



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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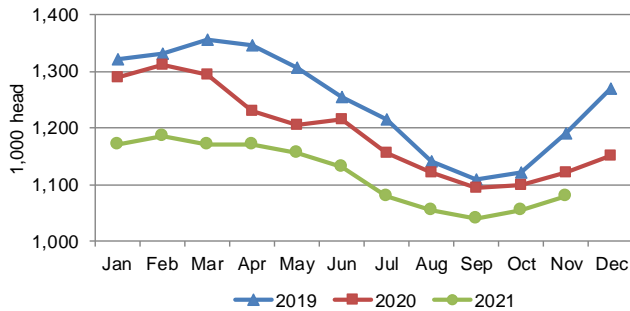
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 610,000 head on November 1, 2021, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 2 percent from October but down 2 percent from November 1, 2020. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 470,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month but down 6 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,080,000 head, up 2 percent from last month but down 4 percent from last year.

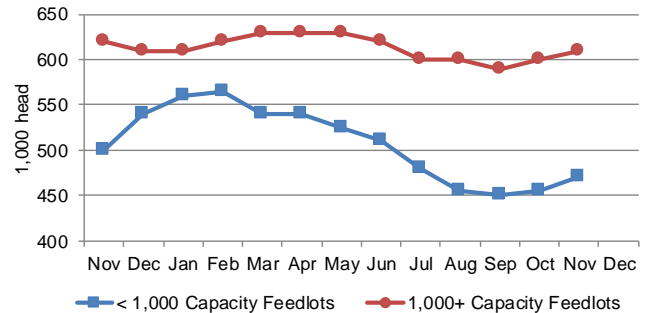
Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 116,000 head, up 45 percent from September and up 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 68,000 head, up 10 percent from September but unchanged from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 184,000 head, up 30 percent from September and up 6 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 104,000 head, up 55 percent from September and up 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 51,000 head, down 6 percent from September and last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 155,000 head, up 28 percent from September and up 6 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 4,000 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 , October 1, 2021	600	455	1,055
October placements	116	68	184
October marketings	104	51	155
October other disappearance ²	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, November 1, 2021	610	470	1,080

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 November 1			Placements during October			Marketings during October			Other disappearance ² during October		
	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.....	258	273	106	27	24	89	25	20	80	1	1	100
California.....	555	545	98	66	52	79	49	40	82	7	7	100
Colorado.....	1,120	1,150	103	175	185	106	160	160	100	5	5	100
Idaho.....	280	310	111	53	50	94	41	44	107	2	1	50
Iowa.....	620	610	98	105	116	110	92	104	113	3	2	67
Kansas.....	2,520	2,510	100	430	435	101	440	445	101	10	10	100
Minnesota.....	125	105	84	35	29	83	14	13	93	1	1	100
Nebraska.....	2,500	2,560	102	560	625	112	460	435	95	10	10	100
Oklahoma.....	320	300	94	51	49	96	45	43	96	1	1	100
South Dakota....	225	230	102	84	74	88	48	41	85	1	3	300
Texas.....	2,910	2,850	98	480	510	106	420	375	89	20	15	75
Washington.....	245	205	84	61	33	54	35	27	77	1	1	100
Other States.....	295	300	102	65	63	97	44	41	93	1	2	200
United States	11,973	11,948	100	2,192	2,245	102	1,873	1,788	95	63	59	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 11.9 million head on November 1, 2021. The inventory was slightly below November 1, 2020.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.25 million head, 2 percent above 2020. Net placements were 2.19 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 575,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 500,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 470,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 425,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 190,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 85,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.79 million head, 5 percent below 2020.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 head during October, 6 percent below 2020.

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

