

The Hightower Report

Futures Analysis & Forecasting

USDA CATTLE ON FEED September 20, 2024

Summary

The USDA Cattle on Feed Report showed On Feed supply as of September 1st came in at 100.6% of last year versus average trade estimate of 100.6% with a range of 100.1% to 101.3%. Placements for the month of August at 98.6% versus trade expectations of 98.1% and a range of 93.5% to 102.3%. Marketings for August came in at 96.4% of last year as compared with the average estimate of 96.6% and a range of 96.0% to 97.5%.

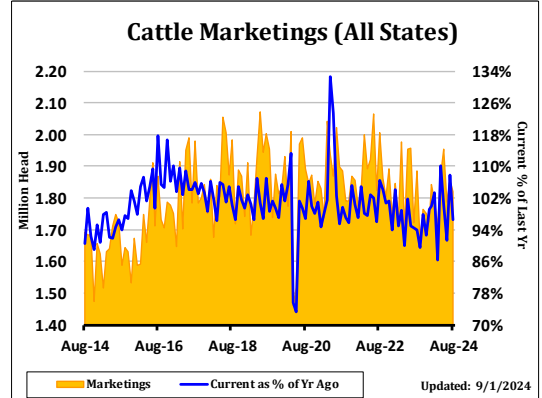
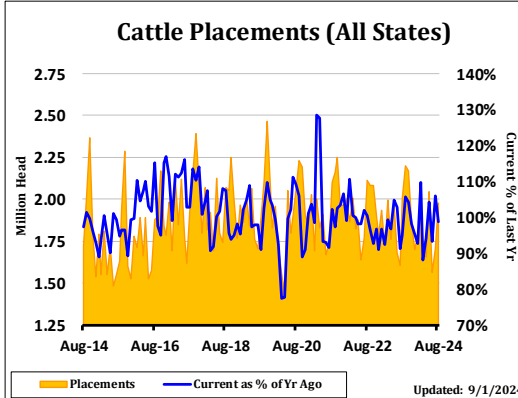
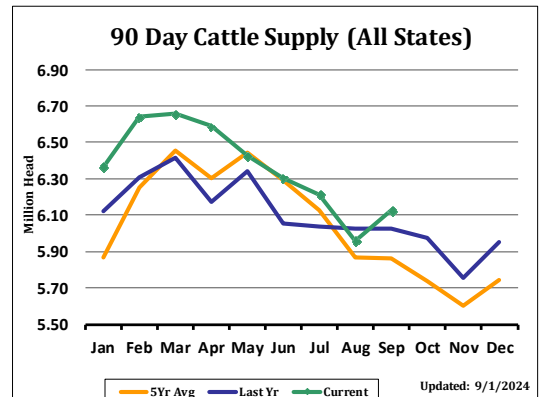
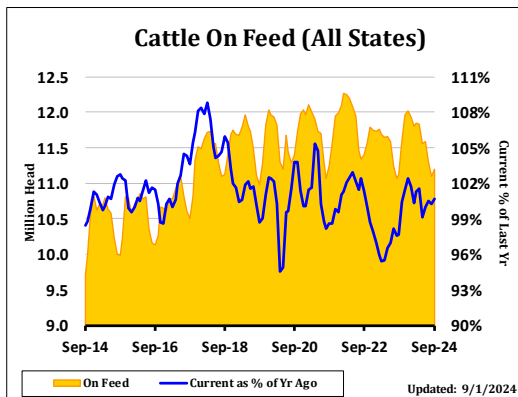
On Feed number was right on the guesses and placements and marketings did not deviate significantly from the pre-report estimates, resulting in a mostly neutral report. On feed numbers in September are typically seasonally low before grass cattle move into commercial feedlots and the fall calf run starts. However, the extremely dry August and cheap corn prices across the US Plains may have prompted more cattle moving into feedlots than normal, accounting for the slightly higher than expected placements number. With Live Cattle futures closing the week very strong at its highest price since August 2nd, expect some minor profit taking early next week as December futures ended right on the .618% retracement to the late July highs at 183.20.

Report Summary

	Actual
	% Last Yr.
On Feed Aug 1	100.3%
Placements During Aug	98.6%
Marketings During Aug	96.4%
On Feed Sep 1	100.6%

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.	
Mar-24	11.838	101.3%	1.752	88.0%	1.707	86.3%	6.656
Apr-24	11.826	101.5%	1.656	94.2%	1.872	110.1%	6.587
May-24	11.554	99.1%	2.046	104.3%	1.955	100.2%	6.425
Jun-24	11.583	99.9%	1.564	93.2%	1.786	91.3%	6.304
Jul-24	11.304	100.5%	1.702	105.8%	1.855	107.7%	6.213
Aug-24	11.095	100.3%	1.975	98.6%	1.818	96.4%	5.958
Sep-24	11.198	100.6%					6.124



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