



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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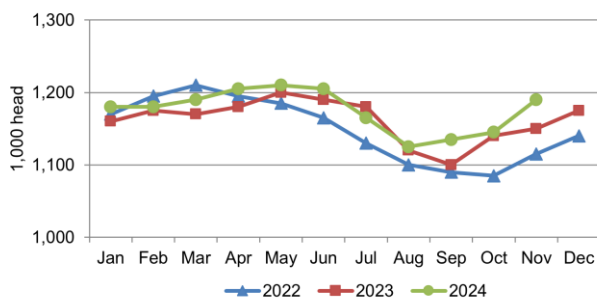
Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 670,000 head on November 1, 2024, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 2 percent from October and up 3 percent from November 1, 2023. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 520,000 head on feed, up 7 percent from last month and up 4 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,190,000 head, up 4 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 October 2024 totaled 95,000 head, up 32 percent from September and up 14 percent from October 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 83,000 head, up 14 percent from September and up 5 percent from October 2023. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 178,000 head, up 23 percent from September and up 10 percent from October 2023.

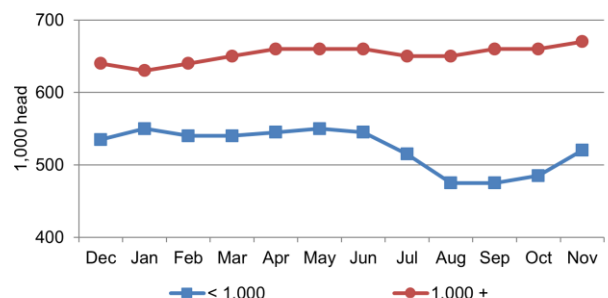
Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October 2024 totaled 84,000 head, up 18 percent from September and up 2 percent from October 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 45,000 head, down 24 percent from September and down 32 percent from October 2023. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 129,000 head, down 1 percent from September and down 13 percent from October 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 (1,000 head)	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity (1,000 head)	All feedlots (1,000 head)
Cattle on feed ¹ , October 1, 2024	660	485	1,145
October placements	95	83	178
October marketings	84	45	129
October other disappearance ²	1	3	4
Cattle on feed, November 1, 2024	670	520	1,190

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 November 1			Placements during October			Marketings during October			Other disappearance ² during October		
	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	261	231	89	26	21	81	18	19	106	1	1	100
California	505	515	102	52	57	110	46	51	111	6	6	100
Colorado	1,030	1,060	103	205	210	102	160	145	91	5	5	100
Idaho	320	330	103	59	50	85	37	48	130	2	2	100
Iowa	650	670	103	83	95	114	82	84	102	1	1	100
Kansas	2,520	2,415	96	440	485	110	410	430	105	10	10	100
Minnesota	100	105	105	20	22	110	14	16	114	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,540	2,590	102	610	625	102	480	495	103	10	10	100
Oklahoma	315	365	116	58	66	114	32	45	141	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	220	225	102	69	70	101	33	39	118	1	1	100
Texas	2,900	2,880	99	440	470	107	375	395	105	15	15	100
Washington	270	270	100	51	50	98	35	34	97	1	1	100
Other States	325	330	102	57	65	114	41	44	107	1	1	100
United States ..	11,956	11,986	100	2,170	2,286	105	1,763	1,845	105	55	55	100

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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 12.0 million head on November 1, 2024. The inventory was slightly above November 1, 2023.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.29 million head, 5 percent above 2023. Net placements were 2.23 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 585,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 480,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 490,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 436,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 215,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 80,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.85 million head, 5 percent above 2023.

Other disappearance totaled 55,000 head during October, unchanged from 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

