



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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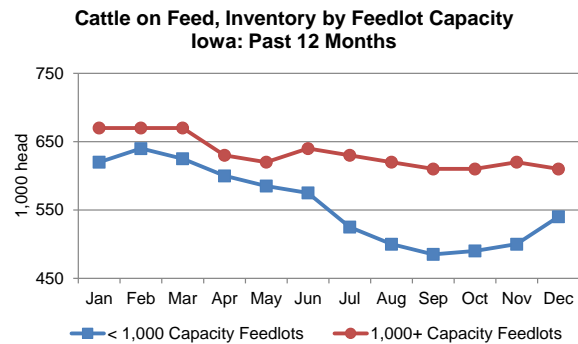
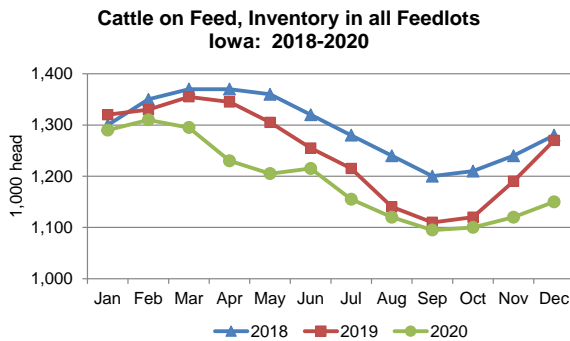
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 610,000 head on December 1, 2020, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 2% from November and down 12% from December 1, 2019. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 540,000 head on feed, up 8% from last month but down 7% from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,150,000 head, up 3% from last month but down 9% from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 83,000 head, down 21% from October and down 25% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 92,000 head, up 35% from October but down 23% from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 175,000 head, up 1% from October but down 24% from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 91,000 head, down 1% from October but up 20% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 50,000 head, down 7% from October and down 24% from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 141,000 head, down 3% from October and down 1% 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 (1,000 head)	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity (1,000 head)	All feedlots (1,000 head)
Cattle on feed ¹ , November 1, 2020	620	500	1,120
November placements	83	92	175
November marketings	91	50	141
November other disappearance ²	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, December 1, 2020	610	540	1,150

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: 2019-2020

State	Cattle on feed ¹ December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			Other disappearance ² during November		
	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	256	256	100	27	22	81	26	23	88	1	1	100
California	550	555	101	64	58	91	47	51	109	7	7	100
Colorado	1,100	1,130	103	185	165	89	150	150	100	5	5	100
Idaho	300	290	97	56	50	89	44	39	89	2	1	50
Iowa	690	610	88	110	83	75	76	91	120	4	2	50
Kansas	2,430	2,500	103	415	415	100	395	425	108	10	10	100
Minnesota	140	125	89	25	16	64	14	15	107	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,480	2,530	102	520	460	88	475	415	87	15	15	100
Oklahoma	325	325	100	58	52	90	57	46	81	1	1	100
South Dakota...	250	250	100	75	79	105	64	53	83	1	1	100
Texas.....	2,930	2,900	99	465	405	87	390	400	103	15	15	100
Washington.....	240	255	106	42	45	107	35	34	97	2	1	50
Other States	340	310	91	51	56	110	40	40	100	1	1	100
United States ...	12,031	12,036	100	2,093	1,906	91	1,813	1,782	98	65	61	94

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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, 2020. The inventory was slightly above December 1, 2019.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.91 million head, 9% below 2019. Net placements were 1.85 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 520,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 460,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 400,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 306,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 130,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.78 million head, 2% below 2019.

Other disappearance steers totaled 61,000 head during November, 6% below 2019.

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

