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Allendale, Inc. Releases Cattle on Feed and Cold Storage Estimates

CHICAGO, IL. (March 5, 2019) – The following are our estimates for the coming Cattle on Feed and Cold Storage reports. The March 8 COF report was originally scheduled for February 22, covering January activity. The March 7 Cold Storage was originally scheduled for February 22, covering January activity.

January placements are expected 8.2% under last year at 1.898 million head. This is the smallest January placement in three years. Weather was the main driver for this low number. It disrupted marketings to sale barns in both the first few days and last 10 days of January. This will make five months in a row of below last year placements. By our estimates, September – January placements have run 5.2% under last year (549,000 head). January placements supply a portion of the July through October finished cattle supply. Breakevens for January placements, finished cattle this summer/fall, average \$123.55 according to Kansas State University.

Allendale anticipates a Marketing total in January at 1.7% over last year for a total of 1.890 million. This is the largest January marketing in six years (due to heavy May – August placements). There was no calendar adjustment this month.

Total Cattle on Feed as of February 1 is unchanged versus last year at 11.626 million. This is the second largest February 1 total in seven years.

USDA CATTLE ON FEED REPORT

	Allendale Estimate
ON FEED FEB 1	100.0
PLACEMENTS	91.8
MARKETINGS	101.7

Cattle on Feed is estimated as a percentage compared to last year.

Allendale projects a 584 million lb. total pork stock level for the end of January. The five-year average is 589 million lbs. Our estimate represents an increase of 78 million lb. from the previous month. The five-year average month to month change for January is a 75 million lb. increase. Beef stocks, at 511 million lbs., are over the five-year average of 499. This month’s estimate represents an increase of 15 million lbs. from the previous month. The five-year average for this month is a 9 million lb. increase.

USDA COLD STORAGE

	Last Year	Last Month	Allendale Estimate
PORK STOCKS JAN 31	580.714	505.287	583.730
BEEF STOCKS	501.744	495.624	510.509

Cold Storage is reported in million lbs.

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