



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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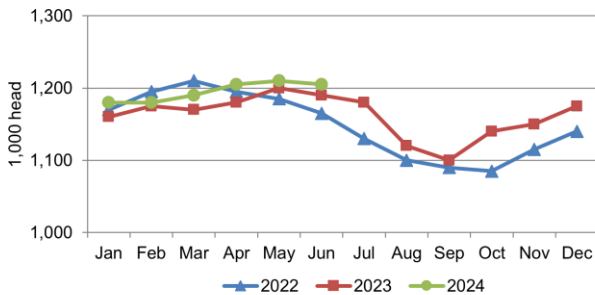
**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 660,000 head on June 1, 2024, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from May but up 2 percent from June 1, 2023. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 545,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month but up 1 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,205,000 head, down slightly from last month but up 1 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May 2024 totaled 73,000 head, down 18 percent from April and down 3 percent from May 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 52,000 head, down 22 percent from April and down 13 percent from May 2023. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 125,000 head, down 20 percent from April and down 7 percent from May 2023.

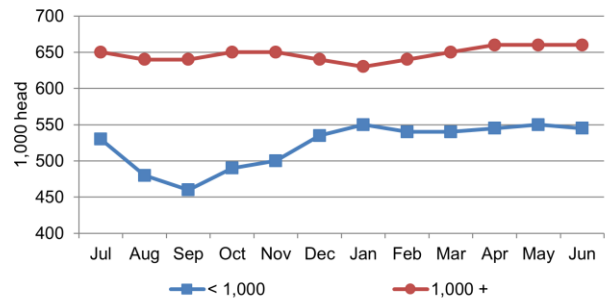
**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May 2024 totaled 71,000 head, down 18 percent from April and down 3 percent from May 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 56,000 head, down 7 percent from April and down 18 percent from May 2023. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 127,000 head, down 14 percent from April and down 10 percent from May 2023. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 3,000 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	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> , May 1, 2024 .....	660	550	1,210
May placements .....	73	52	125
May marketings .....	71	56	127
May other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	2	1	3
Cattle on feed, June 1, 2024 .....	660	545	1,205

<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: 2023-2024**

State	Cattle on Feed <sup>1</sup> June 1			Placements during May			Marketings during May			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during May		
	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 .....	255	253	99	24	25	104	27	25	93	1	1	100
California .....	545	525	96	74	60	81	56	54	96	8	6	75
Colorado .....	1,000	960	96	175	170	97	145	155	107	10	5	50
Idaho .....	305	335	110	39	43	110	48	47	98	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,470	2,320	94	495	485	98	455	455	100	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	100	105	105	11	9	82	10	13	130	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,450	2,480	101	450	495	110	520	510	98	20	15	75
Oklahoma .....	250	330	132	57	74	130	56	63	113	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	200	220	110	28	24	86	42	47	112	6	2	33
Texas .....	2,810	2,840	101	455	505	111	425	420	99	10	15	150
Washington .....	245	245	100	33	39	118	42	38	90	1	1	100
Other States ....	310	310	100	46	44	96	53	57	108	3	2	67
United States ..	11,590	11,583	100	1,962	2,046	104	1,952	1,955	100	74	62	84

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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, 2024. The inventory was slightly below June 1, 2023.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.05 million head, 4 percent above 2023. Net placements were 1.98 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 315,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 485,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 531,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 230,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.96 million head, slightly above 2023.

Other disappearance totaled 62,000 head during May, 16 percent below 2023.

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**

