



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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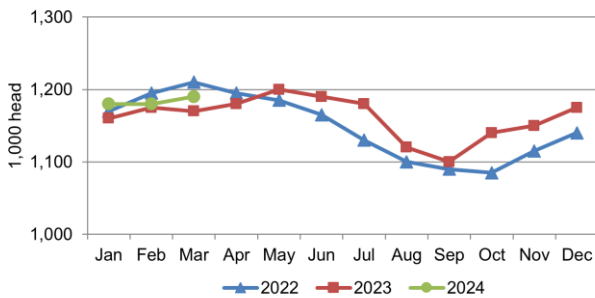
Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 650,000 head on March 1, 2024, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 2 percent from February and up 2 percent from March 1, 2023. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 540,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but up 2 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,190,000 head, up 1 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February 2024 totaled 118,000 head, up 3 percent from January and up 18 percent from February 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 56,000 head, down 5 percent from January but up 2 percent from February 2023. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 174,000 head, unchanged from January but up 12 percent from February 2023.

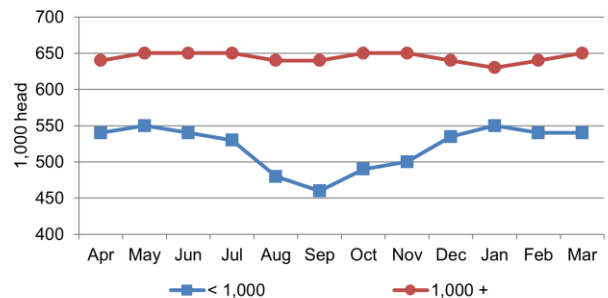
Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February 2024 totaled 106,000 head, up 3 percent from January but down 2 percent from February 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 54,000 head, down 16 percent from January but up 15 percent from February 2023. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 160,000 head, down 4 percent from January but up 3 percent from February 2023. **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: 2022-2024**



**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 , February 1, 2024	640	540	1,180
February placements	118	56	174
February marketings	106	54	160
February other disappearance ²	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, March 1, 2024	650	540	1,190

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: 2023-2024

State	Cattle on Feed ¹ March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			Other disappearance ² during February		
	2023	2024	'24 as % of '23	2023	2024	'24 as % of '23	2023	2024	'24 as % of '23	2023	2024	'24 as % of '23
	(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	260	258	99	23	22	96	26	25	96	1	1	100
California	520	520	100	59	66	112	52	60	115	7	6	86
Colorado	1,010	1,020	101	135	155	115	150	140	93	5	5	100
Idaho	325	345	106	36	43	119	35	41	117	1	2	200
Iowa	640	650	102	100	118	118	108	106	98	2	2	100
Kansas	2,460	2,400	98	425	455	107	405	435	107	10	10	100
Minnesota	95	105	111	14	14	100	13	13	100	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,530	2,560	101	435	505	116	460	480	104	15	15	100
Oklahoma	270	330	122	26	38	146	30	37	123	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	215	245	114	37	42	114	35	36	103	2	1	50
Texas	2,780	2,820	101	360	355	99	340	345	101	10	10	100
Washington	255	255	100	36	33	92	35	37	106	1	1	100
Other States	325	330	102	37	44	119	45	38	84	2	1	50
United States ..	11,685	11,838	101	1,723	1,890	110	1,734	1,793	103	58	56	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 11.8 million head on March 1, 2024. The inventory was 1 percent above March 1, 2023.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.89 million head, 10 percent above 2023. Placements were the highest for February since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.83 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 330,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 515,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 485,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 150,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 50,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.79 million head, 3 percent above 2023.

Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during February, 3 percent below 2023.

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

