



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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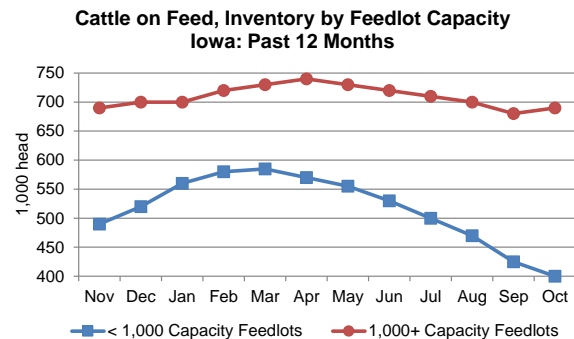
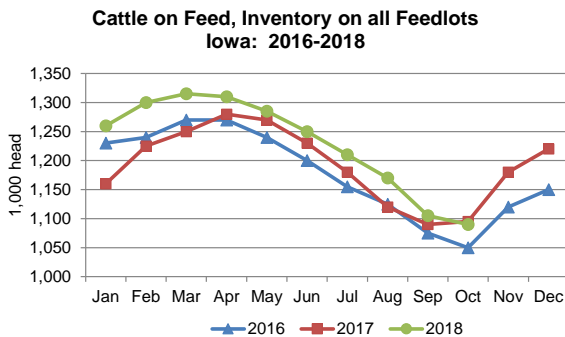
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 690,000 head on October 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 1 percent from September 1, 2018, and up 6 percent from October 1, 2017. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 400,000 head on feed, down 6 percent from last month and down 10 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,090,000 head, down 1 percent from last month and down marginally from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 89,000 head, up 9 percent from last month but down 16 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 27,000 head, down 10 percent from last month and down 61 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 116,000 head, up 4 percent from last month but down 34 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 75,000 head, down 25 percent from last month and down 21 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 50,000 head, down 32 percent from last month and last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 125,000 head, down 28 percent from last month and down 26 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 6,000 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 (1,000 head)	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity (1,000 head)	All feedlots (1,000 head)
Cattle on feed ¹ , September 1, 2018	680	425	1,105
September placements	89	27	116
September marketings	75	50	125
September other disappearance ²	4	2	6
Cattle on feed, October 1, 2018	690	400	1,090

¹ 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.

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: 2017-2018

State	Cattle on feed ¹ October 1			Placements during September			Marketings during September			Other disappearance ² during September		
	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	248	295	119	20	24	120	15	23	153	1	1	100
California	430	520	121	56	48	86	44	49	111	2	4	200
Colorado	940	980	104	250	235	94	165	150	91	5	5	100
Idaho	245	260	106	55	49	89	48	39	81	2	5	250
Iowa	650	690	106	106	89	84	95	75	79	1	4	400
Kansas	2,250	2,370	105	435	445	102	390	375	96	15	10	67
Minnesota	120	130	108	26	24	92	25	18	72	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,290	2,430	106	570	520	91	420	410	98	10	10	100
Oklahoma	320	325	102	63	55	87	56	48	86	2	2	100
South Dakota	220	215	98	48	59	123	42	42	100	1	2	200
Texas	2,600	2,660	102	440	395	90	415	405	98	15	10	67
Washington	200	220	110	34	44	129	33	33	100	1	1	100
Other States	300	305	102	47	64	136	35	52	149	2	2	100
United States ...	10,813	11,400	105	2,150	2,051	95	1,783	1,719	96	58	57	98

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Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2017-2018

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	October 1, 2017	July 1, 2018	October 1, 2018	October 1, 2017	July 1, 2018	October 1, 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	241	290	288	7	7	7
California	400	470	465	30	60	55
Colorado	560	520	550	380	410	430
Idaho	165	170	175	80	70	85
Iowa	480	520	500	170	190	190
Kansas	1,160	1,150	1,220	1,090	1,090	1,150
Minnesota	98	108	105	22	27	25
Nebraska	1,490	1,580	1,510	800	820	920
Oklahoma	185	180	185	135	135	140
South Dakota	135	130	115	85	85	100
Texas	1,700	1,680	1,650	900	1,060	1,010
Washington	130	145	140	70	85	80
Other States	190	190	190	110	115	115
United States ...	6,934	7,133	7,093	3,879	4,154	4,307

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 11.4 million head on October 1, 2018. The inventory was 5 percent above October 1, 2017. This is the highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.09 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.31 million head, up 11 percent from 2017.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.05 million head, 5 percent below 2017. Net placements were 1.99 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 425,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 330,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 430,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 466,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 280,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 120,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.72 million head, 4 percent below 2017.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during September, 2 percent below 2017.