



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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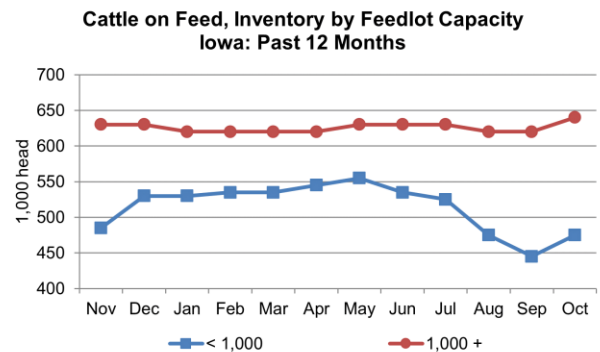
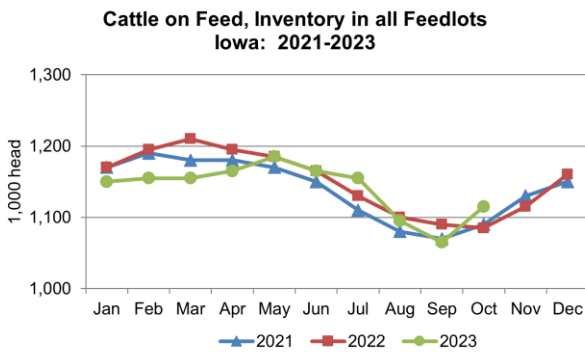
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 640,000 head on October 1, 2023, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 3 percent from both September 1, 2023, and October 1, 2022. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 475,000 head on feed, up 7 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,115,000 head, up 5 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September 2023 totaled 88,000 head, up 17 percent from August and up 4 percent from September 2022. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 64,000 head, up 33 percent from August and up 45 percent from September 2022. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 152,000 head, up 24 percent from August and up 18 percent from September 2022.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September 2023 totaled 67,000 head, down 9 percent from August and down 8 percent from September 2022. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 30,000 head, down 60 percent from August and down 47 percent from September 2022. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 97,000 head, down 35 percent from August and down 25 percent from September 2022. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 5,000 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 <sup>1</sup> , September 1, 2023 .....	620	445	1,065
September placements .....	88	64	152
September marketings .....	67	30	97
September other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	1	4	5
Cattle on feed, October 1, 2023 .....	640	475	1,115

<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> October 1			Placements during September			Marketings during September			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during September		
	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 .....	274	250	91	19	24	126	21	17	81	1	1	100
California .....	510	505	99	45	43	96	48	46	96	7	7	100
Colorado .....	1,070	990	93	210	195	93	165	150	91	5	5	100
Idaho .....	290	295	102	61	56	92	44	44	100	2	2	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>
Kansas .....	2,360	2,500	106	445	505	113	455	405	89	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	85	95	112	14	14	100	18	13	72	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,470	2,420	98	590	610	103	480	450	94	10	10	100
Oklahoma .....	285	290	102	52	56	108	45	29	64	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	185	185	100	45	49	109	34	33	97	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,820	2,850	101	410	465	113	400	340	85	10	15	150
Washington .....	245	255	104	43	43	100	37	32	86	1	1	100
Other States ....	295	305	103	61	58	95	40	37	93	1	1	100
United States ..	11,509	11,580	101	2,080	2,206	106	1,860	1,663	89	53	57	108

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<sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**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		
	October 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	October 1, 2023	October 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	October 1, 2023
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Arizona .....	264	239	240	10	10	10
California .....	435	450	405	75	90	100
Colorado .....	590	550	530	480	440	460
Idaho .....	155	160	165	135	135	130
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>170</b>
Kansas .....	1,270	1,270	1,350	1,090	1,130	1,150
Minnesota .....	70	85	80	15	15	15
Nebraska .....	1,490	1,450	1,490	980	880	930
Oklahoma .....	155	135	155	130	115	135
South Dakota .....	105	110	105	80	70	80
Texas .....	1,610	1,500	1,630	1,210	1,220	1,220
Washington .....	130	125	135	115	115	120
Other States .....	185	180	190	110	100	115
United States .....	6,934	6,734	6,945	4,575	4,470	4,635

**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 October 1, 2023. The inventory was 1 percent above October 1, 2022. This is the second highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 6.95 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.64 million head, up 1 percent from 2022.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.21 million head, 6 percent above 2022. Net placements were 2.15 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 355,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 485,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 521,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 290,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.66 million head, 11 percent below 2022.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during September, 8 percent above 2022.

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