



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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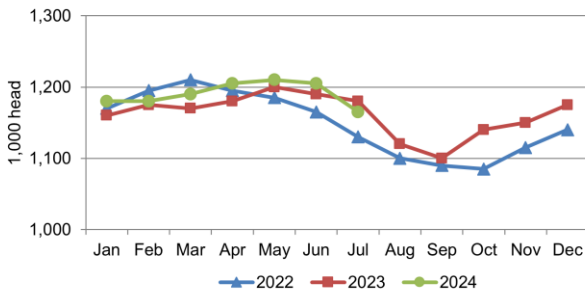
Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 650,000 head on July 1, 2024, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 2 percent from June but unchanged from July 1, 2023. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 515,000 head on feed, down 6 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,165,000 head, down 3 percent from last month and down 1 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during June 2024 totaled 47,000 head, down 36 percent from May and down 22 percent from June 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 35,000 head, down 33 percent from May and down 19 percent from June 2023. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 82,000 head, down 34 percent from May and down 20 percent from June 2023.

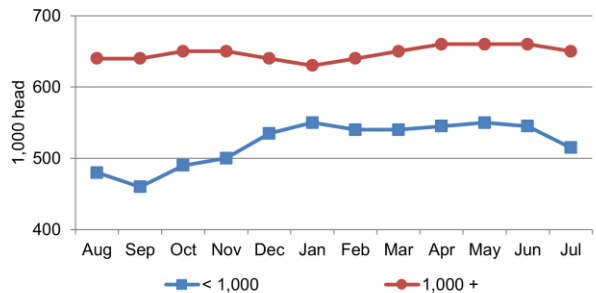
Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during June 2024 totaled 56,000 head, down 21 percent from May and down 3 percent from June 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 63,000 head, up 13 percent from May and up 24 percent from June 2023. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 119,000 head, down 6 percent from May but up 9 percent from June 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 (1,000 head)	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity (1,000 head)	All feedlots (1,000 head)
Cattle on feed ¹ , June 1, 2024	660	545	1,205
June placements	47	35	82
June marketings	56	63	119
June other disappearance ²	1	2	3
Cattle on feed, July 1, 2024	650	515	1,165

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 July 1			Placements during June			Marketings during June			Other disappearance ² during June		
	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	253	249	98	26	19	73	27	22	81	1	1	100
California	540	530	98	67	65	97	64	54	84	8	6	75
Colorado	990	970	98	135	150	111	140	135	96	5	5	100
Idaho	295	330	112	33	34	103	42	38	90	1	1	100
Iowa	650	650	100	60	47	78	58	56	97	2	1	50
Kansas	2,400	2,220	93	400	310	78	460	400	87	10	10	100
Minnesota	100	105	105	13	10	77	12	9	75	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,330	2,390	103	425	415	98	525	495	94	20	10	50
Oklahoma	250	325	130	57	49	86	56	53	95	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	180	205	114	22	24	109	40	36	90	2	3	150
Texas	2,720	2,790	103	370	365	99	445	400	90	15	15	100
Washington	240	240	100	36	39	108	40	43	108	1	1	100
Other States	295	300	102	35	37	106	48	45	94	2	2	100
United States ..	11,243	11,304	101	1,679	1,564	93	1,957	1,786	91	69	57	83

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – States and United States: 2023-2024

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	July 1, 2023	April 1, 2024	July 1, 2024	July 1, 2023	April 1, 2024	July 1, 2024
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Arizona	243	246	239	10	10	10
California	450	435	435	90	95	95
Colorado	550	530	500	440	460	470
Idaho	160	195	180	135	150	150
Iowa	495	510	510	155	150	140
Kansas	1,270	1,340	1,220	1,130	1,060	1,000
Minnesota	85	90	90	15	15	15
Nebraska	1,450	1,660	1,510	880	880	880
Oklahoma	135	185	180	115	145	145
South Dakota	110	155	125	70	95	80
Texas	1,500	1,570	1,510	1,220	1,270	1,280
Washington	125	135	130	115	115	110
Other States	195	215	195	100	115	105
United States	6,768	7,266	6,824	4,475	4,560	4,480

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 11.3 million head on July 1, 2024. The inventory was 1 percent above July 1, 2023. The inventory included 6.82 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.48 million head, up slightly from 2023.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.56 million head, 7 percent below 2023. Net placements were 1.51 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 255,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 350,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 349,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 165,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 80,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.79 million head, 9 percent below 2023. Marketings were the second lowest for June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during June, 17 percent below 2023.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.