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## Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 717,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on January 1, 2009, up 1 percent from December 1, 2008, but down 17 percent from January 1, 2008. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 500,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but down 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 217,000 head on feed, up 5 percent from last month, but down 26 percent from last year.

Placements during December totaled 102,000 head, a decrease of 21 percent from last month and a decrease of 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 66,000 head, down 28 percent from last month and down 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 36,000 head. This is up 9 percent from last month, but down 20 percent from last year.

Marketings for December were 87,000 head, down 12 percent from both last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 64,000 head, down 15 percent from last month and down 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 23,000 head, down 4 percent from last month and 23 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 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 11.2 million head on January 1, 2009. The inventory was 7 percent below January 1, 2008 and 6 percent below January 1, 2007. The inventory included 7.07 million steers and steer calves, down 8 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.10 million head, down 6 percent from 2008.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.65 million, 3 percent below 2007 and 4 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.57 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 425,000, 600-699 pounds were 490,000, 700-799 pounds were 407,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 325,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.68 million, 2 percent above 2007, and 4 percent above 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 76,000 during December, 31 percent above 2007 but 14 percent below 2006.

### All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

| Item                             | Lots 1,000+<br>Head | Lots Less than<br>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, 2008 | 500                 | 207                          | 707               |
| December Placements              | 66                  | 36                           | 102               |
| December Marketings              | 64                  | 23                           | 87                |
| December Other Disappearance     | 2                   | 3                            | 5                 |
| Cattle on Feed, January 1, 2009  | 500                 | 217                          | 717               |

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

| State     | Cattle on Feed<br>January 1 |                       |                    | Placements<br>during December |                       |                    | Marketings<br>during December |                       |                    | December Disappearance<br>other than<br>Slaughter <sup>2</sup> |                       |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|           | 2008                        | 2009                  | '09 as<br>% of '08 | 2007                          | 2008                  | '08 as<br>% of '07 | 2007                          | 2008                  | '08 as<br>% of '07 | 2007   | 2008                  | '08 as<br>% of<br>'07 |
|           | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i>       | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i> | <i>Percent</i>     | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i>         | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i> | <i>Percent</i>     | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i>         | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i> | <i>Percent</i>     | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i>  | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i> | <i>Percent</i>        |
| AZ        | 368                         | 358                   | 97                 | 26                            | 29                    | 112                | 24                            | 29                    | 121                | 1  | 1                     | 100                   |
| CA        | 560                         | 490                   | 88                 | 67                            | 59                    | 88                 | 60                            | 60                    | 100                | 2  | 4                     | 200                   |
| CO        | 1,100                       | 1,000                 | 91                 | 170                           | 150                   | 88                 | 135                           | 155                   | 115                | 5  | 5                     | 100                   |
| ID        | 235                         | 220                   | 94                 | 39                            | 36                    | 92                 | 42                            | 39                    | 93                 | 2  | 2                     | 100                   |
| <b>IA</b> | <b>570</b>                  | <b>500</b>            | <b>88</b>          | <b>71</b>                     | <b>66</b>             | <b>93</b>          | <b>69</b>                     | <b>64</b>             | <b>93</b>          | <b>2</b>   | <b>2</b>              | <b>100</b>            |
| KS        | 2,480                       | 2,270                 | 92                 | 385                           | 380                   | 99                 | 390                           | 405                   | 104                | 15   | 15                    | 100                   |
| NE        | 2,530                       | 2,370                 | 94                 | 355                           | 345                   | 97                 | 335                           | 340                   | 101                | 10   | 15                    | 150                   |
| NM        | 160                         | 164                   | 103                | 26                            | 16                    | 62                 | 13                            | 18                    | 138                | 2  | 2                     | 100                   |
| OK        | 350                         | 335                   | 96                 | 44                            | 49                    | 111                | 37                            | 46                    | 124                | 2  | 3                     | 150                   |
| SD        | 230                         | 220                   | 96                 | 50                            | 38                    | 76                 | 33                            | 37                    | 112                | 2  | 1                     | 50                    |
| TX        | 2,960                       | 2,790                 | 94                 | 380                           | 405                   | 107                | 420                           | 405                   | 96                 | 10   | 20                    | 200                   |
| WA        | 164                         | 157                   | 96                 | 25                            | 28                    | 112                | 28                            | 38                    | 136                | 1  | 2                     | 200                   |
| Oth Sts   | 390                         | 360                   | 92                 | 63                            | 46                    | 73                 | 59                            | 47                    | 80                 | 4  | 4                     | 100                   |
| US        | 12,097                      | 11,234                | 93                 | 1,701                         | 1,647                 | 97                 | 1,645                         | 1,683                 | 102                | 58   | 76                    | 131                   |

<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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