



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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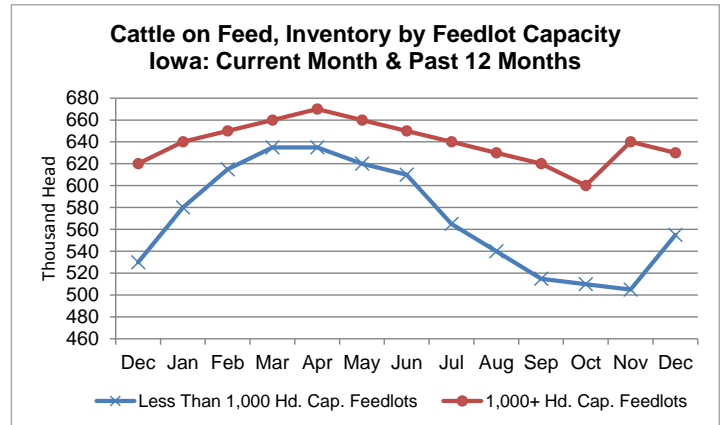
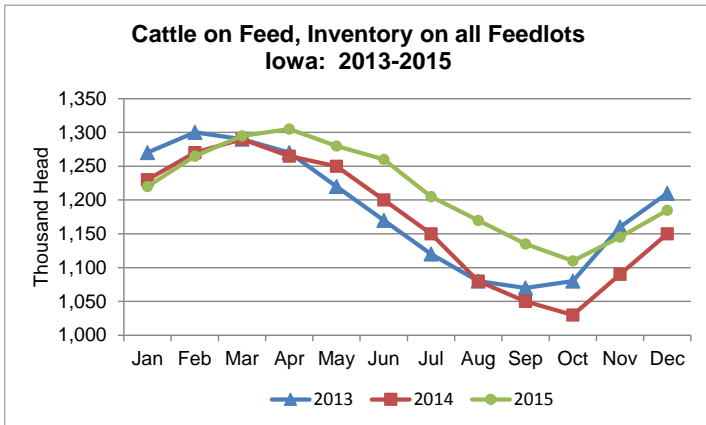
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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,185,000 head on December 1, 2015, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is up 3 percent from November 1, 2015 and December 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head had 630,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 555,000 head on feed, up 10 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year.

Placements during November totaled 219,000 head, a decrease of 8 percent from last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head placed 101,000 head, down 35 percent from last month and down 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 118,000 head. This is up 44 percent from last month and up 7 percent from last year.

Marketings for November were 173,000 head, down 13 percent from last month but up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head marketed 107,000 head, down 5 percent from last month but up 13 percent from last year. This marks the highest November marketings for operations with a capacity of 1,000 or more head since estimates began in 1994. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 66,000 head, down 22 percent from last month and down 12 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** for all feedlots totaled 6,000 head.



All Cattle on Feed¹, 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, November 1, 2015	640	505	1,145
November Placements	101	118	219
November Marketing	107	66	173
November Other Disappearance ²	4	2	6
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2015	630	555	1,185

¹ Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2014-2015

State	Cattle on Feed ¹ December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November Disappearance other than Slaughter ²		
	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	252	247	98	26	26	100	19	21	111	5	1	20
California	435	455	105	62	50	81	43	45	105	4	5	125
Colorado	910	890	98	155	140	90	120	125	104	5	5	100
Idaho	220	235	107	43	42	98	32	36	113	1	1	100
Iowa	620	630	102	127	101	80	95	107	113	2	4	200
Kansas	2,100	2,140	102	320	305	95	285	295	104	15	20	133
Minnesota	134	152	113	15	13	87	11	11	100	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,530	2,490	98	475	440	93	370	385	104	15	15	100
Oklahoma	260	275	106	45	45	100	43	39	91	2	1	50
South Dakota ..	235	245	104	53	45	85	34	38	112	4	2	50
Texas	2,560	2,510	98	385	315	82	360	360	100	15	15	100
Washington	225	205	91	49	43	88	37	42	114	2	1	50
Other States ...	335	320	96	39	36	92	26	28	108	3	3	100
United States ...	10,816	10,794	100	1,794	1,601	89	1,475	1,532	104	74	74	100

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United States Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on December 1, 2015. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2014.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.60 million head, 11 percent below 2014. Placements are the lowest for November since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.53 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 470,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 391,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 310,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 430,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.53 million head, 4 percent above 2014.

Other disappearance totaled 74,000 head during November, unchanged from 2014.

