

Cattle on Feed



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Cattle on Feed Virtually Unchanged in 13 Quarterly States

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the 13 States preparing quarterly estimates totaled 10.7 million head, virtually unchanged from a year ago but 1 percent above April 1, 1993. The inventory included 6.98 million steers and steer calves, down 3 percent from a year ago but 1 percent above two years ago. This group accounts for 65.3 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.65 million head, 5 percent above a year ago.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 13 States during the January-March 1995 quarter totaled 5.91 million, 10 percent above last year and 11 percent above January-March 1993. Net placements of 5.63 million for January-March were 10 percent above last year and 15 percent above January-March 1993.

Marketings of fed cattle during the January-March 1995 quarter totaled 5.55 million, virtually unchanged from the same quarter last year but 4 percent above two years ago.

Other disappearance totaled 287,000 head compared to 275,000 in January-March 1994 and 439,000 in January-March 1993.

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Cattle on Feed in 7 Monthly States Up Fractionally

Cattle on feed April 1, 1995, in the 7 monthly States totaled 8.99 million, fractionally above the previous year and 2 above percent above two years ago.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.78 million, 8 percent above 1994 and 9 percent above 1993.

Marketings during March totaled 1.63 million, up 3 percent from both a year ago and 1993. This is the largest March marketing since 1979.

Other disappearance during March was 81,000 head, 6 percent below last year and 27 percent below 1993.

January-March 1995 quarterly marketings for the 7 States, at 4.75 million, were up 1 percent from January-March 1994 and 4 percent above January-March 1993. Marketings for the 7 States during the January-March quarter accounted for 86 percent of the 13-State total.

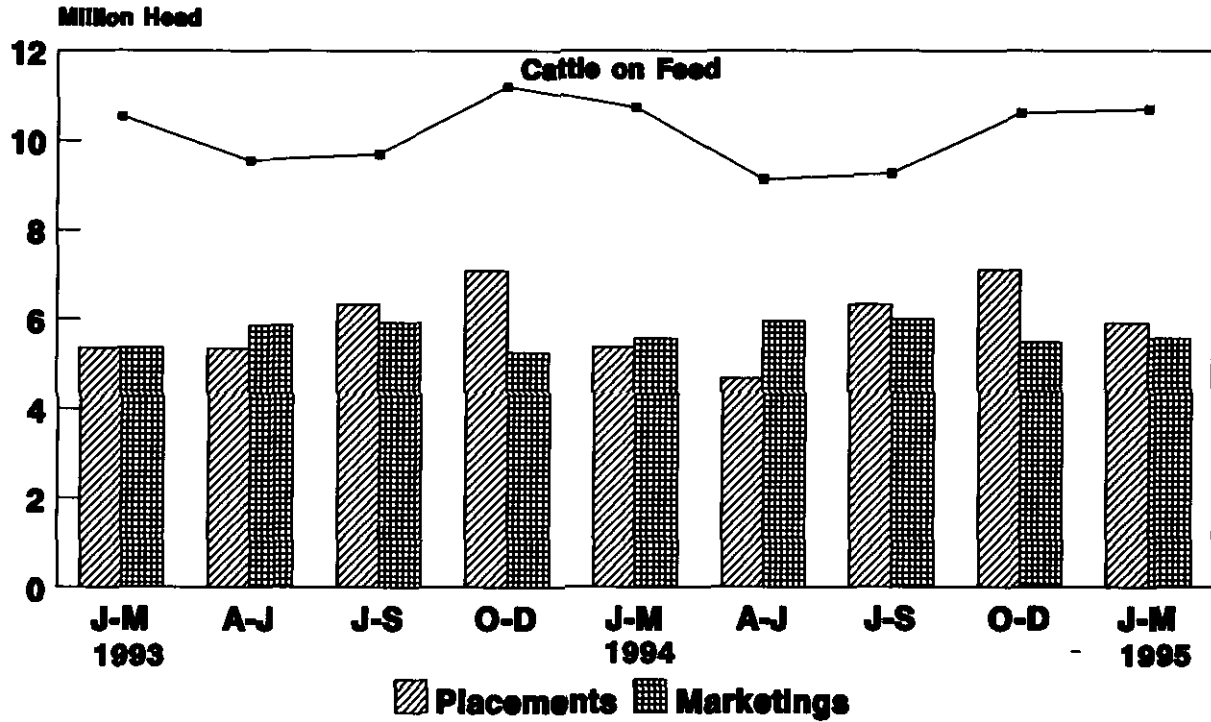
Cattle on Feed in 1000+ Capacity Feedlots Up 2 Percent

Cattle on feed April 1, 1995, for the 13 States in the feedlots with 1,000+ or more head capacity totaled 9.22 million head, up 2 percent from 1994 and 7 percent above two years ago. The inventory in the 1,000+ capacity feedlots accounted for 86 percent of the total inventory.

Revisions

Revisions to previous estimates were made to improve month to month and quarter to quarter relationships. The revisions are primarily based on slaughter data, State check-off or brand data, and any other data that may have been received after the original estimate was made. Based on this review, the January 1, 13-State inventory was raised 8,000 head. Revisions were also made to the December through March monthly 7-State inventory in lots with 1000+ capacity. Other estimates related to the revised inventory may have also been revised.

Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings by Quarters for 13 States



Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other
Disappearance by Quarter, 13 States, 1993-95

Date	Number on Feed	Current Quarter		
		Placements	Marketings	Other Disappearance
1,000 Head				
Jan 1, 1993	10,974	5,351	5,354	439
Apr 1, 1993	10,532	5,334	5,858	465
Jul 1, 1993	9,543	6,341	5,918	275
Oct 1, 1993	9,691	7,076	5,246	325
Jan 1, 1994	11,196	5,372	5,559	275
Apr 1, 1994	10,734	4,675	5,951	334
Jul 1, 1994	9,124	6,315	5,996	191
Oct 1, 1994	9,252	7,087	5,473	260
Jan 1, 1995	10,606	5,914	5,545	287
Apr 1, 1995	10,688			

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, Other
Disappearance, and Class, 13 States, Jan-Apr 1, 1993-95

Item	1993	1994	1995	as % of	
				1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
On Feed Jan 1	10,974	11,196	10,606	97	95
Placed on Feed Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	5,351	5,372	5,914	111	110
Fed Cattle Marketed Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	5,354	5,559	5,545	104	100
Other Disappearance Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>2/</u>	439	275	287	65	104
On Feed Apr 1	10,532	10,734	10,688	101	100
Kinds on Feed Apr 1					
Steers and Steer Calves	6,925	7,194	6,984	101	97
Heifers and Heifer Calves	3,549	3,493	3,653	103	105
Cows and Bulls	58	47	51	88	109

1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Quarter,
State, and 13-State Total, 1994-95 1/

State	Apr 1, 1994	Jan 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1995		
			Number	as % of 1994	as % of Prev. Qtr.
			1,000 Head ----- Percent -----		
AZ	192	210	192	100	91
CA	355	400	350	99	88
CO	940	990	1,000	106	101
ID	260	270	255	98	94
IL	290	280	270	93	96
IA	890	910	900	101	99
KS	1,980	2,040	2,130	108	104
MN	335	310	300	90	97
NE	2,130	1,940	2,010	94	104
OK	405	380	405	100	107
SD	270	340	320	119	94
TX	2,490	2,380	2,410	97	101
WA	197	156	146	74	94
13 Sts	10,734	10,606	10,688	100	101

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Quarter,
State, and 13-State Total, 1994-95 1/

State	Jan-Mar 1994	Oct-Dec 1994	Jan-Mar 1995		
			Number	as % of 1994	as % of Prev. Qtr.
			1,000 Head ----- Percent -----		
AZ	64	127	68	106	54
CA	165	170	140	85	82
CO	570	630	710	125	113
ID	150	165	140	93	85
IL	100	180	95	95	53
IA	320	660	380	119	58
KS	1,065	1,340	1,250	117	93
MN	110	215	100	91	47
NE	1,220	1,505	1,210	99	80
OK	235	235	235	100	100
SD	120	270	150	125	56
TX	1,135	1,490	1,345	119	90
WA	118	100	91	77	91
13 Sts	5,372	7,087	5,914	110	83

1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter.

Cattle on Feed: Number Marketed by Quarter,
State, and 13-State Total, 1994-95 1/

State	Jan-Mar 1994	Oct-Dec 1994	Jan-Mar 1995		
			Number	as % of 1994	as % of Prev. Qtr.
----- 1,000 Head -----			----- Percent -----		
AZ	94	71	76	81	107
CA	130	155	150	115	97
CO	620	580	675	109	116
ID	160	137	150	94	109
IL	130	100	95	73	95
IA	330	365	370	112	101
KS	1,050	1,095	1,115	106	102
MN	95	110	100	105	91
NE	1,130	1,075	1,080	96	100
OK	215	230	205	95	89
SD	130	105	150	115	143
TX	1,345	1,330	1,280	95	96
WA	130	120	99	76	83
13 Sts	5,559	5,473	5,545	100	101

1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter.

Cattle on Feed: Other Disappearance by Quarter,
State, and 13-State Total, 1994-95 1/

State	Jan-Mar 1994	Oct-Dec 1994	Jan-Mar 1995		
			Number	as % of 1994	as % of Prev. Qtr.
----- 1,000 Head -----			----- Percent -----		
AZ	3	6	10	333	167
CA	55	25	40	73	160
CO	20	20	25	125	125
ID	5	8	5	100	63
IL	10	10	10	100	100
IA	20	15	20	100	133
KS	35	45	45	129	100
MN	10	10	10	100	100
NE	70	70	60	86	86
OK	5	5	5	100	100
SD	10	5	20	200	400
TX	30	40	35	117	88
WA	2	1	2	100	200
13 Sts	275	260	287	104	110

1/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, Quarter,
State, and 13-State Total, 1994-95

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows and Bulls		
	Apr 1, 1994	Jan 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1994	Jan 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1994	Jan 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1995
	1,000 Head								
AZ	175	189	174	17	21	18	0	0	0
CA	330	345	315	24	54	34	1	1	1
CO	595	545	630	335	435	355	10	10	15
ID	185	191	183	72	78	70	3	1	2
IL	165	168	159	125	112	111	0	0	0
IA	570	555	534	315	352	365	5	3	1
KS	1,380	1,350	1,430	597	685	695	3	5	5
MN	250	225	220	83	82	78	2	3	2
NE	1,320	1,160	1,210	790	765	785	20	15	15
OK	260	255	245	145	124	159	0	1	1
SD	160	188	177	108	146	135	2	6	8
TX	1,675	1,620	1,610	814	757	799	1	3	1
WA	129	100	97	68	55	49	0	1	0
13 Sts	7,194	6,891	6,984	3,493	3,666	3,653	47	49	51

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings,
Other Disappearance, and Class,
7 States, Jan-Apr 1, 1993-95

Item	: 1993	: 1994	: 1995	: as % of	
				: 1993	: 1994
	: -----	1,000 Head	----	Percent	
On Feed Jan 1	: 9,163	9,370	8,870	97	95
Placed on Feed Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	: 4,529	4,539	5,103	113	112
Fed Cattle Marketed Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	: 4,560	4,699	4,746	104	101
Other Disappearance Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>2/</u>	: 351	233	235	67	101
On Feed Apr 1	: 8,781	8,977	8,992	102	100
Kinds on Feed Apr 1					
Steers and Steer Calves	: 5,798	6,045	5,903	102	98
Heifers and Heifer Calves	: 2,939	2,892	3,051	104	105
Cows and Bulls	: 44	40	38	86	95

1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other
Disappearance, 7 States, Mar-Apr 1, 1993-95

Item	Number			as % of	
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
On Feed Mar 1 <u>1</u> /	8,851	9,011	8,926	101	99
Placed on Feed During Mar	1,626	1,640	1,776	109	108
Fed Cattle Marketed During Mar	1,585	1,588	1,629	103	103
Other Disappearance During Mar <u>2</u> /	111	86	81	73	94
On Feed Apr 1 <u>1</u> /	8,781	8,977	8,992	102	100

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2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed and Placements by State
and 7-State Total, Oct-Dec 1993-94

State	Number on Feed				Placements			
	1993	1994	as % of 1993	as % of Prev Mo	1993	1994	as % of 1993	as % of Prev Mo
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent	
	Oct 1				During Oct			
AZ	189	160	85	110	59	58	98	145
CA	355	410	115	100	70	55	79	110
CO	890	960	108	110	285	280	98	89
IA	720	630	88	100	225	210	93	135
KS	1,790	1,840	103	105	520	510	98	120
NE	1,800	1,580	88	110	590	630	107	120
TX	2,480	2,260	91	101	745	735	99	134
7 Sts	8,224	7,840	95	105	2,494	2,478	99	120
	Nov 1				During Nov			
AZ	221	194	88	121	43	44	102	76
CA	375	405	108	99	75	45	60	82
CO	980	1,030	105	107	230	185	80	66
IA	790	700	89	111	210	215	102	102
KS	2,000	2,000	100	109	360	430	119	84
NE	2,000	1,860	93	118	500	500	100	79
TX	2,730	2,440	89	108	460	435	95	59
7 Sts	9,096	8,629	95	110	1,878	1,854	99	75
	Dec 1				During Dec			
AZ	227	214	94	110	25	25	100	57
CA	380	390	103	96	60	70	117	156
CO	1,020	1,020	100	99	160	165	103	89
IA	840	780	93	111	195	235	121	109
KS	2,040	2,050	100	103	330	400	121	93
NE	2,110	2,000	95	108	390	375	96	75
TX	2,780	2,460	88	101	330	320	97	74
7 Sts	9,397	8,914	95	103	1,490	1,590	107	86

Cattle on Feed: Marketings and Other Disappearance
by State and 7-State Total, Oct-Dec 1993-94

State	Marketings				Other Disappearance			
	1993	1994	as % of 1993	as % of Prev Mo	1993	1994	as % of 1993	as % of Prev Mo
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent	
During Oct								
AZ	26	23	88	88	1	1	100	0
CA	40	55	138	122	10	5	50	100
CO	190	205	108	93	5	5	100	100
IA	150	135	90	90	5	5	100	100
KS	300	340	113	100	10	10	100	200
NE	360	330	92	93	30	20	67	100
TX	480	545	114	105	15	10	67	100
7 Sts	1,546	1,633	106	99	76	56	74	112
During Nov								
AZ	29	23	79	100	8	1	13	100
CA	50	50	100	91	20	10	50	200
CO	180	190	106	93	10	5	50	100
IA	155	130	84	96	5	5	100	100
KS	305	365	120	107	15	15	100	150
NE	360	340	94	103	30	20	67	100
TX	390	400	103	73	20	15	75	150
7 Sts	1,469	1,498	102	92	108	71	66	127
During Dec								
AZ	26	25	96	109	1	4	400	400
CA	45	50	111	100	20	10	50	100
CO	160	185	116	97	10	10	100	200
IA	110	100	91	77	5	5	100	100
KS	350	390	111	107	20	20	100	133
NE	370	405	109	119	20	30	150	150
TX	370	385	104	96	10	15	150	100
7 Sts	1,431	1,540	108	103	86	94	109	132

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed and Placements by State
and 7-State Total, Jan-Apr 1994-95

State	Number on Feed				Placements			
	1994	1995	as % of 1994	as % of Prev Mo	1994	1995	as % of 1994	as % of Prev Mo
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent	
	Jan 1				During Jan			
AZ	225	210	93	98	23	20	87	80
CA	375	400	107	103	50	55	110	79
CO	1,010	990	98	97	170	220	129	133
IA	920	910	99	117	135	150	111	64
KS	2,000	2,040	102	100	340	450	132	113
NE	2,110	1,940	92	97	460	460	100	123
TX	2,730	2,380	87	97	365	365	100	114
7 Sts	9,370	8,870	95	100	1,543	1,720	111	108
	Feb 1				During Feb			
AZ	217	201	93	96	16	22	138	110
CA	365	395	108	99	70	45	64	82
CO	950	970	102	98	165	240	145	109
IA	940	920	98	101	85	115	135	77
KS	1,970	2,050	104	100	320	385	120	86
NE	2,130	1,980	93	102	380	370	97	80
TX	2,660	2,350	88	99	320	430	134	118
7 Sts	9,232	8,866	96	100	1,356	1,607	119	93
	Mar 1				During Mar			
AZ	201	196	98	98	25	26	104	118
CA	380	380	100	96	45	40	89	89
CO	920	980	107	101	235	250	106	104
IA	900	910	101	99	100	115	115	100
KS	1,930	2,080	108	101	405	415	102	108
NE	2,140	2,010	94	102	380	380	100	103
TX	2,540	2,370	93	101	450	550	122	128
7 Sts	9,011	8,926	99	101	1,640	1,776	108	111
	Apr 1							
AZ	192	192	100	98				
CA	355	350	99	92				
CO	940	1,000	106	102				
IA	890	900	101	99				
KS	1,980	2,130	108	102				
NE	2,130	2,010	94	100				
TX	2,490	2,410	97	102				
7 Sts	8,977	8,992	100	101				

Cattle on Feed: Marketings and Other Disappearance
by State and 7-State Total, Jan-Mar 1994-95

State	Marketings				Other Disappearance			
	1994	1995	as % of 1994	as % of Prev Mo	1994	1995	as % of 1994	as % of Prev Mo
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent	
	During Jan							
AZ	30	21	70	84	1	8	800	200
CA	45	50	111	100	15	10	67	100
CO	225	230	102	124	5	10	200	100
IA	105	130	124	130	10	10	100	200
KS	360	420	117	108	10	20	200	100
NE	420	400	95	99	20	20	100	67
TX	425	385	91	100	10	10	100	67
7 Sts	1,610	1,636	102	106	71	88	124	94
	During Feb							
AZ	31	26	84	124	1	1	100	13
CA	40	50	125	100	15	10	67	100
CO	190	225	118	98	5	5	100	50
IA	120	120	100	92	5	5	100	50
KS	350	340	97	81	10	15	150	75
NE	340	320	94	80	30	20	67	100
TX	430	400	93	104	10	10	100	100
7 Sts	1,501	1,481	99	91	76	66	87	75
	During Mar							
AZ	33	29	88	112	1	1	100	100
CA	45	50	111	100	25	20	80	200
CO	205	220	107	98	10	10	100	200
IA	105	120	114	100	5	5	100	100
KS	340	355	104	104	15	10	67	67
NE	370	360	97	113	20	20	100	100
TX	490	495	101	124	10	15	150	150
7 Sts	1,588	1,629	103	110	86	81	94	123

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, Other
Disappearance, and Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
13 States, Jan-Apr 1, 1993-95

Item	1993	1994	1995	as % of	
				1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
On Feed Jan 1	9,145	9,380	9,032	99	96
Placed on Feed Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	4,472	4,795	5,326	119	111
Fed Cattle Marketed Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	4,654	4,924	4,937	106	100
Other Disappearance Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>2/</u>	337	201	202	60	100
On Feed Apr 1	8,626	9,050	9,219	107	102
Kinds on Feed Apr 1					
Steers and Steer Calves	5,735	6,143	6,093	106	99
Heifers and Heifer Calves	2,845	2,871	3,082	108	107
Cows and Bulls	46	36	44	96	122

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2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots
by Quarter, State, and 13-State Total, 1994-95 1/ 2/

State	Apr 1, 1994	Jan 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1995		
			Number	as % of 1994	as % of Prev. Qtr.
			1,000 Head		
			Percent		
AZ	192	210	192	100	91
CA	355	400	350	99	88
CO	922	966	986	107	102
ID	253	255	240	95	94
IL	75	70	70	93	100
IA	220	280	290	132	104
KS	1,930	1,990	2,090	108	105
MN	75	70	65	87	93
NE	1,790	1,730	1,830	102	106
OK	400	375	400	100	107
SD	160	160	160	100	100
TX	2,481	2,370	2,400	97	101
WA	197	156	146	74	94
13 Sts	9,050	9,032	9,219	102	102

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Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots
by Quarter, State, and 13-State Total, 1994-95 1/ 2/

State	Jan-Mar 1994	Oct-Dec 1994	Jan-Mar 1995		
			Number	as % of 1994	as % of Prev. Qtr.
			1,000 Head		
			Percent		
AZ	64	127	68	106	54
CA	165	170	140	85	82
CO	567	603	705	124	117
ID	146	146	136	93	93
IL	24	35	25	104	71
IA	104	197	140	135	71
KS	1,035	1,300	1,220	118	94
MN	23	46	19	83	41
NE	1,090	1,295	1,110	102	86
OK	233	230	230	99	100
SD	95	112	100	105	89
TX	1,131	1,487	1,342	119	90
WA	118	100	91	77	91
13 Sts	4,795	5,848	5,326	111	91

- 1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter.
- 2/ AZ, CA, and WA include all feedlot operations to avoid disclosing individual information.

Cattle on Feed: Number Marketed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots
by Quarter, State, and 13-State Total, 1994-95 1/ 2/

State	Jan-Mar 1994	Oct-Dec 1994	Jan-Mar 1995		
			Number	as % of 1994	as % of Prev. Qtr.
----- 1,000 Head -----			----- Percent -----		
AZ	94	71	76	81	107
CA	130	155	150	115	97
CO	606	572	660	109	115
ID	156	132	146	94	111
IL	27	24	24	89	100
IA	91	89	127	140	143
KS	1,030	1,070	1,090	106	102
MN	22	25	23	105	92
NE	985	1,000	970	98	97
OK	213	225	200	94	89
SD	100	70	95	95	136
TX	1,340	1,327	1,277	95	96
WA	130	120	99	76	83
13 Sts	4,924	4,880	4,937	100	101

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Cattle on Feed: Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots
by Quarter, State, and 13-State Total, 1994-95 1/ 2/

State	Jan-Mar 1994	Oct-Dec 1994	Jan-Mar 1995		
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----- 1,000 Head -----			----- Percent -----		
AZ	3	6	10	333	167
CA	55	25	40	73	160
CO	20	20	25	125	125
ID	5	3	5	100	167
IL	2	1	1	50	100
IA	3	3	3	100	100
KS	25	40	30	120	75
MN	1	1	1	100	100
NE	45	55	40	89	73
OK	5	5	5	100	100
SD	5	2	5	100	250
TX	30	40	35	117	88
WA	2	1	2	100	200
13 Sts	201	202	202	100	100

1/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Quarter, State, and 13-State Total, 1994-95 ^{1/}

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows and Bulls		
	Apr 1, 1994	Jan 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1994	Jan 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1994	Jan 1, 1995	Apr 1, 1995
	1,000 Head								
AZ	175	189	174	17	21	18	0	0	0
CA	330	345	315	24	54	34	1	1	1
CO	584	533	622	328	423	349	10	10	15
ID	182	181	171	68	73	67	3	1	2
IL	50	45	44	25	25	26	0	0	0
IA	153	174	172	66	106	118	1	0	0
KS	1,350	1,310	1,405	580	678	680	0	2	5
MN	56	50	47	18	19	18	1	1	0
NE	1,120	1,035	1,120	653	681	696	17	14	14
OK	255	250	245	145	124	154	0	1	1
SD	90	90	77	68	66	78	2	4	5
TX	1,669	1,615	1,604	811	752	795	1	3	1
WA	129	100	97	68	55	49	0	1	0
13 Sts	6,143	5,917	6,093	2,871	3,077	3,082	36	38	44

^{1/} AZ, CA, and WA include all feedlot operations to avoid disclosing individual information.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, Other
Disappearance, and Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, Jan-Apr 1, 1993-95

Item	Number on Feed			as % of	
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
On Feed Jan 1	8,010	8,191	7,946	99	97
Placed on Feed Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	3,864	4,156	4,725	122	114
Fed Cattle Marketed Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>1/</u>	4,066	4,276	4,350	107	102
Other Disappearance Jan 1 - Mar 31 <u>2/</u>	288	181	183	64	101
On Feed Apr 1	7,520	7,890	8,138	108	103
Kinds on Feed Apr 1					
Steers and Steer Calves	5,030	5,381	5,412	108	101
Heifers and Heifer Calves	2,455	2,479	2,690	110	109
Cows and Bulls	35	30	36	103	120

1/ Includes cattle placed on feed after beginning of quarter and marketed before end of quarter.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings,
and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, Mar-Apr 1, 1993-95

Item	Number			as % of	
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
On Feed Mar 1 <u>1/</u>	7,602	7,911	8,052	106	102
Placed on Feed During Mar	1,431	1,508	1,655	116	110
Fed Cattle Marketed During Mar	1,426	1,457	1,502	105	103
Other Disappearance During Mar <u>2/</u>	87	72	67	77	93
On Feed Apr 1 <u>1/</u>	7,520	7,890	8,138	108	103

- 1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.
- 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed and Placements, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots by State and 7-State Total, Oct-Dec 1993-94 ^{1/}

State	Number on Feed				Placements			
	1993	1994	as % of 1993	as % of Prev Mo	1993	1994	as % of 1993	as % of Prev Mo
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent	
	Oct 1				During Oct			
AZ	189	160	85	110	59	58	98	145
CA	355	410	115	100	70	55	79	110
CO	882	955	108	110	273	272	100	87
IA	155	175	113	109	68	74	109	145
KS	1,750	1,800	103	105	505	500	99	120
NE	1,590	1,490	94	110	505	530	105	109
TX	2,466	2,250	91	101	743	734	99	134
7 Sts	7,387	7,240	98	105	2,223	2,223	100	117
	Nov 1				During Nov			
AZ	221	194	88	121	43	44	102	76
CA	375	405	108	99	75	45	60	82
CO	961	1,019	106	107	219	178	81	65
IA	180	215	119	123	66	68	103	92
KS	1,950	1,960	101	109	350	420	120	84
NE	1,760	1,700	97	114	380	440	116	83
TX	2,717	2,430	89	108	458	434	95	59
7 Sts	8,164	7,923	97	109	1,591	1,629	102	73
	Dec 1				During Dec			
AZ	227	214	94	110	25	25	100	57
CA	380	390	103	96	60	70	117	156
CO	991	1,004	101	99	159	153	96	86
IA	200	255	128	119	36	55	153	81
KS	1,990	2,010	101	103	320	380	119	90
NE	1,800	1,800	100	106	275	325	118	74
TX	2,770	2,450	88	101	328	319	97	74
7 Sts	8,358	8,123	97	103	1,203	1,327	110	81

^{1/} AZ and CA include all feedlot operations to avoid disclosing individual information.

Cattle on Feed: Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots by State and 7-State Total, Oct-Dec 1993-94 1/

State	Marketings				Other Disappearance			
	1993	1994	as % of 1993	as % of Prev Mo	1993	1994	as % of 1993	as % of Prev Mo
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent	
	During Oct							
AZ	26	23	88	88	1	1	100	0
CA	40	55	138	122	10	5	50	100
CO	189	203	107	93	5	5	100	100
IA	42	33	79	94	1	1	100	100
KS	295	330	112	100	10	10	100	200
NE	310	305	98	91	25	15	60	83
TX	477	544	114	105	15	10	67	100
7 Sts	1,379	1,493	108	99	67	47	70	107
	During Nov							
AZ	29	23	79	100	8	1	13	100
CA	50	50	100	91	20	10	50	200
CO	179	188	105	93	10	5	50	100
IA	45	27	60	82	1	1	100	100
KS	295	355	120	108	15	15	100	150
NE	320	325	102	107	20	15	75	100
TX	390	399	102	73	15	15	100	150
7 Sts	1,308	1,367	105	92	89	62	70	132
	During Dec							
AZ	26	25	96	109	1	4	400	400
CA	45	50	111	100	20	10	50	100
CO	159	181	114	96	10	10	100	200
IA	25	29	116	107	1	1	100	100
KS	345	385	112	108	15	15	100	100
NE	330	370	112	114	15	25	167	167
TX	368	384	104	96	10	15	150	100
7 Sts	1,298	1,424	110	104	72	80	111	129

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed and Placements, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots by State and 7-State Total, Jan-Apr 1994-95 ^{1/}

State	Number on Feed				Placements			
	1994	1995	as % of 1994	as % of Prev Mo	1994	1995	as % of 1994	as % of Prev Mo
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent	
	Jan 1				During Jan			
AZ	225	210	93	98	23	20	87	80
CA	375	400	107	103	50	55	110	79
CO	981	966	98	96	169	218	129	142
IA	210	280	133	110	45	55	122	100
KS	1,950	1,990	102	99	330	440	133	116
NE	1,730	1,730	100	96	420	430	102	132
TX	2,720	2,370	87	97	364	364	100	114
7 Sts	8,191	7,946	97	98	1,401	1,582	113	119
	Feb 1				During Feb			
AZ	217	201	93	96	16	22	138	110
CA	365	395	108	99	70	45	64	82
CO	925	948	102	98	164	239	146	110
IA	220	300	136	107	28	48	171	87
KS	1,920	2,000	104	101	310	375	121	85
NE	1,770	1,790	101	103	340	330	97	77
TX	2,652	2,340	88	99	319	429	134	118
7 Sts	8,069	7,974	99	100	1,247	1,488	119	94
	Mar 1				During Mar			
AZ	201	196	98	98	25	26	104	118
CA	380	380	100	96	45	40	89	89
CO	898	961	107	101	234	248	106	104
IA	220	305	139	102	31	37	119	77
KS	1,880	2,040	109	102	395	405	103	108
NE	1,800	1,810	101	101	330	350	106	106
TX	2,532	2,360	93	101	448	549	123	128
7 Sts	7,911	8,052	102	101	1,508	1,655	110	111
	Apr 1							
AZ	192	192	100	98				
CA	355	350	99	92				
CO	922	986	107	103				
IA	220	290	132	95				
KS	1,930	2,090	108	102				
NE	1,790	1,830	102	101				
TX	2,481	2,400	97	102				
7 Sts	7,890	8,138	103	101				

^{1/} AZ and CA include all feedlot operations to avoid disclosing individual information.

Cattle on Feed: Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots by State and 7-State Total, Jan-Mar 1994-95 ^{1/}

State	Marketings				Other Disappearance			
	1994	1995	as % of 1994	as % of Prev Mo	1994	1995	as % of 1994	as % of Prev Mo
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
	During Jan							
AZ	30	21	70	84	1	8	800	200
CA	45	50	111	100	15	10	67	100
CO	220	226	103	125	5	10	200	100
IA	34	34	100	117	1	1	100	100
KS	350	415	119	108	10	15	150	100
NE	370	360	97	97	10	10	100	40
TX	422	384	91	100	10	10	100	67
7 Sts	1,471	1,490	101	105	52	64	123	80
	During Feb							
AZ	31	26	84	124	1	1	100	13
CA	40	50	125	100	15	10	67	100
CO	186	221	119	98	5	5	100	50
IA	27	42	156	124	1	1	100	100
KS	345	325	94	78	5	10	200	67
NE	290	295	102	82	20	15	75	150
TX	429	399	93	104	10	10	100	100
7 Sts	1,348	1,358	101	91	57	52	91	81
	During Mar							
AZ	33	29	88	112	1	1	100	100
CA	45	50	111	100	25	20	80	200
CO	200	213	107	96	10	10	100	200
IA	30	51	170	121	1	1	100	100
KS	335	350	104	108	10	5	50	50
NE	325	315	97	107	15	15	100	100
TX	489	494	101	124	10	15	150	150
7 Sts	1,457	1,502	103	111	72	67	93	129

^{1/} AZ and CA include all feedlot operations to avoid disclosing individual information.

Reliability of April 1 Cattle on Feed Estimates

Terminology: Cattle on feed are animals being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

Placements are cattle put into a feedlot, fed a ration which will produce a carcass that will grade select or better, and are intended for the slaughter market.

Marketings are cattle shipped out of feedlots to a slaughter market.

Other disappearance includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Survey Procedures: A random sample of producers in the 13 major cattle on feed States were surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all cattle on feed producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. About 5,700 operators were contacted during the first half of April by mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews and 81 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of April 1.

Estimation Procedures: These cattle on feed estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by each State office. Regional and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from the previous month and/or quarter when setting the current estimates.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve month to month and/or quarter to quarter relationships. Estimates for the previous month/quarter are subject to revision in all 13 States each quarter when current quarterly estimates are made. In January, all monthly and quarterly estimates for the previous year are reviewed and subject to revisions. The reviews are primarily based on slaughter data, state check-off or brand data, and any other data that may have been received after the original estimate was made. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the Department of Commerce's five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date and estimates become final.

Reliability: Since all cattle on feed operators are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the table below. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and latest estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for the April 1 cattle on feed inventory estimate over the past 10 years is 2.0 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 10.7 million head by more than 2.0 percent, or about 214,000 head. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 3.6 percent, or about 385,000 head (the 90 percent confidence level). The table below also shows a 10-year record of the range of differences between first and latest estimates for selected items. Using estimates of cattle on feed inventory as an example, changes between the first inventory estimate and the latest estimate during the past 10 years have averaged 142,000 head, ranging from 10,000 to 330,000 head. During this period the initial inventory estimate has been below the latest estimate 10 times and above the final estimate 0 times. This does not imply that the April 1 estimate is likely to understate or overstate final inventory.

Reliability of April 1 Cattle on Feed Estimates 1/

Item	Root Mean Square Error	90% Confidence Level		Difference Between First and Final Estimates			Number of Years	
		Percent	Head	Average	Smallest	Largest	Above Final	Below Final
Inventory	2.0	3.6	385	142	10	330	0	10
Placements	0.7	1.3	77	33	6	80	4	6
Marketings	1.3	2.3	128	49	0	180	4	5

1/ Based on for April 1 estimates for the past 10 years.

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