

Overview of Monthly Cattle on Feed

Project Code: 154

Purpose: Collect number of cattle being fed on the first of the month, cattle placed on feedlots during the month, cattle marketed during the month, and cattle returned to grazing, moved to other feedlots, and died during the month. The survey also collects the number of cattle placed on feed by weight group, and hay prices for hay purchased from farmers. Feedlots are selected based on cattle on feed capacity, and only feedlots with 1,000 head capacity or more are eligible.

Data Uses:

- Producers can use cattle on feed inventory data to make informed business decisions and plan for herd expansion or reduction.
- Processors, warehouses, transportation companies, and government leaders use the data to evaluate expected slaughter volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export.
- Financial institutions use published cattle on feed reports in serving the producer's credit needs.

Survey Information:

- The base month is January. Each January, cattle on feed capacity is collected to determine eligibility.
- Inventory breakouts for steers and heifers are collected quarterly in January, April, July, and October.
- Cattle on feed reports should balance from month to month. Current month inventory (652) = previous month's inventory + placements (653) - marketings (654) - shipped to another feedlot (655) - returned to grazing (656) - deaths (657).
- The sum of the 6 placement weight groups must equal the total placed (653) or 100%. If no cattle were placed, the weight group questions are skipped.
- Relationship to Cattle Report in January & July
 - Steers and heifers on feed in the cattle on feed questionnaire must be recorded in the steers 500+ lbs (357), other heifers 500+ lbs (356), and calves <500 lbs (358) categories of the cattle questionnaire.
 - Cattle on feed inventory is recorded in the "Cattle and Calves on Feed" section on the cattle questionnaire (652).
 - Cattle on feed capacity is also included on the January cattle report (676).
- Hay price questions only refer to hay purchased from other farmers during the previous month. Exclude hay purchased from dealers or sources other than farmers.

CATTLE ON FEED INQUIRY - January 1

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TARGET OPERATOR needs to be making day to day decisions on the operation in order to collect any data for this survey.

Enumerator is responsible for entering any address and phone number changes in CAPI.

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Please make corrections to name, address, and ZIP Code, if necessary.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your response will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018, Title III of Pub. L. No. 115-435, codified in 44 U.S.C. Ch. 35 and other applicable Federal laws. For more information on how we protect your information please visit: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality>. Response to this survey is voluntary.

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We need to know about all cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market, regardless of ownership, on the total acres operated.

- INCLUDE cattle being fed by you for others.
- EXCLUDE any of your cattle being custom fed in feedlots operated by others.
- EXCLUDE cattle being "backgrounded only" for sale as feeders, for later placement on feed in another feedlot, or to be returned to pasture.
- EXCLUDE "cows and bulls" on feed.

Current Month

NUMBER

1. How many cattle and calves were on feed January 1, that will go directly from this operation to the slaughter market?..... 652

2. Of the TOTAL cattle and calves on feed (Item 1), how many were:

- a. Steers and steer calves?..... Steer and Heifer questions are only asked in January, April, July, and October. 660
- b. Heifers and heifer calves?..... 666

Box 660 + Box 666 = Box 652

3. During December, how many cattle and calves:

Previous Month

- a. were placed on feed in your feedlot(s)?..... 653
- b. were shipped to slaughter market from your feedlot(s)?..... 654
- c. were shipped to someone else's feedlot(s)?..... 655
- d. were returned to grazing?..... 656
- e. died?..... 657

4. Of the number placed [Item 3a], how many or what percent weighed:

PERCENT

HEAD

- a. Less than 600 pounds?..... 661 671
- b. 600 - 699 pounds?..... 662 672
- c. 700 - 799 pounds?..... 663 673
- d. 800 - 899 pounds?..... 682 692
- e. 900 - 999 pounds?..... 683 693
- f. 1,000 pounds and over?..... 684 694

If no cattle and calves were placed on feed[Item 3a], skip all of Item 4.

OR

Sum of weight groups = Total cattle and calves PLACED in feedlot. (Box 653)

TOTAL

661	671
662	672
663	673
682	692
683	693
684	694
100%	(Total must equal Item 3a)

5. What was the total capacity of your feedlot(s) on January 1?

Capacity is ONLY asked in January. It is important to update each year as capacities do change.

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HAY PRICES: **INCLUDE** any size or type of dry hay bale but exclude hay bought as standing hay.

Previous Month **EXCLUDE** all hay purchased from dealers or any source other than farmers.
EXCLUDE straw, haylage, greenchop, and baleage.

6. How many tons of baled alfalfa hay and alfalfa hay mixtures did you purchase from other farmers in December?

TONS

289

7. What was the total amount you paid for the alfalfa hay and alfalfa hay mixtures purchased from other farmers in December?

DOLLARS

181

8. Was any of the baled alfalfa hay and alfalfa hay mixtures you purchased premium or supreme grade?

- Premium grade: Early maturity, i.e., pre-bloom in legumes and pre-head in grass hays, extra leafy and fine stemmed. Factors indicative of a high nutritive content. Hay is green and free of damage.
- Supreme grade: Very early maturity, pre-bloom, soft fine stemmed, extra leafy. Factors indicative of very high nutritive content. Hay is excellent color and free of damage.

1 ☐ Yes - Continue 3 ☐ No - Skip to Item 9 2 ☐ Don't Know - Skip to Item 9

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a. How many tons of baled premium and supreme grade alfalfa hay did you purchase from other farmers in December?

TONS

290

b. What was the total amount you paid for the premium and supreme grade alfalfa hay purchased from other farmers in December?

DOLLARS

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9. How many tons of other baled hay, including fescue, clover, bermuda, sudan, sudan crosses, lespedeza, bahia, timothy, grain, ryegrass, other grass, other tame, and wild hays did you purchase from other farmers in December?

TONS

319

10. What was the total amount you paid for the other baled hay purchased from other farmers in December?

DOLLARS

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11. Has this operation (name on label) been sold, or turned over to someone else?

1 ☐ Yes - Identify the new operator(s) 3 ☐ No - Go to Item 12

This question should only be asked if the operation has been sold or turned over to another operator.

Operation Name: _____

Operator Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: (____) _____ ☐ Check if cell phone.

a. Did this person operate land individually on June 1, 2024? 1 ☐ Yes 3 ☐ No

12. Survey Results: Operator Email:

Operator Phone:

If the operator wants a copy of the survey results mailed, you need to add a record level comment saying "Wants results mailed."

Check if cell phone

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If an operator has an update to the previous month's inventory please enter a record level comment with the updated data.

If an operation changes cattle on feed capacity during the year to where they no longer qualify for the survey, enter a record level comment with the current capacity.

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(____) _____

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Date: ____ - ____ - ____

This completes the survey. The results will be available on the release date at: nass.usda.gov/results.

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Response		Respondent		Mode		Enum.	Eval.	Change	Office Use for POID
1-Comp	9901	1-Op/Mgr	9902	1-PASI (Mail)	9903	9998	9900	9985	9989
2-R		2-Sp		2-PATI (Tel)					_____
3-Inac		3-Acct/Bkpr		3-PAPI (Face-to-					_____
4-Office Hold									
5-R - Est									
6-Inac - Est									
7-Off Hold - Est									
In CAPI: For Complete & Refusal: Enter Response, Respondent, and Mode For Inaccessible: Enter Response and Mode									
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