

CATTLE ON FEED

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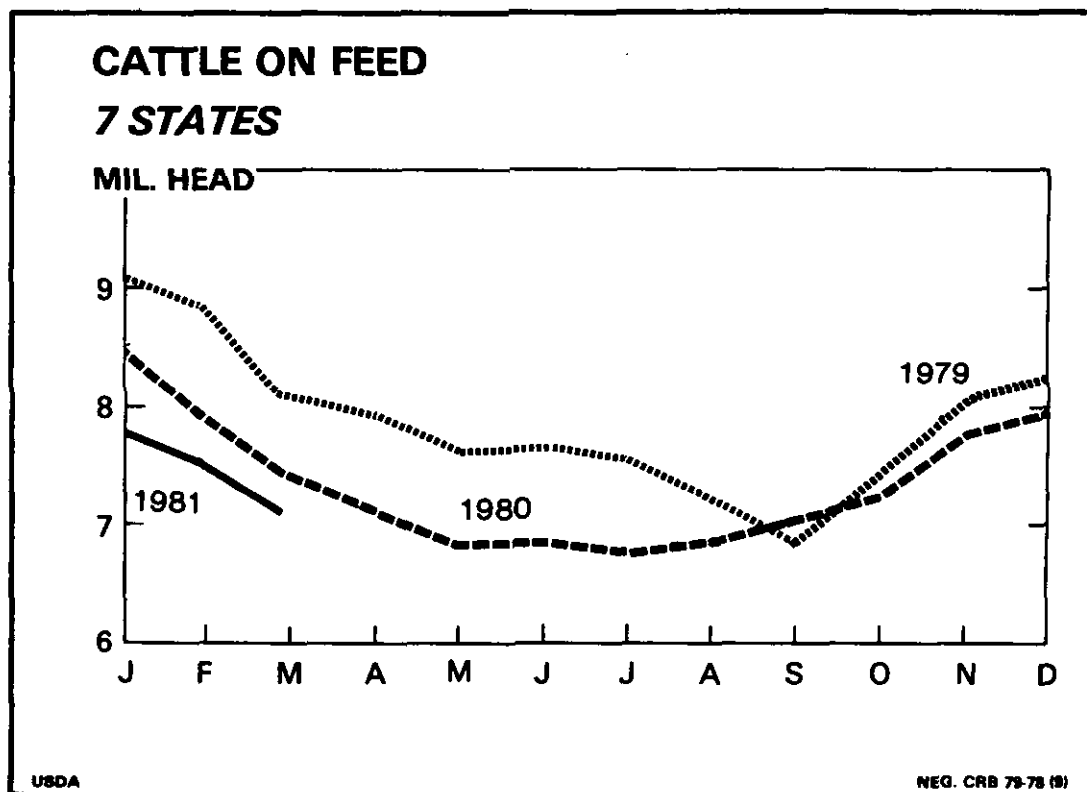
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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed March 1 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 7.13 million head, down 4 percent from a year ago and 13 percent less than March 1, 1979, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is the lowest March 1 number on feed since 1975. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.44 million, off 9 percent from last year and 13 percent less than February 1979. Both marketings and placements for February were the smallest since 1975.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during February were 1.19 million, down 3 percent from last year and off 9 percent from 2 years ago. Net placements of 1.06 million were down slightly from last year and 7 percent from 1979.

Other disappearance totaled 129 thousand compared with 155 thousand in February 1980 and 170 thousand in 1979.



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

ITEM	1979			1980			1981			1981 AS % OF:	
	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT	1979	1980	
ON FEED FEB 1 1/	8,729		7,957		7,505		86		94		
PLACED ON FEED DURING FEB	1,305		1,221		1,190		91		97		
FED CATTLE MARKETED DURING FEB	1,650		1,580		1,440		87		91		
OTHER DISAPPEARANCE DURING FEB 2/	170		155		129		76		83		
ON FEED MAR 1 1/	8,214		7,443		7,126		87		96		

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, DEC 1 TO MAR 1

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED			PLACED			MARKETED			OTHER DISAPPEARANCE		
	1979	1980	1980-79	1979	1980	1980-79	1979	1980	1980-79	1979	1980	1980-79
	1,000 HEAD			1,000 HEAD			1,000 HEAD			1,000 HEAD		
	PERCENT			PERCENT			PERCENT			PERCENT		
	DEC 1			DURING DEC			DURING DEC			DURING DEC		
ARIZ	385	382	99	100	53	53	46	27	59	19	7	37
CALIF	779	672	86	108	104	96	105	85	81	18	14	78
COLO	965	875	91	162	135	83	150	139	93	17	26	153
IOWA	1,300	1,310	101	365	295	81	260	230	88	15	5	33
KANS	1,270	1,175	93	229	210	92	210	257	122	19	28	147
NEBR	1,580	1,580	100	400	380	95	280	300	107	20	20	100
TEX	1,990	1,970	99	310	215	69	305	325	107	25	30	120
7 STATES	8,269	7,964	96	1,674	1,392	83	1,356	1,363	101	133	130	98
	1980			1981			1981-80			1980		
	1981			1981-80			1981-80			1981		
	JAN 1			DURING JAN			DURING JAN			DURING JAN		
ARIZ	420	401	95	42	38	90	56	30	54	17	9	53
CALIF	764	677	89	75	68	91	136	105	77	40	15	38
COLO	960	845	88	104	171	164	165	180	109	14	16	114
IOWA	1,390	1,370	99	305	235	77	260	280	108	15	15	100
KANS	1,270	1,100	87	255	210	82	285	220	77	30	10	33
NEBR	1,680	1,640	98	270	310	115	390	380	97	20	20	100
TEX	1,970	1,830	93	290	245	84	380	330	87	30	25	83
7 STATES	8,454	7,863	93	1,341	1,277	95	1,672	1,525	91	166	110	66
	FEB 1			DURING FEB			DURING FEB			DURING FEB		
ARIZ	389	400	103	45	40	89	46	32	70	28	26	93
CALIF	663	625	94	58	57	98	112	83	74	26	20	77
COLO	885	820	93	140	118	84	213	185	87	22	28	127
IOWA	1,420	1,310	92	180	180	100	195	190	97	5	10	200
KANS	1,210	1,080	89	228	200	88	259	230	89	19	10	53
NEBR	1,540	1,550	101	330	350	106	375	380	101	25	20	80
TEX	1,850	1,720	93	240	245	102	380	340	89	30	15	50
7 STATES	7,957	7,505	94	1,221	1,190	97	1,580	1,440	91	155	129	83
	MAR 1			MAR 1			MAR 1			MAR 1		
ARIZ	360	382	106									
CALIF	583	579	99									
COLO	790	725	92									
IOWA	1,400	1,290	92									
KANS	1,160	1,040	90									
NEBR	1,470	1,500	102									
TEX	1,680	1,610	96									
7 STATES	7,443	7,126	96									

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 ESTIMATED IN THIS REPORT 70 PERCENT WAS ACTUALLY REPORTED IN THE SURVEY.