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### Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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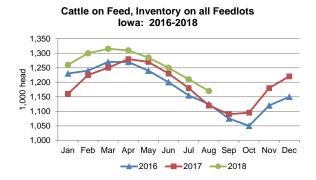
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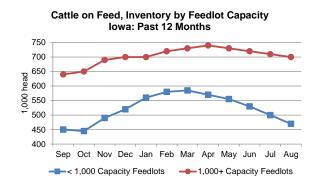
**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 700,000 head on August 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 1 percent from July 1, 2018, but up 8 percent from August 1, 2017. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 470,000 head on feed, down 6 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,170,000 head, down 3 percent from last month but up 4 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 66,000 head, down 14 percent from last month but up 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 47,000 head, up 2 percent from last month and up 18 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 113,000 head, down 8 percent from last month but up 13 percent from last year.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 74,000 head, down 13 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 75,000 head, up 1 percent from last month but down 3 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 149,000 head, down 6 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 4,000 head.

**NOTE:** This report is a combination of estimates from the USDA *Cattle on Feed* survey for Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship-funded *Cattle on Feed* survey for Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head.





#### All Cattle on Feed - Iowa

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ capacity	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots							
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)							
Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> , July 1, 2018	710	500	1,210							
July placements	66	47	113							
July marketings	74	75	149							
July other disappearance 2	2	2	4							
Cattle on feed, August 1, 2018	700	470	1,170							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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: 2017-2018

State	Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> August 1		Placements during July		Marketings during July		Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during July					
State	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17
	(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	244	298	122	18	23	128	19	21	111	1	1	100
California	430	525	122	34	52	153	41	53	129	3	4	133
Colorado	880	890	101	115	140	122	160	170	106	5	10	200
Idaho	250	245	98	35	44	126	43	38	88	2	1	50
lowa	650	700	108	60	66	110	79	74	94	1	2	200
Kansas	2,180	2,230	102	430	465	108	430	465	108	10	10	100
Minnesota	130	130	100	15	17	113	24	21	88	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,160	2,330	108	385	400	104	445	460	103	10	10	100
Oklahoma	315	315	100	41	45	110	50	43	86	1	2	200
South Dakota	220	200	91	26	26	100	29	37	128	2	4	200
Texas	2,650	2,720	103	380	385	101	390	390	100	10	15	150
Washington	205	220	107	39	31	79	38	40	105	1	1	100
Other States	290	290	100	37	48	130	36	61	169	1	2	200
United States	10,604	11,093	105	1,615	1,742	108	1,784	1,873	105	48	63	131

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### UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED

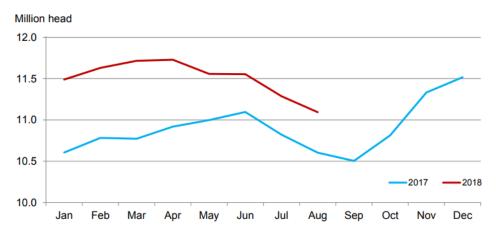
Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on August 1, 2018. The inventory was 5 percent above August 1, 2017. This is the highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.74 million head, 8 percent above 2017. Net placements were 1.68 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 410,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 290,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 415,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 367,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 175,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 85,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.87 million head, 5 percent above 2017.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 head during July, 31 percent above 2017.

## Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.