



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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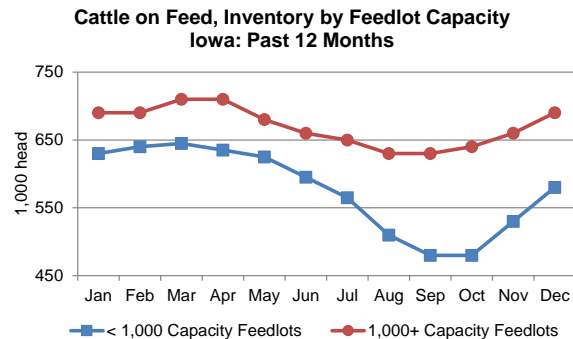
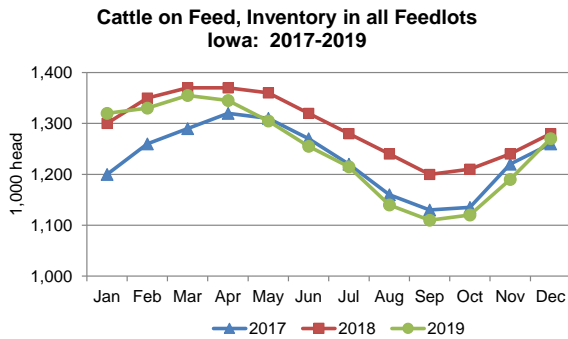
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 690,000 head on December 1, 2019, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Cattle on Feed report. This was up 5 percent from November 1, 2019, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2018. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 580,000 head on feed, up 9 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,270,000 head, up 7 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 110,000 head, down 4 percent from October but up 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 120,000 head, down 2 percent from October but up 20 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 230,000 head, down 3 percent from October but up 12 percent from last year.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 76,000 head, down 17 percent from October and down 27 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 66,000 head, down 1 percent from October but up 14 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 142,000 head, down 11 percent from October and down 12 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 8,000 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 <sup>1</sup> , November 1, 2019 .....	660	530	1,190
November placements .....	110	120	230
November marketings .....	76	66	142
November other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	4	4	8
Cattle on feed, December 1, 2019 .....	690	580	1,270

<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 on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: December 1, 2018-2019

State	Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during November		
	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18
	(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 .....	289	256	89	30	27	90	27	26	96	1	1	100
California .....	535	550	103	72	64	89	54	47	87	3	7	233
Colorado .....	1,010	1,100	109	140	185	132	145	150	103	5	5	100
Idaho .....	285	300	105	59	56	95	41	44	107	3	2	67
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>200</b>
Kansas .....	2,360	2,430	103	400	415	104	385	395	103	15	10	67
Minnesota .....	160	140	88	25	25	100	14	14	100	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,600	2,480	95	520	520	100	490	475	97	20	15	75
Oklahoma .....	325	325	100	52	58	112	50	57	114	2	1	50
South Dakota .....	240	250	104	47	75	160	44	64	145	3	1	33
Texas .....	2,680	2,930	109	450	465	103	430	390	91	20	15	75
Washington .....	235	240	102	40	42	105	34	35	103	1	2	200
Other States ....	320	340	106	55	51	93	51	40	78	4	1	25
United States ...	11,739	12,031	102	1,996	2,093	105	1,869	1,813	97	80	65	81

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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 12.0 million head on December 1, 2019. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 2018.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.09 million head, 5 percent above 2018. Net placements were 2.03 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 620,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 500,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 423,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 310,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 130,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 110,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.81 million head, 3 percent below 2018.

Other disappearance totaled 65,000 head during November, 19 percent below 2018.

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

