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## Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 806,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on May 1, 2008, down 2 percent from April 1, 2008, and down 6 percent from May 1, 2007. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 530,000 head on feed, down 4 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 276,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month, but down 15 percent from last year.

Placements during April totaled 95,000 head, an increase of 14 percent from last month and 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 59,000 head, unchanged from last month but down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 36,000 head. This is up 50 percent from last month and 13 percent from last year.

Marketings for April were 108,000 head, up 16 percent from last month and 17 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 77,000 head, up 13 percent from last month and 31 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 31,000 head, up 24 percent

from last month but down 6 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 7,000 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 11.1 million head on May 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2007 and 4 percent below May 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.54 million, 2 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315,000, 600-699 pounds were 278,000, 700-799 pounds were 428,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 515,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 2.01 million, 11 percent above 2007 and 13 percent above 2006. This is the highest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during April, 24 percent below 2007 and 14 percent below 2006.

### 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, April 1, 2008	550	276	826
April Placements	59	36	95
April Marketings	77	31	108
April Other Disappearance	2	5	7
Cattle on Feed, May 1, 2008	530	276	806

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

State	Cattle on Feed May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			April Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07
	<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	340	370	109	31	34	110	30	37	123	1	1	100
CA	550	520	95	85	64	75	61	70	115	4	4	100
CO	1,020	950	93	150	115	77	130	165	127	20	20	100
ID	235	225	96	35	28	80	40	32	80	5	1	20
<b>IA</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>
KS	2,350	2,290	97	355	360	101	445	470	106	40	20	50
NE	2,420	2,380	98	290	340	117	340	400	118	10	10	100
NM	118	150	127	12	9	75	24	16	67	1	1	100
OK	335	305	91	54	40	74	68	74	109	1	1	100
SD	230	220	96	36	33	92	34	37	109	2	1	50
TX	2,680	2,690	100	380	360	95	490	540	110	10	10	100
WA	154	155	101	22	33	150	30	29	97	1	1	100
Oth Sts	335	350	104	57	61	107	65	63	97	2	3	150
US	11,297	11,135	99	1,568	1,536	98	1,816	2,010	111	99	75	76

<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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