



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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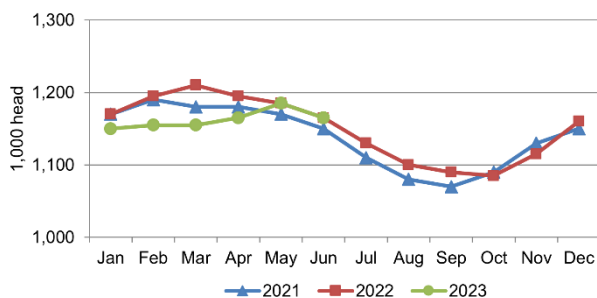
**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 630,000 head on June 1, 2023, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from May but up 2 percent from June 1, 2022. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 535,000 head on feed, down 4 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,165,000 head, down 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 May 2023 totaled 74,000 head, down 19 percent from April but unchanged from May 2022. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head, unchanged from April but up 20 percent from May 2022. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 129,000 head, down 12 percent from April but up 8 percent from May 2022.

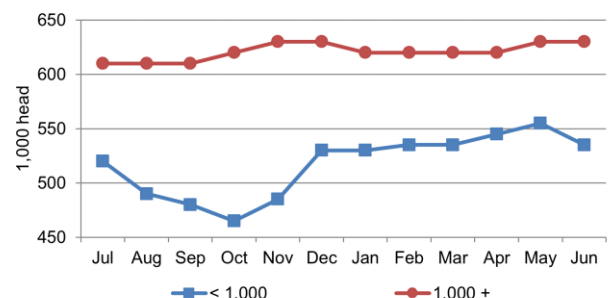
**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May 2023 totaled 72,000 head, down 9 percent from April but up 1 percent from May 2022. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 73,000 head, up 70 percent from April and up 18 percent from May 2022. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 145,000 head, up 19 percent from April and up 9 percent from May 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 <sup>1</sup> , May 1, 2023 .....	630	555	1,185
May placements .....	74	55	129
May marketings .....	72	73	145
May other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, June 1, 2023 .....	630	535	1,165

<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: 2022-2023**

State	Cattle on Feed <sup>1</sup> June 1			Placements during May			Marketings during May			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during May		
	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 .....	286	252	88	28	23	82	28	27	96	1	1	100
California .....	570	545	96	64	74	116	57	56	98	7	8	114
Colorado .....	1,090	1,000	92	165	175	106	155	145	94	10	10	100
Idaho .....	290	305	105	35	39	111	43	48	112	2	1	50
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>
Kansas .....	2,490	2,470	99	480	495	103	460	455	99	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	100	100	100	11	11	100	10	10	100	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,530	2,450	97	395	450	114	495	520	105	20	20	100
Oklahoma .....	275	250	91	54	57	106	53	56	106	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	195	200	103	28	26	93	47	40	85	6	6	100
Texas .....	2,940	2,810	96	460	455	99	410	425	104	10	10	100
Washington .....	235	245	104	36	33	92	34	42	124	2	1	50
Other States ....	280	295	105	39	43	110	51	50	98	3	3	100
United States ..	11,901	11,552	97	1,869	1,955	105	1,914	1,946	102	76	74	97

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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 June 1, 2023. The inventory was 3 percent below June 1, 2022.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.96 million head, 5 percent above 2022. Net placements were 1.88 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 295,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 480,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 505,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 215,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 80,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.95 million head, 2 percent above 2022.

Other disappearance totaled 74,000 head during May, 3 percent below 2022.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

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

