

CATTLE ON FEED



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CATTLE ON FEED IN 7 STATES UP 3 PERCENT

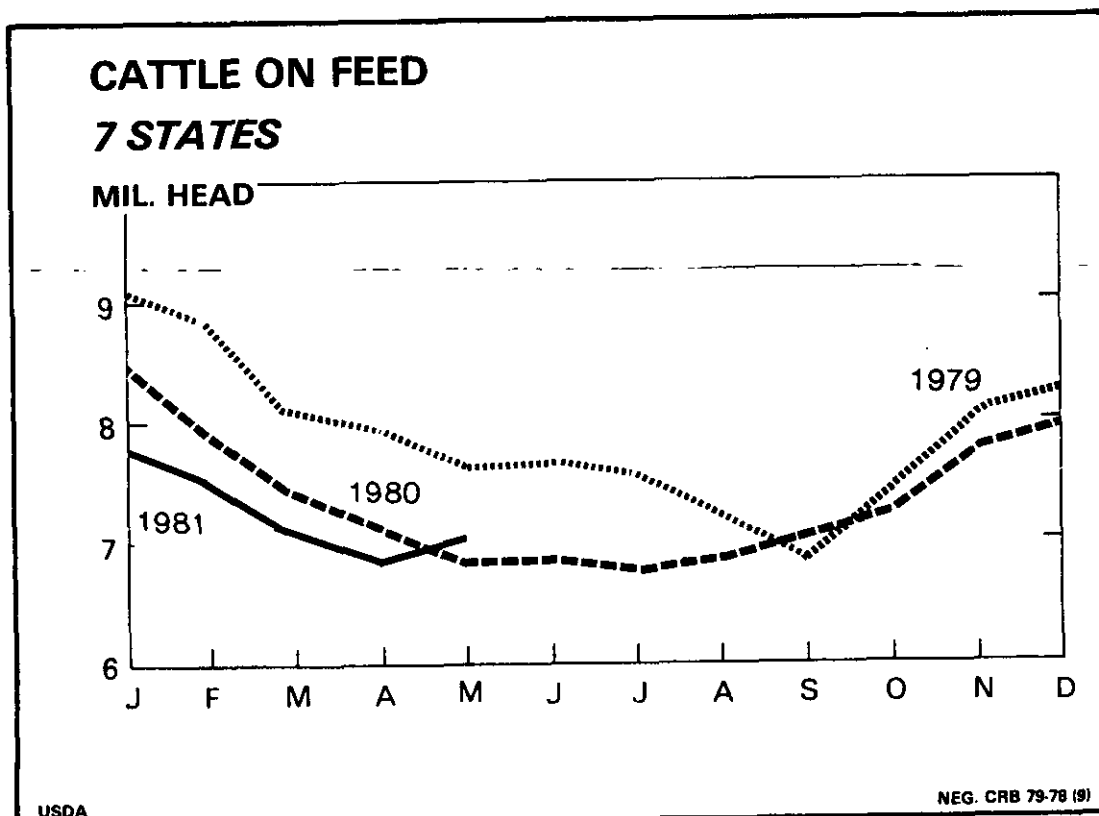
Cattle and calves on feed May 1 for slaughter market in the 7 States preparing monthly estimates totaled 7.03 million head, a 3 percent increase from a year ago but down 8 percent from May 1, 1979; according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is the first year-to-year increase in the monthly number on feed since September 1, 1980.

MARKETINGS of fed cattle during April totaled 1.39 million, off 3 percent from last year and 10 percent less than April 1979.

PLACEMENTS of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during April were 1.72 million, the highest for April since records began in 1972. April placements were 39 percent more than the low level of last year and 17 percent above 2 years ago. The strong increase in placements on feed was influenced by a shortage of forage from grazing in several of the major feeding States.

NET PLACEMENTS of 1.58 million were up 43 percent from last year and 26 percent greater than April 1979.

OTHER DISAPPEARANCE totaled 142 thousand compared with 130 thousand in April 1980 and 220 thousand 2 years ago.



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

ITEM	1979			1980			1981			1981 AS % OF	
	THOUSAND HEAD						PERCENT		1979	1980	
ON FEED APR 1 1/	7,948	7,156	6,837	86	96						
PLACED ON FEED DURING APR	1,475	1,237	1,721	117	139						
FED CATTLE MARKETED DURING APR	1,535	1,435	1,386	90	97						
OTHER DISAPPEARANCE DURING APR 2/	220	130	142	65	109						
ON FEED MAY 1 1/	7,668	6,828	7,030	92	103						

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		
	1980	1981	1981-80	1980	1981	1981-80	1980	1981	1981-80	1980	1981	1981-80
	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	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
KANSAS	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
TEXAS	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			DURING MAR			DURING MAR			DURING MAR		
ARIZ	360	382	106	27	32	119	45	52	116	18	16	89
CALIF	583	579	99	74	65	85	87	100	115	18	16	89
COLO	790	725	92	110	166	151	184	195	106	16	31	194
IOWA	1,400	1,290	92	167	175	105	220	225	102	12	10	83
KANSAS	1,160	1,040	90	242	312	129	264	246	93	13	6	46
NEBR	1,470	1,500	102	290	320	110	340	350	103	20	20	100
TEXAS	1,680	1,610	96	400	300	75	340	370	109	20	20	100
7 STATES	7,443	7,126	96	1,310	1,368	104	1,480	1,538	104	117	119	102
	APR 1			DURING APR			DURING APR			DURING APR		
ARIZ	324	346	107	24	46	192	50	46	92	8	13	163
CALIF	552	526	95	68	57	84	93	83	89	14	13	93
COLO	700	665	95	145	205	141	155	140	90	15	30	200
IOWA	1,335	1,230	92	165	205	124	205	170	83	10	15	150
KANSAS	1,125	1,100	98	250	368	147	237	217	92	13	11	85
NEBR	1,400	1,450	104	320	470	147	320	360	113	40	40	100
TEXAS	1,720	1,520	88	265	370	140	375	370	99	30	20	67
7 STATES	7,156	6,837	96	1,237	1,721	139	1,435	1,386	97	130	142	109
	MAY 1											
ARIZ	290	333	115									
CALIF	513	487	95									
COLO	675	700	104									
IOWA	1,285	1,250	97									
KANSAS	1,125	1,240	110									
NEBR	1,360	1,520	112									
TEXAS	1,580	1,500	95									
7 STATES	6,828	7,030	103									

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 ON THIS REPORT 68 PERCENT WAS ACTUALLY REPORTED IN THE SURVEY.