



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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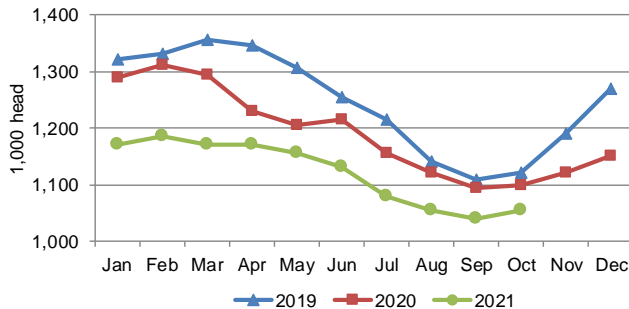
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 600,000 head on October 1, 2021, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 2 percent from September, but down 2 percent from October 1, 2020. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 455,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month but down 7 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,055,000 head, up 1 percent from last month but down 4 percent from last year.

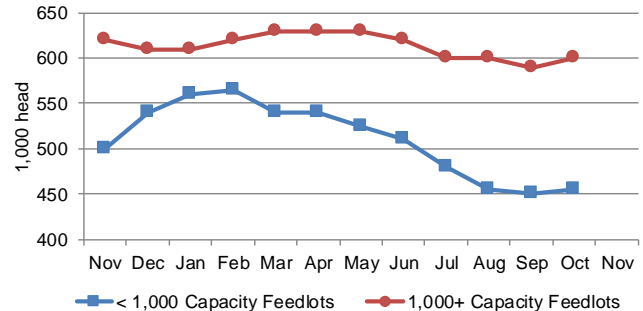
Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 80,000 head, up 4 percent from August and up 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 62,000 head, up 15 percent from August and up 2 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 142,000 head, up 8 percent from August and up 7 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 67,000 head, down 21 percent from August and down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 54,000 head, down 4 percent from August but unchanged from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 121,000 head, down 14 percent from August and down 2 percent from last year. Other disappearance from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 6,000 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 , September 1, 2021	590	450	1,040
September placements	80	62	142
September marketings	67	54	121
September other disappearance ²	3	3	6
Cattle on feed, October 1, 2021	600	455	1,055

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 October 1			Placements during September			Marketings during September			Other disappearance ² during September		
	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.....	257	270	105	16	21	131	22	19	86	1	1	100
California.....	545	540	99	68	63	93	49	45	92	9	8	89
Colorado.....	1,110	1,130	102	245	220	90	170	165	97	5	5	100
Idaho.....	270	305	113	54	57	106	38	41	108	1	1	100
Iowa.....	610	600	98	72	80	111	70	67	96	2	3	150
Kansas.....	2,540	2,530	100	490	505	103	410	435	106	10	10	100
Minnesota.....	105	90	86	19	19	100	23	18	78	1	1	100
Nebraska.....	2,410	2,380	99	600	545	91	460	435	95	10	10	100
Oklahoma.....	315	295	94	62	68	110	56	47	84	1	1	100
South Dakota....	190	200	105	45	44	98	44	43	98	1	1	100
Texas.....	2,870	2,730	95	450	450	100	415	405	98	15	15	100
Washington.....	220	200	91	45	35	78	44	29	66	1	1	100
Other States.....	275	280	102	61	56	92	45	40	89	1	1	100
United States....	11,717	11,550	99	2,227	2,163	97	1,846	1,789	97	58	58	100

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Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2020-2021

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	October 1, 2020	July 1, 2021	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2020	July 1, 2021	October 1, 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona.....	252	270	265	5	5	5
California.....	465	455	460	80	85	80
Colorado.....	645	595	640	465	465	490
Idaho.....	150	155	165	120	125	140
Iowa.....	460	470	460	150	130	140
Kansas.....	1,380	1,300	1,380	1,160	1,150	1,150
Minnesota.....	90	85	75	15	15	15
Nebraska.....	1,500	1,440	1,400	910	850	980
Oklahoma.....	175	155	160	140	120	135
South Dakota....	115	125	120	75	75	80
Texas.....	1,780	1,650	1,660	1,090	1,120	1,070
Washington.....	120	105	100	100	85	100
Other States.....	180	170	180	95	90	100
United States....	7,312	6,975	7,065	4,405	4,315	4,485

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 11.6 million head on October 1, 2021. The inventory was 1 percent below October 1, 2020. This is the second highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.07 million steers and steer calves, down 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.49 million head, up 2 percent from 2020.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.16 million head, 3 percent below 2020. Net placements were 2.11 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 435,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 360,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 495,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 498,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 275,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 100,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.79 million head, 3 percent below 2020.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 head during September, unchanged from 2020.