



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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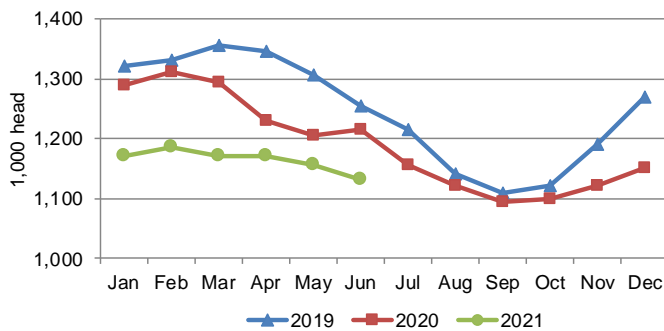
Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 620,000 head on June 1, 2021, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 2% from May and down 3% from June 1, 2020. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 510,000 head on feed, down 3% from last month and down 11% from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,130,000 head, down 2% from last month and down 7% from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 67,000 head, down 34% from April and down 11% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 49,000 head, down 12% from April but up 17% from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 116,000 head, down 26% from April and down 1% from last year.

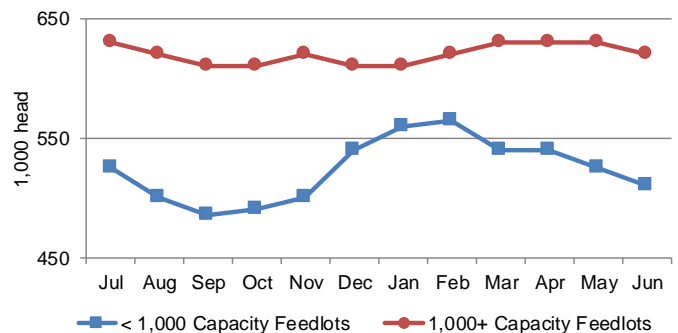
Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 74,000 head, down 24% from April but up 42% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 61,000 head, down 10% from April but up 27% from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 135,000 head, down 19% from April but up 35% 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.

**Cattle on Feed, Inventory in all Feedlots
Iowa: 2019-2021**



**Cattle on Feed, Inventory by Feedlot Capacity
Iowa: Past 12 Months**



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 ¹ , May 1, 2021..... | 630 | 525 | 1,155 |
| May placements | 67 | 49 | 116 |
| May marketings | 74 | 61 | 135 |
| May other disappearance ² | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Cattle on feed, June 1, 2021..... | 620 | 510 | 1,130 |

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: 2020-2021

| State | Cattle on feed ¹ June 1 | | | Placements during May | | | Marketings during May | | | Other disappearance ² during May | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | '21 as % of '20 | 2020 | 2021 | '21 as % of '20 | 2020 | 2021 | '21 as % of '20 | 2020 | 2021 | '21 as % of '20 |
| | (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 | 271 | 279 | 103 | 23 | 26 | 113 | 16 | 21 | 131 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| California | 545 | 545 | 100 | 76 | 70 | 92 | 54 | 63 | 117 | 7 | 7 | 100 |
| Colorado | 1,010 | 1,080 | 107 | 215 | 190 | 88 | 145 | 140 | 97 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Idaho | 280 | 290 | 104 | 36 | 31 | 86 | 35 | 35 | 100 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Iowa | 640 | 620 | 97 | 75 | 67 | 89 | 52 | 74 | 142 | 3 | 3 | 100 |
| Kansas | 2,430 | 2,520 | 104 | 495 | 505 | 102 | 375 | 445 | 119 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Minnesota | 130 | 105 | 81 | 11 | 11 | 100 | 10 | 15 | 150 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Nebraska | 2,410 | 2,440 | 101 | 410 | 390 | 95 | 355 | 465 | 131 | 15 | 15 | 100 |
| Oklahoma | 315 | 275 | 87 | 65 | 57 | 88 | 44 | 56 | 127 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| South Dakota... | 200 | 220 | 110 | 33 | 31 | 94 | 34 | 42 | 124 | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| Texas..... | 2,930 | 2,850 | 97 | 565 | 470 | 83 | 315 | 430 | 137 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Washington..... | 230 | 200 | 87 | 16 | 26 | 163 | 30 | 25 | 83 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Other States | 280 | 275 | 98 | 32 | 37 | 116 | 50 | 59 | 118 | 2 | 3 | 150 |
| United States ... | 11,671 | 11,699 | 100 | 2,052 | 1,911 | 93 | 1,515 | 1,870 | 123 | 66 | 67 | 102 |

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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 11.7 million head on June 1, 2021. The inventory was slightly above June 1, 2020. This is the second highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.91 million head, 7% below 2020. Net placements were 1.84 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 255,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 470,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 501,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 235,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.87 million head, 23% above 2020.

Other disappearance totaled 67,000 head during May, 2% above 2020.

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

