



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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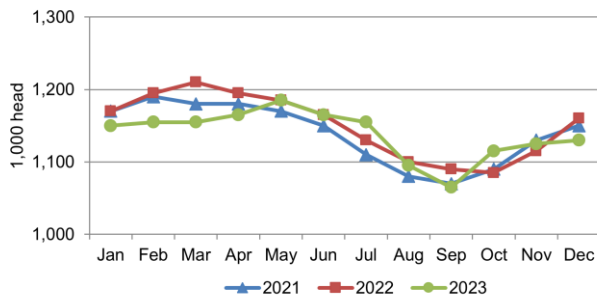
**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 640,000 head on December 1, 2023, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 2 percent from November but up 2 percent from December 1, 2022. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 490,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month but down 8 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,130,000 head, up slightly 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 November 2023 totaled 88,000 head, down 5 percent from October and down 7 percent from November 2022. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 75,000 head, up 9 percent from October but down 20 percent from November 2022. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 163,000 head, up 1 percent from October but down 14 percent from November 2022.

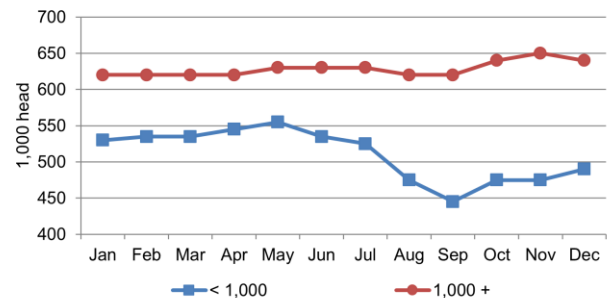
**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November 2023 totaled 97,000 head, up 18 percent from October and up 3 percent from November 2022. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 54,000 head, down 18 percent from October but up 15 percent from November 2022. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 151,000 head, up 2 percent from October and up 7 percent from November 2022. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 7,000 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> , November 1, 2023 .....	650	475	1,125
November placements .....	88	75	163
November marketings .....	97	54	151
November other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	1	6	7
Cattle on feed, December 1, 2023 .....	640	490	1,130

<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> December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during November		
	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 .....	268	266	99	23	29	126	25	20	80	1	1	100
California .....	505	510	101	60	65	108	53	55	104	7	5	71
Colorado .....	1,040	1,030	99	145	155	107	170	150	88	5	5	100
Idaho .....	315	320	102	53	50	94	42	43	102	1	2	200
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,330	2,500	107	420	385	92	410	395	96	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	95	100	105	17	15	88	16	14	88	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,610	2,580	99	505	490	97	480	440	92	15	10	67
Oklahoma .....	280	325	116	38	49	129	47	38	81	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	220	230	105	71	59	83	59	48	81	2	1	50
Texas .....	2,810	2,910	104	370	390	105	410	365	89	10	15	150
Washington .....	270	270	100	50	41	82	39	40	103	1	1	100
Other States ....	320	325	102	58	52	90	46	46	100	2	1	50
United States ..	11,693	12,006	103	1,905	1,868	98	1,891	1,751	93	57	54	95

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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, 2023. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2022.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.87 million head, 2 percent below 2022. Net placements were 1.81 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 535,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 440,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 380,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 288,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 140,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 85,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.75 million head, 7 percent below 2022.

Other disappearance totaled 54,000 head during November, 5 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**

