



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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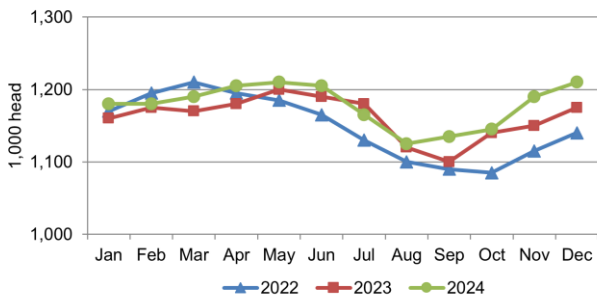
**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 660,000 head on December 1, 2024, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 1 percent from November but up 3 percent from December 1, 2023. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 550,000 head on feed, up 6 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,210,000 head, up 2 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 November 2024 totaled 91,000 head, down 4 percent from October but up 3 percent from November 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 113,000 head, up 36 percent from October and up 26 percent from November 2023. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 204,000 head, up 15 percent from October and up 15 percent from November 2023.

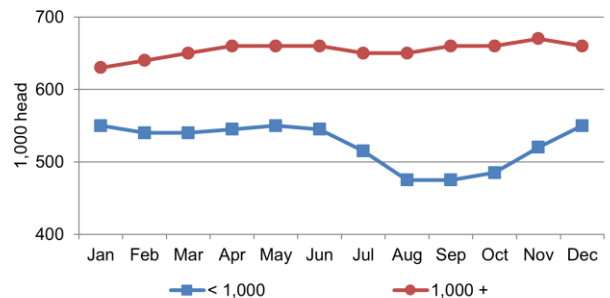
**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November 2024 totaled 100,000 head, up 19 percent from October and up 3 percent from November 2023. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 81,000 head, up 80 percent from October and up 65 percent from November 2023. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 181,000 head, up 40 percent from October and up 24 percent from November 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 <sup>1</sup> , November 1, 2024 .....	670	520	1,190
November placements .....	91	113	204
November marketings .....	100	81	181
November other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	1	2	3
Cattle on feed, December 1, 2024 .....	660	550	1,210

<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> December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during November		
	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 .....	266	232	87	26	22	85	20	20	100	1	1	100
California .....	510	510	100	65	52	80	55	51	93	5	6	120
Colorado .....	1,030	1,060	103	155	135	87	150	130	87	5	5	100
Idaho .....	330	330	100	55	45	82	43	44	102	2	1	50
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,500	2,420	97	385	400	104	395	380	96	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	100	105	105	15	15	100	14	14	100	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,580	2,600	101	490	510	104	440	480	109	10	10	100
Oklahoma .....	325	365	112	49	44	90	38	42	111	1	2	200
South Dakota ..	230	235	102	59	56	95	48	45	94	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,910	2,880	99	390	345	88	365	330	90	15	15	100
Washington .....	270	260	96	41	34	83	40	43	108	1	1	100
Other States ....	325	325	100	47	47	100	46	46	100	1	1	100
United States ..	12,016	11,982	100	1,865	1,796	96	1,751	1,725	99	54	55	102

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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 December 1, 2024. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2023.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.80 million head, 4 percent below 2023. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 420,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 375,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 276,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 145,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 85,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.73 million head, 1 percent below 2023.

Other disappearance totaled 55,000 head during November, 2 percent above 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**

