



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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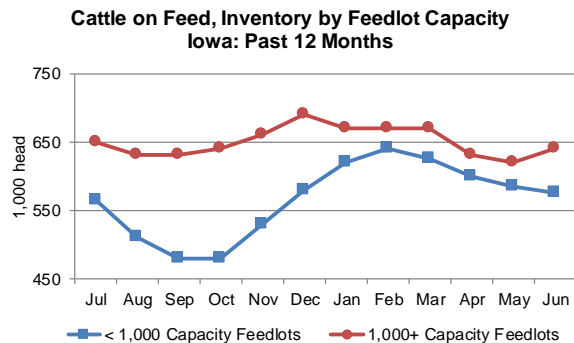
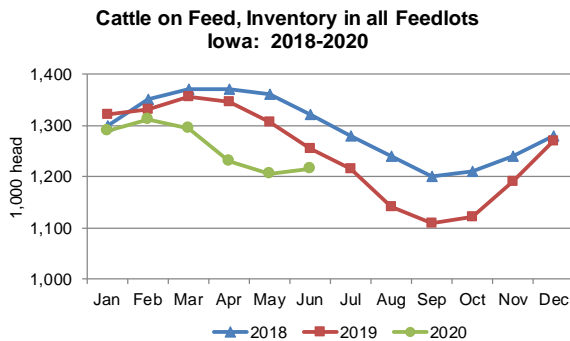
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 640,000 head on June 1, 2020, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 3% from May but down 3% from June 1, 2019. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 575,000 head on feed, down 2% from last month and down 3% from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,215,000 head, up 1% from last month but down 3% from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 75,000 head, up 21% from April and up 10% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 42,000 head, up 56% from April but down 7% from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 117,000 head, up 31% from April and up 4% from last year.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 52,000 head, down 24% from April and down 39% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 48,000 head, up 20% from April but down 31% from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 100,000 head, down 7% from April and down 35% from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 7,000 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> , May 1, 2020.....	620	585	1,205
May placements .....	75	42	117
May marketings .....	52	48	100
May other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	3	4	7
Cattle on feed, June 1, 2020.....	640	575	1,215

**Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2019-2020**

State	Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> June 1			Placements during May			Marketings during May			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during May		
	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19
	(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 .....	298	271	91	23	23	100	26	16	62	1	1	100
California .....	535	545	102	72	76	106	63	54	86	4	7	175
Colorado .....	1,060	1,010	95	160	210	131	150	140	93	10	10	100
Idaho .....	285	280	98	37	36	97	35	35	100	2	1	50
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,380	2,430	102	450	485	108	440	365	83	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	130	130	100	16	11	69	25	10	40	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,430	2,410	99	460	410	89	570	355	62	20	15	75
Oklahoma .....	315	315	100	73	65	89	62	44	71	1	1	100
South Dakota .....	230	200	87	40	33	83	49	34	69	6	4	67
Texas .....	2,870	2,930	102	575	565	98	485	315	65	10	10	100
Washington .....	240	230	96	37	16	43	31	30	97	1	1	100
Other States ....	295	280	95	52	32	62	49	50	102	3	2	67
United States ...	11,728	11,671	100	2,063	2,037	99	2,070	1,500	72	72	66	92

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</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 the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on June 1, 2020. The inventory was slightly below June 1, 2019. This is the second highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.04 million head, 1% below 2019. Net placements were 1.97 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 305,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 485,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 532,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 235,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 105,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.50 million head, 28% below 2019. Marketings were the lowest for May since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 head during May, 8% below 2019.

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

