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## Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 862,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on January 1, 2008, up 1 percent from December 1, 2007, but down 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 570,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but up 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 292,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month, but down 17 percent from last year.

Placements during December totaled 116,000 head, a decrease of 23 percent from last month and a decrease of 18 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 71,000 head, down 26 percent from last month and down 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 45,000 head. This is up 22 percent from last month, but down 25 percent from last year.

Marketings for December were 99,000 head, down 9 percent from last month and 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 69,000 head, down 8 percent from last month but up 17 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 30,000 head, down 12 percent from last month and 35 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 8,000 head.

**United States:** Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on January 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2007 and 2 percent above January 1, 2006. This is the highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.65 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.38 million head, up 2 percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million, 1 percent below 2006 and 10 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.64 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 296,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.65 million, 1 percent above 2006, but 4 percent below 2005. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during December, 34 percent below 2006 and 36 percent below 2005.

### All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2007	570	283	853
December Placements	71	45	116
December Marketings	69	30	99
December Other Disappearance	2	6	8
Cattle on Feed, January 1, 2008	570	292	862

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month,  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1</sup>**

State	Cattle on Feed January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	334	368	110	26	26	100	31	24	77	2	1	50
CA	550	560	102	77	67	87	63	60	95	4	2	50
CO	1,100	1,100	100	135	170	126	150	135	90	5	5	100
ID	260	235	90	39	39	100	41	42	102	8	2	25
<b>IA</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>
KS	2,540	2,480	98	410	385	94	390	390	100	30	15	50
NE	2,540	2,530	100	390	355	91	350	335	96	10	10	100
NM	136	160	118	15	26	173	15	13	87	1	2	200
OK	350	350	100	46	44	96	42	37	88	4	2	50
SD	225	230	102	50	50	100	32	33	103	3	2	67
TX	2,870	2,960	103	370	380	103	385	420	109	15	10	67
WA	184	164	89	24	25	104	24	28	117	1	1	100
Oth Sts	365	390	107	50	63	126	43	59	137	2	4	200
US	11,974	12,097	101	1,714	1,701	99	1,625	1,645	101	88	58	66

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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