



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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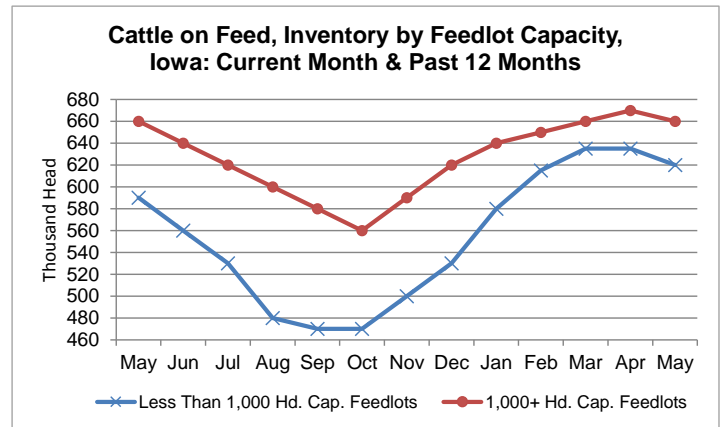
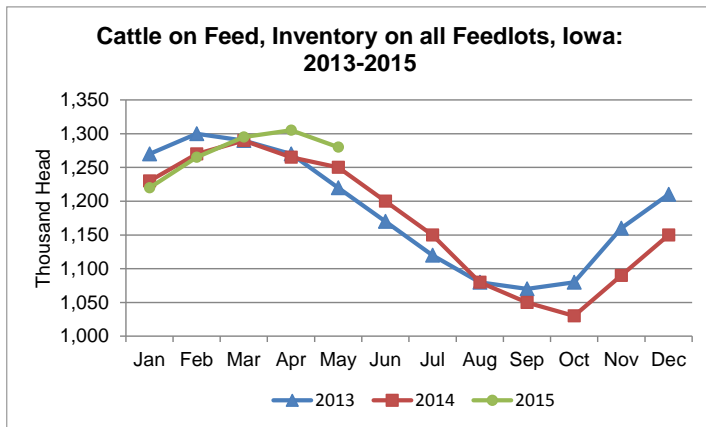
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,280,000 on May 1, 2015 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is down 2 percent from April 1, 2015, but up 2 percent from May 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 660,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 620,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year.

**Placements** during April totaled 118,000 head, a decrease of 21 percent from last month and 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 63,000 head, down 30 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head. This is down 8 percent from last month and down 11 percent from last year.

**Marketings** for April were 138,000 head, up 1 percent from last month but down 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 72,000 head, down 9 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 66,000 head, up 16 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 5,000 head.



## All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head (1,000 head)	Lots Less than 1,000 Head (1,000 head)	All Lots (1,000 head)
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2015 .....	670	635	1,305
April Placements .....	63	55	118
April Marketing .....	72	66	138
April Other Disappearance .....	1	4	5
Cattle on Feed, May 1, 2015 .....	660	620	1,280

## 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 May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			April Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>1</sup>		
	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	240	87	26	24	92	25	24	96	1	1	100
California .....	450	450	100	57	49	86	67	40	60	15	4	27
Colorado .....	940	900	96	130	145	112	130	120	92	10	15	150
Idaho .....	205	235	115	27	30	111	26	24	92	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>
Kansas .....	2,010	2,060	102	325	315	97	385	355	92	20	10	50
Minnesota .....	137	145	106	16	11	69	13	11	85	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,460	2,500	102	420	390	93	415	405	98	15	15	100
Oklahoma .....	255	270	106	43	34	79	62	48	77	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	220	240	109	28	28	100	30	21	70	3	2	67
Texas .....	2,430	2,410	99	420	385	92	480	435	91	10	10	100
Washington .....	190	230	121	27	42	156	36	35	97	1	2	200
Other States ...	320	300	94	35	32	91	33	49	148	2	3	150
United States ...	10,554	10,640	101	1,623	1,548	95	1,778	1,639	92	83	66	80

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

### 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 10.6 million head on May 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent above May 1, 2014.

**Placements** in feedlots during April totaled 1.55 million, 5 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.48 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 240,000, 700-799 pounds were 348,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 640,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during April totaled 1.64 million, 8 percent below 2014. April marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

**Other disappearance** totaled 66,000 during April, 20 percent below 2014.

