



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

Iowa Field Office · 210 Walnut Street Ste 833 · Des Moines IA 50309 · (515) 776-3400 · (800) 772-0825
fax (855) 271-9802 · www.nass.usda.gov/ia

Cooperating with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

August 23, 2024 - For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Greg Thessen

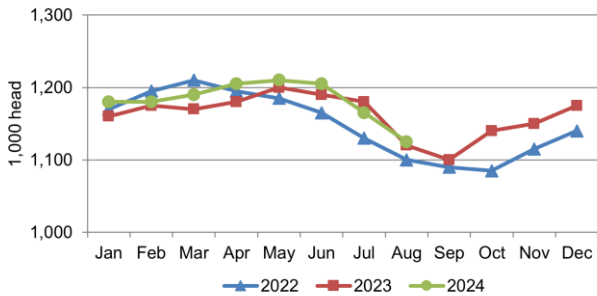
Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 650,000 head on August 1, 2024, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from July but up 2 percent from August 1, 2023. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 475,000 head on feed, down 8 percent from last month and down 1 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,125,000 head, down 3 percent from last month but up slightly from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July 2024 totaled 56,000 head, up 19 percent from June and up 10 percent from July 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 34,000 head, down 3 percent from June but up 26 percent from July 2023. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 90,000 head, up 10 percent from June and up 15 percent from July 2023.

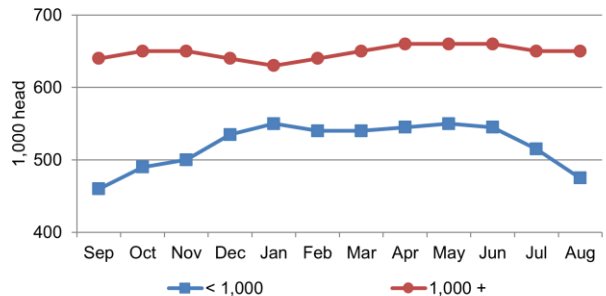
Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July 2024 totaled 55,000 head, down 2 percent from June and down 7 percent from July 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 72,000 head, up 14 percent from June but down 4 percent from July 2023. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 127,000 head, up 7 percent from June but down 5 percent from July 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 , July 1, 2024	650	515	1,165
July placements	56	34	90
July marketings	55	72	127
July other disappearance ²	1	2	3
Cattle on feed, August 1, 2024	650	475	1,125

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 August 1			Placements during July			Marketings during July			Other disappearance ² during July		
	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	249	240	96	21	16	76	24	24	100	1	1	100
California	525	520	99	44	45	102	51	49	96	8	6	75
Colorado	980	960	98	115	145	126	120	150	125	5	5	100
Idaho	280	310	111	33	32	97	46	51	111	2	1	50
Iowa	640	650	102	51	56	110	59	55	93	2	1	50
Kansas	2,350	2,210	94	410	425	104	450	425	94	10	10	100
Minnesota	95	100	105	9	8	89	13	12	92	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,280	2,320	102	425	450	106	460	510	111	15	10	67
Oklahoma	255	325	127	38	45	118	32	44	138	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	170	190	112	21	21	100	29	34	117	2	2	100
Texas	2,720	2,740	101	375	385	103	360	420	117	15	15	100
Washington	235	240	102	33	37	112	37	36	97	1	1	100
Other States	285	290	102	33	37	112	41	45	110	2	2	100
United States ..	11,064	11,095	100	1,608	1,702	106	1,722	1,855	108	65	56	86

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.

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 11.1 million head on August 1, 2024. The inventory was slightly above August 1, 2023.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.70 million head, 6 percent above 2023. Net placements were 1.65 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 390,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 265,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 385,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 387,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 200,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 75,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.86 million head, 8 percent above 2023.

Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during July, 14 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

