



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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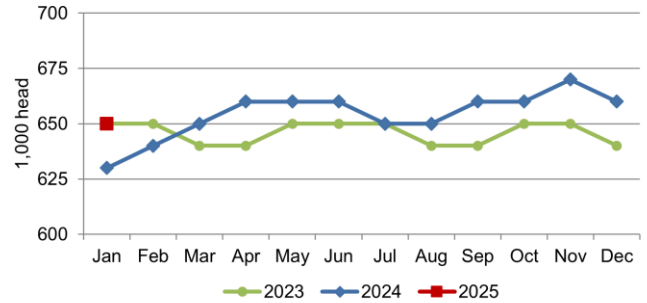
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 650,000 head on January 1, 2025, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 2 percent from December but up 3 percent from January 1, 2024.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 86,000 head, down 5 percent from November but up 4 percent from December 2023. **Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 95,000 head, down 5 percent from November but up 3 percent from December 2023. **Other disappearance** from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head in Iowa totaled 1,000 head.

Note: Iowa cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head estimates will be released on January 31, 2025.

Cattle on Feed, Inventory in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots - Iowa: 2023-2025



Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2024-2025

State	Cattle on Feed ¹ January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			Other disappearance ² during December		
	2024	2025	'25 as % of '24	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	265	233	88	20	23	115	20	21	105	1	1	100
California	520	520	100	77	65	84	61	49	80	6	6	100
Colorado	1,020	1,050	103	135	135	100	140	135	96	5	10	200
Idaho	335	330	99	45	41	91	39	40	103	1	1	100
Iowa	630	650	103	83	86	104	92	95	103	1	1	100
Kansas	2,480	2,400	97	395	410	104	405	420	104	10	10	100
Minnesota	105	(NA)	(NA)	16	(NA)	(NA)	10	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	2,560	2,580	101	435	460	106	440	465	106	15	15	100
Oklahoma	335	360	107	43	35	81	32	39	122	1	1	100
South Dakota ...	230	230	100	37	38	103	35	42	120	2	1	50
Texas	2,860	2,780	97	330	255	77	365	345	95	15	10	67
Washington	270	255	94	38	31	82	37	35	95	1	1	100
Other States	320	435	136	44	63	143	48	56	117	1	2	200
United States ...	11,930	11,823	99	1,698	1,642	97	1,724	1,742	101	60	59	98

(NA) Not available.

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: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – States and United States: 2024-2025

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	January 1, 2024	October 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2024	October 1, 2024	January 1, 2025
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Arizona	250	220	218	15	10	15
California	415	420	420	105	95	100
Colorado	540	525	550	480	475	500
Idaho	180	175	175	155	155	155
Iowa	475	510	500	155	150	150
Kansas	1,380	1,340	1,410	1,100	1,030	990
Minnesota	85	85	(NA)	20	15	(NA)
Nebraska	1,590	1,530	1,630	970	940	950
Oklahoma	195	190	205	140	155	155
South Dakota	135	110	135	95	85	95
Texas	1,610	1,560	1,570	1,250	1,260	1,210
Washington	145	135	140	125	120	115
Other States	195	200	295	125	110	140
United States	7,195	7,000	7,248	4,735	4,600	4,575

(NA) Not available.

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 11.8 million head on January 1, 2025. The inventory was 1 percent below January 1, 2024. The inventory included 7.25 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.58 million head, down 3 percent from 2024.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.64 million head, 3 percent below 2023. Net placements were 1.58 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 380,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 375,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 287,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 115,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million head, 1 percent above 2023.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 head during December, 2 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

