



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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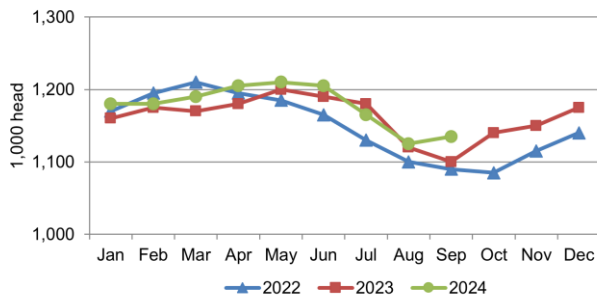
**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 660,000 head on September 1, 2024, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 2 percent from August and up 3 percent from September 1, 2023. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 475,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but up 3 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,135,000 head, up 1 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August 2024 totaled 75,000 head, up 34 percent from July but down 3 percent from August 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 51,000 head, up 50 percent from July but down 12 percent from August 2023. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 126,000 head, up 40 percent from July but down 7 percent from August 2023.

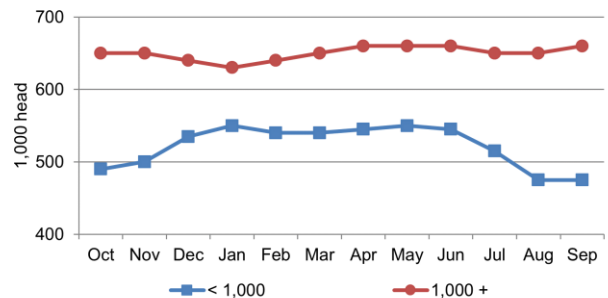
**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August 2024 totaled 64,000 head, up 16 percent from July but down 16 percent from August 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 48,000 head, down 33 percent from July and down 36 percent from August 2023. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 112,000 head, down 12 percent from July and down 26 percent from August 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	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> , August 1, 2024 .....	650	475	1,125
August placements .....	75	51	126
August marketings .....	64	48	112
August other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	1	3	4
Cattle on feed, September 1, 2024 .....	660	475	1,135

<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> September 1			Placements during August			Marketings during August			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during August		
	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 .....	247	233	94	21	15	71	22	21	95	1	1	100
California .....	515	520	101	48	61	127	51	55	108	7	6	86
Colorado .....	950	970	102	120	155	129	145	140	97	5	5	100
Idaho .....	285	315	111	48	50	104	42	44	105	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,410	2,280	95	550	535	97	480	455	95	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	95	95	100	13	10	77	12	14	117	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,270	2,320	102	510	495	97	510	485	95	10	10	100
Oklahoma .....	265	330	125	43	50	116	32	44	138	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	170	185	109	35	29	83	34	33	97	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,740	2,750	100	440	415	94	405	390	96	15	15	100
Washington .....	245	245	100	45	36	80	34	30	88	1	1	100
Other States ....	295	295	100	53	49	92	42	43	102	1	1	100
United States ..	11,127	11,198	101	2,003	1,975	99	1,885	1,818	96	55	54	98

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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 11.2 million head on September 1, 2024. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2023.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.98 million head, 1 percent below 2023. Net placements were 1.92 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 305,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 435,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 485,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 265,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.82 million head, 4 percent below 2023.

Other disappearance totaled 54,000 head during August, 2 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**

