



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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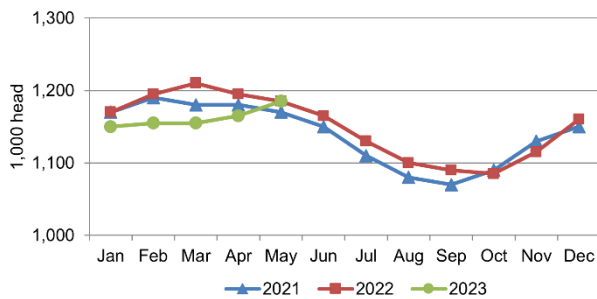
Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 630,000 head on May 1, 2023, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 2 percent from April and up 2 percent from May 1, 2022. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 555,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but down 2 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,185,000 head, up 2 percent from last month but unchanged from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April 2023 totaled 91,000 head, down 17 percent from March and down 3 percent from April 2022. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head, up 6 percent from March and up 15 percent from April 2022. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 146,000 head, down 9 percent from March but up 3 percent from April 2022.

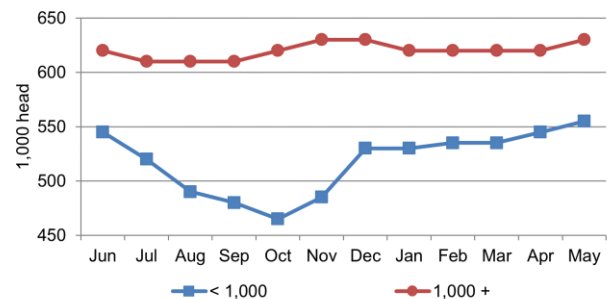
Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April 2023 totaled 79,000 head, down 26 percent from March and down 14 percent from April 2022. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 43,000 head, up 8 percent from March but down 22 percent from April 2022. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 122,000 head, down 17 percent from March and down 17 percent from April 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.

**Cattle on Feed, Inventory in all Feedlots
Iowa: 2021-2023**



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



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 , April 1, 2023	620	545	1,165
April placements	91	55	146
April marketings	79	43	122
April other disappearance ²	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, May 1, 2023	630	555	1,185

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 May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			Other disappearance ² during April		
	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	287	258	90	29	27	93	26	25	96	1	1	100
California	570	535	94	74	69	93	63	53	84	6	6	100
Colorado	1,090	980	90	165	145	88	170	140	82	5	5	100
Idaho	300	315	105	35	37	106	38	41	108	2	1	50
Iowa	620	630	102	94	91	97	92	79	86	2	2	100
Kansas	2,480	2,440	98	430	420	98	450	400	89	10	10	100
Minnesota	100	100	100	14	17	121	13	11	85	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,650	2,530	95	440	420	95	440	410	93	10	10	100
Oklahoma	275	250	91	42	45	107	56	54	96	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	220	220	100	27	31	115	35	30	86	2	1	50
Texas	2,900	2,790	96	395	370	94	435	380	87	10	10	100
Washington	235	255	109	41	37	90	30	36	120	1	1	100
Other States	295	305	103	38	39	103	45	42	93	3	2	67
United States ..	12,022	11,608	97	1,824	1,748	96	1,893	1,701	90	54	51	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 11.6 million head on May 1, 2023. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2022.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.75 million head, 4 percent below 2022. Net placements were 1.70 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 245,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 410,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 458,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 205,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 70,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.70 million head, 10 percent below 2022.

Other disappearance totaled 51,000 head during April, 6 percent below 2022.

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

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

