



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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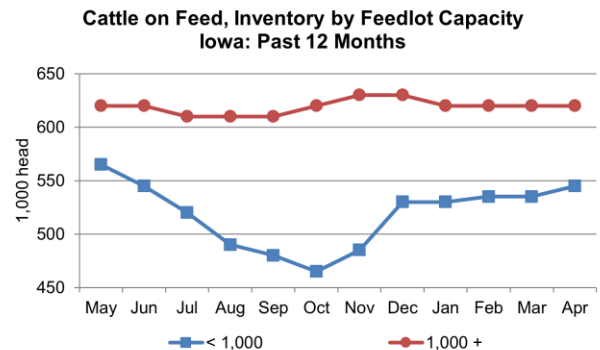
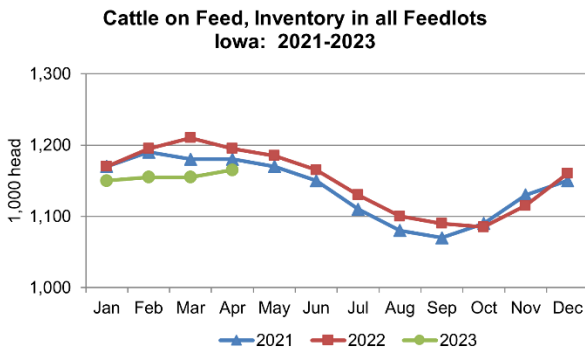
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 620,000 head on April 1, 2023, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from March and unchanged from April 1, 2022. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 545,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but down 5 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,165,000 head, up 1 percent from last month but down 3 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March 2023 totaled 109,000 head, up 4 percent from February but down 1 percent from March 2022. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 52,000 head, up 4 percent from February and up 24 percent from March 2022. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 161,000 head, up 4 percent from February and up 6 percent from March 2022.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March 2023 totaled 107,000 head, up 4 percent from February but down 1 percent from March 2022. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 40,000 head, down 15 percent from February and down 27 percent from March 2022. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 147,000 head, down 2 percent from February and down 10 percent from March 2022. **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 , March 1, 2023	620	535	1,155
March placements	109	52	161
March marketings	107	40	147
March other disappearance ²	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, April 1, 2023	620	545	1,165

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: 2022-2023

State	Cattle on Feed ¹ April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			Other disappearance ² during March		
	2022	2023	'23 as % of '22	2022	2023	'23 as % of '22	2022	2023	'23 as % of '22	2022	2023	'23 as % of '22
	(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	285	257	90	31	28	90	28	30	107	1	1	100
California	565	525	93	69	73	106	58	61	105	6	7	117
Colorado	1,100	980	89	180	165	92	195	190	97	5	5	100
Idaho	305	320	105	37	37	100	41	41	100	1	1	100
Iowa	620	620	100	110	109	99	108	107	99	2	2	100
Kansas	2,510	2,430	97	490	460	94	480	480	100	10	10	100
Minnesota	100	95	95	15	15	100	14	14	100	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,660	2,530	95	470	470	100	490	460	94	10	10	100
Oklahoma	290	260	90	45	43	96	54	52	96	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	230	220	96	35	44	126	37	37	100	3	2	67
Texas	2,950	2,810	95	435	455	105	415	415	100	10	10	100
Washington	225	255	113	37	40	108	31	39	126	1	1	100
Other States	305	310	102	51	53	104	49	51	104	2	2	100
United States ..	12,145	11,612	96	2,005	1,992	99	2,000	1,977	99	53	53	100

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – States and United States: 2022-2023

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	April 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	April 1, 2023	April 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	April 1, 2023
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Arizona	280	257	247	5	10	10
California	470	435	440	95	80	85
Colorado	655	580	545	445	460	435
Idaho	170	165	175	135	155	145
Iowa	470	465	475	150	155	145
Kansas	1,370	1,270	1,330	1,140	1,120	1,100
Minnesota	85	80	80	15	15	15
Nebraska	1,680	1,600	1,650	980	1,000	880
Oklahoma	160	150	145	130	125	115
South Dakota	145	125	135	85	85	85
Texas	1,770	1,560	1,560	1,180	1,210	1,250
Washington	120	150	140	105	115	115
Other States	195	195	195	110	120	115
United States	7,570	7,032	7,117	4,575	4,650	4,495

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 April 1, 2023. The inventory was 4 percent below April 1, 2022. The inventory included 7.12 million steers and steer calves, down 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.50 million head, down 2 percent from 2022.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.99 million head, 1 percent below 2022. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 390,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 310,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 540,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 517,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 175,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 60,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.98 million head, 1 percent below 2022. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 head during March, unchanged from 2022.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.