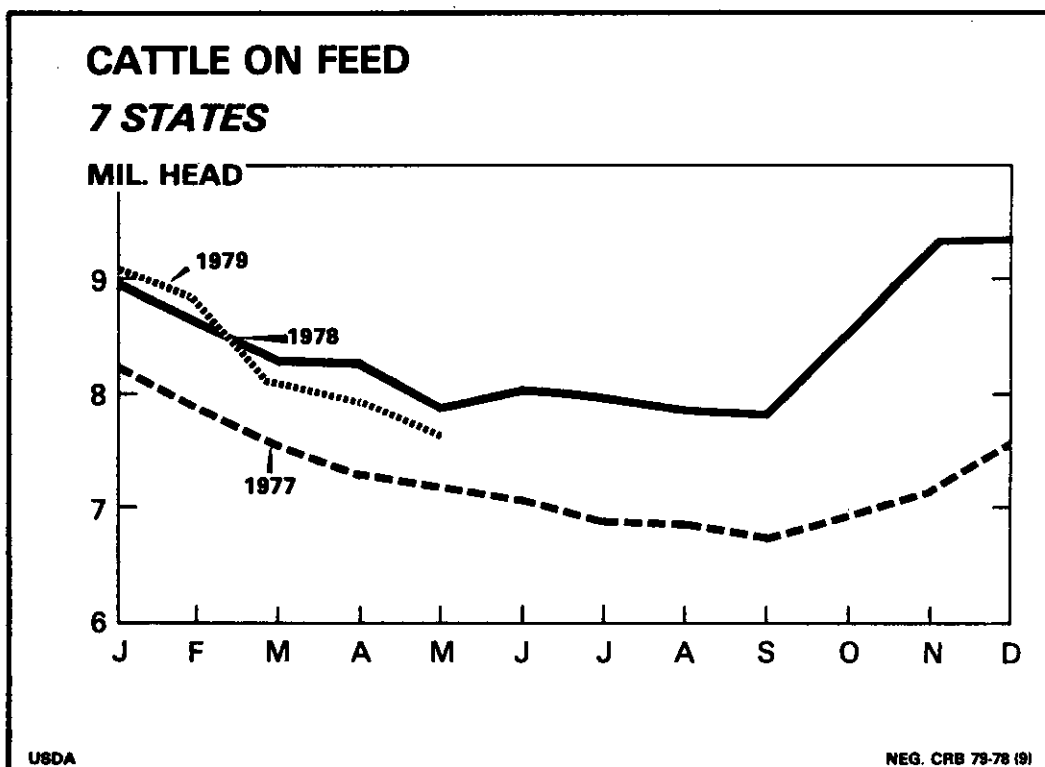
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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed May 1 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 7.67 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago but 7 percent more than May 1, 1977, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.54 million, down 10 percent from last year and 1 percent less than April 1977.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during April were 1.48 million, 4 percent lower than last year and 10 percent below April 1977. Net placements of 1.26 million were down 3 percent from last year and off 15 percent from 2 years ago.

Other disappearance totaled 220 thousand head compared with 235 thousand in April 1978 and 178 thousand in 1977.



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

ITEM	1977			1978			1979			1979 AS % OF:	
	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT		1,000 HEAD	PERCENT		1,000 HEAD	PERCENT		1977	1978
ON FEED APR 1 1/	7,281			8,262			7,948			109	96
PLACED ON FEED DURING APR	1,648			1,535			1,475			90	96
FED CATTLE MARKETED DURING APR	1,554			1,701			1,535			99	90
OTHER DISAPPEARANCE DURING APR 2/	178			235			220			124	94
ON FEED MAY 1 1/	7,197			7,861			7,668			107	98

1/ CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED ARE ANIMALS FOR SLAUGHTER MARKET BEING FED A FULL RATION OF 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.

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

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED			PLACED			MARKETED			OTHER DISAPPEARANCE		
	1978	1979	1979-78	1978	1979	1979-78	1978	1979	1979-78	1978	1979	1979-78
	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT		1,000 HEAD	PERCENT		1,000 HEAD	PERCENT		1,000 HEAD	PERCENT	
	FEB 1			DURING FEB			DURING FEB			DURING FEB		
ARIZ	396	453	114	47	39	83	52	50	96	21	14	67
CALIF	668	701	105	100	92	92	127	119	94	65	28	43
COLO	980	1,035	106	225	162	72	250	215	86	10	12	120
IOWA	1,650	1,580	96	225	160	71	225	220	98	20	40	200
KANS	1,380	1,360	99	270	247	91	295	291	99	20	26	130
NEBR	1,700	1,700	100	305	320	105	350	325	93	15	25	167
TEX	1,840	1,900	103	347	285	82	377	430	114	30	25	83
7 STATES	8,614	8,729	101	1,519	1,305	86	1,676	1,650	98	181	170	94
	MAR 1			DURING MAR			DURING MAR			DURING MAR		
ARIZ	370	428	116	53	35	66	52	72	138	19	11	58
CALIF	576	646	112	112	115	103	116	98	84	37	40	108
COLO	945	970	103	257	205	80	240	230	96	22	20	91
IOWA	1,630	1,480	91	230	180	78	275	210	76	25	20	80
KANS	1,335	1,290	97	350	280	80	295	290	98	25	20	80
NEBR	1,640	1,670	102	400	340	85	300	400	133	40	20	50
TEX	1,780	1,730	97	465	455	98	400	395	99	35	50	143
7 STATES	8,276	8,214	99	1,867	1,610	86	1,678	1,695	101	203	181	89
	APR 1			DURING APR			DURING APR			DURING APR		
ARIZ	352	380	108	62	40	65	49	53	108	15	6	40
CALIF	535	623	116	106	96	91	103	92	89	27	30	111
COLO	940	925	98	186	160	86	200	175	88	16	25	156
IOWA	1,560	1,430	92	220	210	95	240	210	88	40	30	75
KANS	1,365	1,260	92	272	279	103	314	265	84	23	19	83
NEBR	1,700	1,590	94	340	350	103	370	340	92	70	60	86
TEX	1,810	1,740	96	349	340	97	425	400	94	44	50	114
7 STATES	8,262	7,948	96	1,535	1,475	96	1,701	1,535	90	235	220	94
	MAY 1											
ARIZ	350	361	103									
CALIF	511	597	117									
COLO	910	885	97									
IOWA	1,500	1,400	93									
KANS	1,300	1,255	97									
NEBR	1,600	1,540	96									
TEX	1,690	1,630	96									
7 STATES	7,861	7,668	98									

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 74 PERCENT WAS ACTUALLY REPORTED IN THE SURVEY.