



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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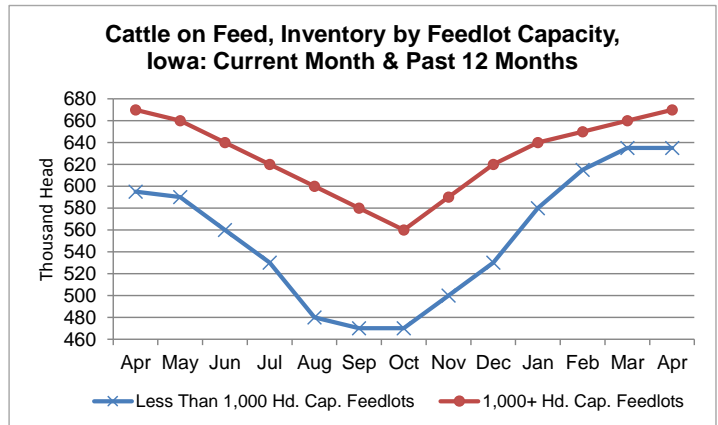
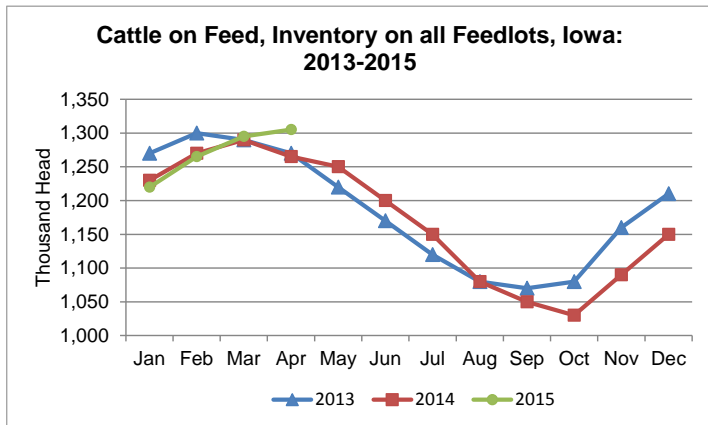
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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,305,000 on April 1, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is up 1 percent from March 1, 2015, and up 3 percent from April 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 670,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 635,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but up 7 percent from last year.

Placements during March totaled 150,000 head, an increase of 2 percent from last month and up 24 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 90,000 head, up 6 percent from last month and up 27 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 60,000 head. This is down 3 percent from last month but up 20 percent from last year.

Marketings for March were 136,000 head, up 19 percent from last month but down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 79,000 head, up 7 percent from last month and up 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 57,000 head, up 43 percent from last month but down 21 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 4,000 head.



All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2015.....	660	635	1,295
March Placements	90	60	150
March Marketing	79	57	136
March Other Disappearance	1	3	4
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Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2014-2015

[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.]

State	Cattle on Feed April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			March Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona	277	241	87	30	25	83	24	21	88	1	6	600
California	475	445	94	53	55	104	70	46	66	8	4	50
Colorado	950	890	94	165	150	91	130	140	108	5	10	200
Idaho	205	230	112	34	30	88	33	29	88	1	1	100
Iowa	670	670	100	71	90	127	69	79	114	2	1	50
Kansas	2,090	2,110	101	390	410	105	345	370	107	15	10	67
Minnesota	135	146	108	18	23	128	16	21	131	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,470	2,530	102	410	440	107	395	395	100	15	15	100
Oklahoma	275	285	104	52	49	94	46	38	83	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	225	235	104	42	33	79	35	32	91	2	1	50
Texas	2,500	2,470	99	470	420	89	430	385	90	10	15	150
Washington	200	225	113	31	39	126	29	28	97	2	1	50
Other States ...	320	320	100	35	45	129	38	47	124	2	3	150
United States ...	10,792	10,797	100	1,801	1,809	100	1,660	1,631	98	65	69	106

¹Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – States and United States: 2014-2015

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	April 1, 2014	January 1, 2015	April 1, 2015	April 1, 2014	January 1, 2015	April 1, 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	272	246	237	5	3	4
California	435	395	410	40	30	35
Colorado	630	580	610	320	320	280
Idaho	120	140	150	85	90	80
Iowa	490	490	520	180	150	150
Kansas	1,130	1,100	1,190	960	950	920
Minnesota	103	109	128	32	28	18
Nebraska	1,690	1,620	1,830	780	840	700
Oklahoma	180	170	200	95	85	85
South Dakota ...	135	145	150	90	85	85
Texas	1,550	1,600	1,680	950	900	790
Washington	125	123	140	75	87	85
Other States	215	230	210	105	110	110
United States	7,075	6,948	7,455	3,717	3,678	3,342

United States Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on April 1, 2015. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2014. The inventory included 7.46 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 69 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.34 million head, down 10 percent from 2014.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.81 million, slightly above 2014. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 275,000, 700-799 pounds were 449,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent below 2014. March marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 6 percent above 2014.