

# USDA CATTLE ON FEED

## February 19, 2021

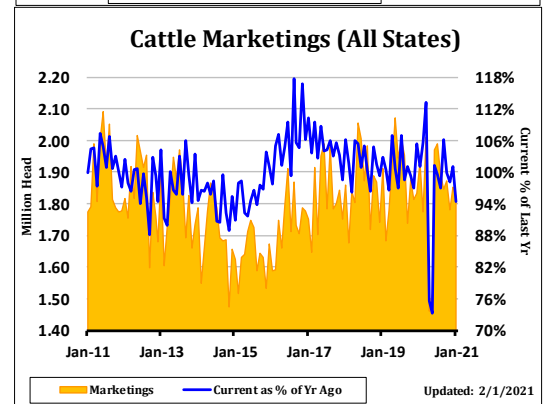
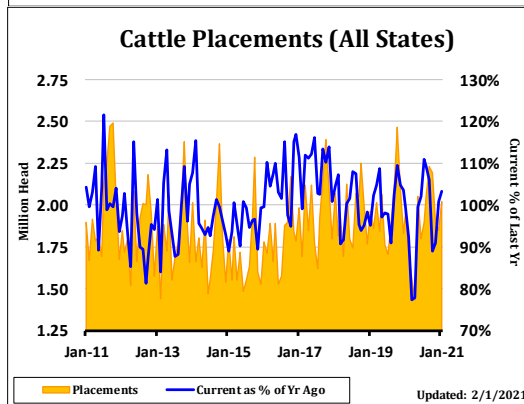
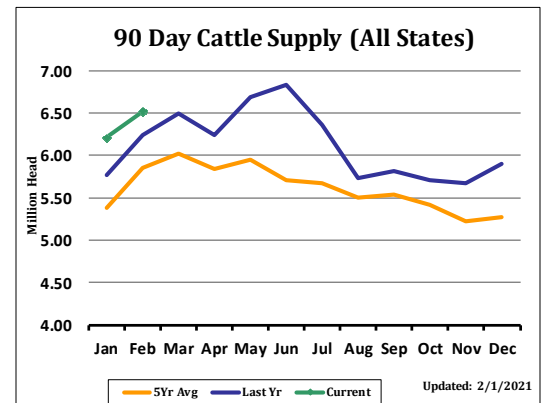
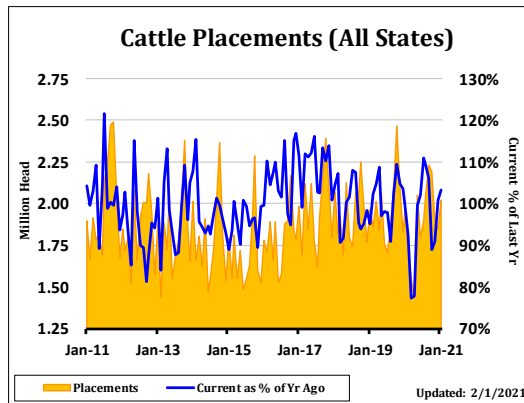
### Summary

The USDA pegged Feb-21 cattle on feed supply at 101.5% of last year. Placements during Jan-21 came in at 103.2% of last year and Marketings were 94.4% of last year.

The Cattle on Feed Report was bearish. Placements for the month of January came in +3.2% from a year ago versus an average trade expectation calling for -0.2%. The placements number was also well-above the upper end of the range as well (+1.3% to -4.4%). Marketings in January were close to expectations, declining 5.6% versus an average estimate of calling for a 5.3% decline. This put the February 1 on-feed supply at the bearish end of expectations, +1.5% from last year versus an average estimate calling for +0.9% and a high-end estimate of +1.1%. The extremely high placements number is especially bearish for the deferred contracts, but with the strong premium the nearby futures have to the cash market and the tenuous technical setup, we could see active selling across the board.

Report Summary	
	Actual
	% Last Yr.
On Feed Jan 1	100.1%
Placements During Jan	103.2%
Marketings During Jan	94.4%
On Feed Feb 1	101.5%

Recent History							
Date	On Feed		Placements		Marketings		On Feed 90 Days or Longer
	Million Head	% of Prev. Yr.	Million Head	% of Prev. Yr.	Million Head	% of Prev. Yr.	
Aug-20	11.284	101.5%	2.057	109.2%	1.892	96.9%	5.726
Sep-20	11.394	103.8%	2.227	105.9%	1.846	106.2%	5.820
Oct-20	11.717	103.8%	2.192	89.0%	1.873	99.9%	5.710
Nov-20	11.973	101.3%	1.903	90.9%	1.779	98.1%	5.673
Dec-20	12.036	100.0%	1.844	100.9%	1.853	101.0%	5.896
Jan-21	11.967	100.1%	2.017	103.2%	1.822	94.4%	6.212
Feb-21	12.106	101.5%					6.519



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