



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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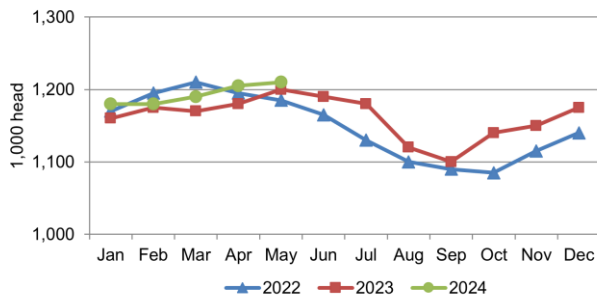
Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 660,000 head on May 1, 2024, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from April but up 2 percent from May 1, 2023. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 550,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,210,000 head, up slightly from last month and up 1 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April 2024 totaled 89,000 head, down 15 percent from March and down 2 percent from April 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 67,000 head, up 24 percent from March and up 22 percent from April 2023. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 156,000 head, down 2 percent from March but up 7 percent from April 2023.

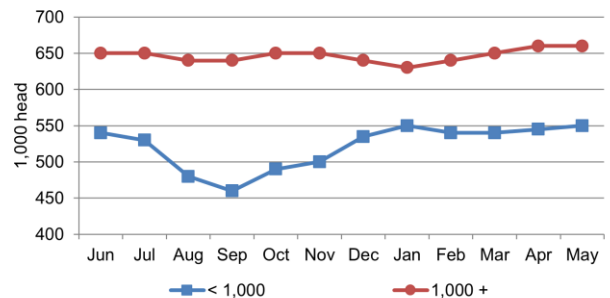
Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April 2024 totaled 87,000 head, down 6 percent from March but up 10 percent from April 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 60,000 head, up 28 percent from March and up 40 percent from April 2023. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 147,000 head, up 5 percent from March and up 20 percent from April 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 , April 1, 2024	660	545	1,205
April placements	89	67	156
April marketings	87	60	147
April other disappearance ²	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, May 1, 2024	660	550	1,210

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 May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			Other disappearance ² during April		
	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	259	254	98	28	23	82	25	24	96	1	1	100
California	535	525	98	69	60	87	53	59	111	6	6	100
Colorado	980	950	97	145	135	93	140	170	121	5	5	100
Idaho	315	340	108	37	39	105	41	43	105	1	1	100
Iowa	650	660	102	91	89	98	79	87	110	2	2	100
Kansas	2,440	2,300	94	420	370	88	400	460	115	10	10	100
Minnesota	100	110	110	16	16	100	10	10	100	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,540	2,510	99	430	445	103	410	465	113	10	10	100
Oklahoma	250	320	128	45	44	98	54	53	98	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	220	245	111	31	30	97	30	34	113	1	1	100
Texas	2,790	2,770	99	370	330	89	380	385	101	10	15	150
Washington	255	245	96	37	34	92	36	38	106	1	1	100
Other States	320	325	102	39	41	105	42	44	105	2	2	100
United States ..	11,654	11,554	99	1,758	1,656	94	1,700	1,872	110	51	56	110

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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, 2024. The inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2023.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.66 million head, 6 percent below 2023. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 335,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 220,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 375,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 451,000 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 1.87 million head, 10 percent above 2023.

Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during April, 10 percent above 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

