



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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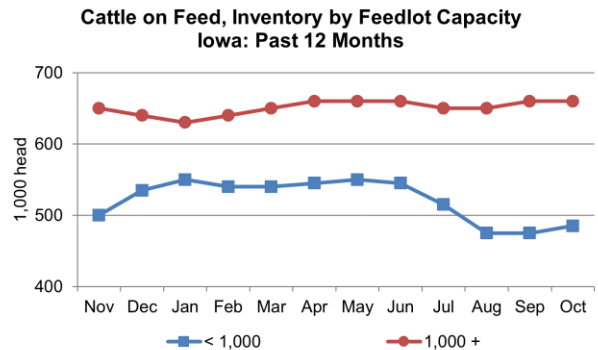
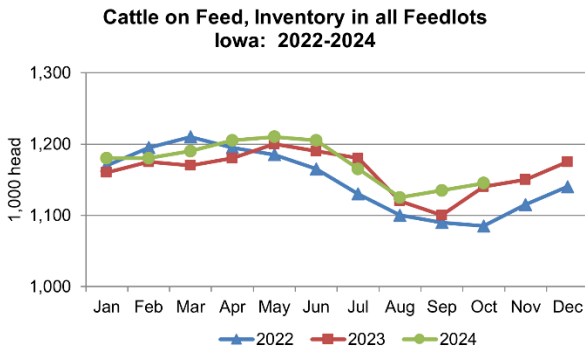
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 660,000 head on October 1, 2024, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from September but up 2 percent from October 1, 2023. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 485,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,145,000 head, up 1 percent from last month and up slightly from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September 2024 totaled 72,000 head, down 4 percent from August and down 8 percent from September 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 73,000 head, up 43 percent from August and up 14 percent from September 2023. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 145,000 head, up 15 percent from August and up 2 percent from September 2023.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September 2024 totaled 71,000 head, up 11 percent from August and up 6 percent from September 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 59,000 head, up 23 percent from August and up 97 percent from September 2023. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 130,000 head, up 16 percent from August and up 34 percent from September 2023. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 5,000 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.



## 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 <sup>1</sup> , September 1, 2024 .....	660	475	1,135
September placements .....	72	73	145
September marketings .....	71	59	130
September other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	1	4	5
Cattle on feed, October 1, 2024 .....	660	485	1,145

<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> October 1			Placements during September			Marketings during September			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during September		
	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 .....	254	230	91	25	16	64	17	18	106	1	1	100
California .....	505	515	102	43	61	142	46	60	130	7	6	86
Colorado .....	990	1,000	101	195	185	95	150	150	100	5	5	100
Idaho .....	300	330	110	60	63	105	43	46	107	2	2	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,500	2,370	95	505	505	100	405	405	100	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	95	100	105	14	16	114	13	10	77	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,420	2,470	102	610	610	100	450	450	100	10	10	100
Oklahoma .....	290	345	119	56	57	102	29	40	138	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	185	195	105	49	47	96	33	36	109	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,850	2,820	99	465	425	91	340	340	100	15	15	100
Washington .....	255	255	100	43	42	98	32	31	97	1	1	100
Other States ....	310	310	100	55	57	104	39	41	105	1	1	100
United States ..	11,604	11,600	100	2,198	2,156	98	1,664	1,698	102	57	56	98

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<sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**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		
	October 1, 2023	July 1, 2024	October 1, 2024	October 1, 2023	July 1, 2024	October 1, 2024
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Arizona .....	244	239	220	10	10	10
California .....	405	435	420	100	95	95
Colorado .....	530	500	525	460	470	475
Idaho .....	165	180	175	135	150	155
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>150</b>
Kansas .....	1,350	1,220	1,340	1,150	1,000	1,030
Minnesota .....	80	90	85	15	15	15
Nebraska .....	1,490	1,510	1,530	930	880	940
Oklahoma .....	155	180	190	135	145	155
South Dakota .....	105	125	110	80	80	85
Texas .....	1,630	1,510	1,560	1,220	1,280	1,260
Washington .....	135	130	135	120	110	120
Other States .....	195	195	200	115	105	110
United States .....	6,964	6,824	7,000	4,640	4,480	4,600

**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 October 1, 2024. The inventory was slightly below October 1, 2023. The inventory included 7.00 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 4.60 million head, down 1 percent from 2023.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.16 million head, 2 percent below 2023. Net placements were 2.10 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 430,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 330,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 465,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 526,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 305,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 100,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.70 million head, 2 percent above 2023.

Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during September, 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).