



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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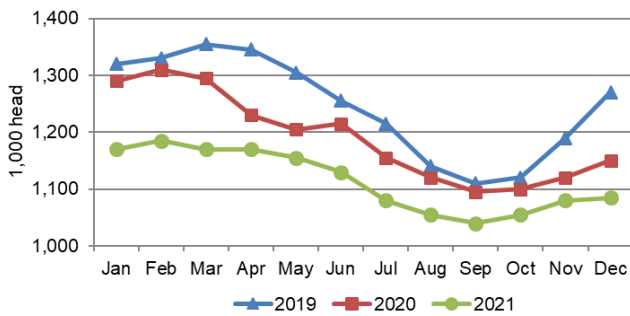
**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 610,000 head on December 1, 2021, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from November and unchanged from December 1, 2020. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 475,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month but down 12 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,085,000 head, up slightly from last month but down 6 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 94,000 head, down 19 percent from October but up 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 62,000 head, down 9 percent from October and down 33 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 156,000 head, down 15 percent from October and down 10 percent from last year.

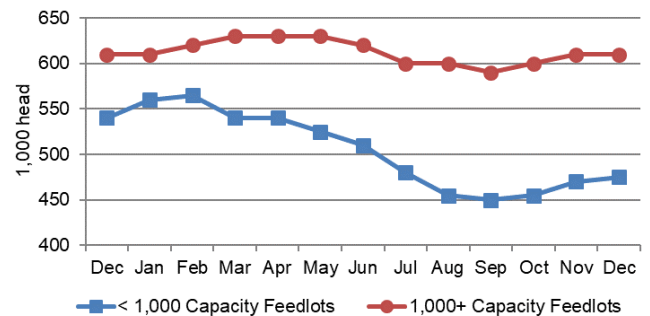
**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 92,000 head, down 12 percent from October but up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 55,000 head, up 8 percent from October and up 10 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 147,000 head, down 5 percent from October but up 5 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)	
Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> , November 1, 2021 .....	610	470	1,080
November placements .....	94	62	156
November marketings .....	92	55	147
November other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, December 1, 2021 .....	610	475	1,085

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during November		
	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 .....	256	270	105	22	27	123	23	29	126	1	1	100
California .....	555	550	99	58	61	105	51	49	96	7	7	100
Colorado .....	1,130	1,140	101	165	160	97	150	165	110	5	5	100
Idaho .....	290	310	107	49	44	90	38	43	113	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,500	2,480	99	415	435	105	425	455	107	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	125	105	84	15	16	107	14	15	107	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,530	2,580	102	460	490	107	415	455	110	15	15	100
Oklahoma .....	325	300	92	52	44	85	46	43	93	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	250	235	94	79	62	78	53	56	106	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,900	2,880	99	405	445	110	400	400	100	15	15	100
Washington .....	255	210	82	45	32	71	34	26	76	1	1	100
Other States ....	310	315	102	56	61	109	40	45	113	1	1	100
United States ..	12,036	11,985	100	1,903	1,971	104	1,779	1,873	105	61	61	100

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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, 2021. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2020.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.97 million head, 4 percent above 2020. Net placements were 1.91 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 485,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 405,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 296,000 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 1.87 million head, 5 percent above 2020. Marketings were the highest for November since the series began in 1996. November 2021 included one additional day of slaughter compared to last year.

Other disappearance totaled 61,000 head during November, unchanged from 2020.

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

