



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed



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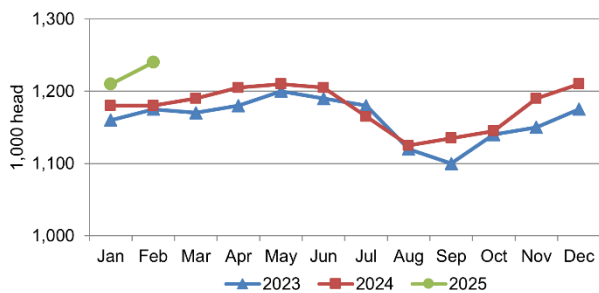
**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 670,000 head on February 1, 2025, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 3 percent from January and up 5 percent from February 1, 2024. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 570,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,240,000 head, up 2 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during January 2025 totaled 115,000 head, up 26 percent from December but unchanged from January 2024. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 90,000 head, up 32 percent from December and up 53 percent from January 2024. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 205,000 head, up 29 percent from December and up 18 percent from January 2024.

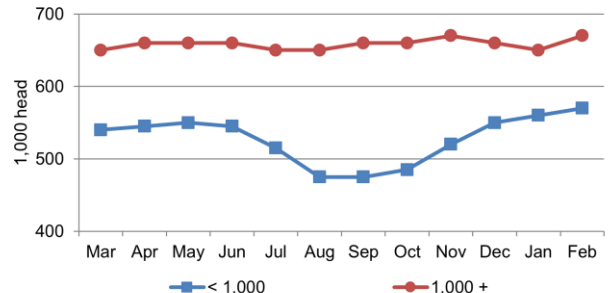
**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during January 2025 totaled 94,000 head, down 6 percent from December and down 9 percent from January 2024. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 72,000 head, up 31 percent from December and up 13 percent from January 2024. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 166,000 head, up 7 percent from December but down 1 percent from January 2024. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 9,000 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: 2023-2025**



**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> , January 1, 2025 .....	650	560	1,210
January placements .....	115	90	205
January marketings .....	94	72	166
January other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	1	8	9
Cattle on feed, February 1, 2025 .....	670	570	1,240

<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: 2024-2025**

State	Cattle on Feed <sup>1</sup> February 1			Placements during January			Marketings during January			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during January		
	2024	2025	'25 as % of '24	2024	2025	'25 as % of '24	2024	2025	'25 as % of '24	2024	2025	'25 as % of '24
	(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 .....	262	231	88	24	23	96	26	24	92	1	1	100
California .....	520	520	100	63	63	100	57	57	100	6	6	100
Colorado .....	1,010	1,030	102	135	130	96	135	145	107	10	5	50
Idaho .....	345	335	97	46	41	89	35	35	100	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>
Kansas .....	2,390	2,370	99	390	450	115	465	465	100	15	15	100
Nebraska .....	2,550	2,590	102	505	535	106	490	510	104	25	15	60
Oklahoma .....	330	345	105	35	34	97	39	48	123	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	240	230	96	41	35	85	30	34	113	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,820	2,700	96	345	295	86	370	365	99	15	10	67
Washington .....	260	255	98	32	36	113	41	35	85	1	1	100
Other States ....	325	440	135	49	65	133	42	57	136	2	3	150
United States ..	11,797	11,716	99	1,791	1,822	102	1,843	1,869	101	81	60	74

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**CATTLE ON FEED REVISIONS**

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve month to month relationships. Estimates for the previous month are subject to revision in all States each month when current estimates are made. In February, all monthly estimates for the previous twelve months are reviewed and subject to revisions. The reviews are primarily based on slaughter data, state check-off and any other data that may have been received after the original estimate was made.

**Cattle on Feed Revisions - Iowa: December 2023-January 2025**

	Inventory <sup>1</sup>			Placements			Marketings			Other disappearance		
	Lots 1,000+ head	Lots less than 1,000 head	All lots	Lots 1,000+ head	Lots less than 1,000 head	All lots	Lots 1,000+ head	Lots less than 1,000 head	All lots	Lots 1,000+ head	Lots less than 1,000 head	All lots
	(1,000) (head)	(1,000) (head)	(1,000) (head)	(1,000) (head)	(1,000) (head)	(1,000) (head)	(1,000) (head)	(1,000) (head)	(1,000) (head)	(1,000) (head)	(1,000) (head)	(1,000) (head)
December 2023 .	640	535	1,175	83	55	138	92	34	126	1	6	7
January 2024 .....	630	550	1,180	115	59	174	103	64	167	2	5	7
February .....	640	540	1,180	118	56	174	106	54	160	2	2	4
March .....	650	540	1,190	105	54	159	93	47	140	2	2	4
April .....	660	545	1,205	89	67	156	87	60	147	2	2	4
May .....	660	550	1,210	73	52	125	71	56	127	2	1	3
June .....	660	545	1,205	47	35	82	56	63	119	1	2	3
July .....	650	515	1,165	56	34	90	55	72	127	1	2	3
August .....	650	475	1,125	75	51	126	64	48	112	1	3	4
September .....	660	475	1,135	72	73	145	71	59	130	1	4	5
October .....	660	485	1,145	95	83	178	84	45	129	1	3	4
November .....	670	520	1,190	91	113	204	100	81	181	1	2	3
December .....	660	550	1,210	91	68	159	100	55	155	1	3	4
January 2025 .....	650	560	1,210	115	90	205	94	72	166	1	8	9

<sup>1</sup> Inventory as of the first of the month.