



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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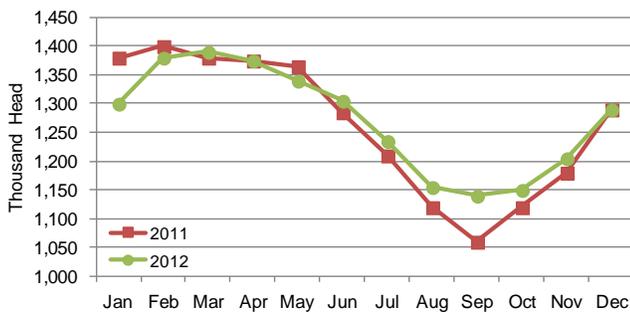
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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,290,000 on December 1, 2012 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office. The inventory is up 7 percent from November 1, 2012 but unchanged from December 1, 2011. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 610,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 680,000 head on feed, up 11 percent from last month but unchanged from last year.

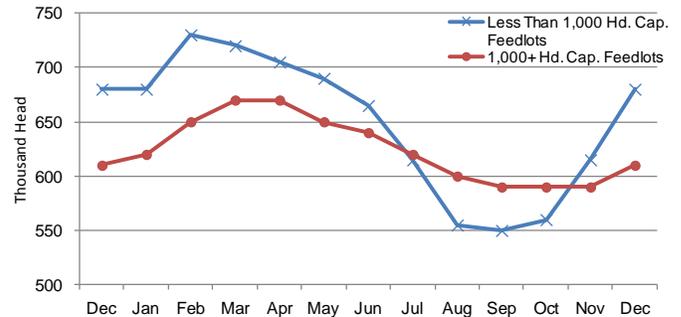
Placements during November totaled 272,000 head, a decrease of 2 percent from last month and down 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 123,000 head, down 16 percent from last month and down 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 149,000 head. This is up 13 percent from last month but down 10 percent from last year.

Marketings for November were 179,000 head, down 18 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 100,000 head, down 30 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 79,000 head, up 5 percent from last month but down 12 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 8,000 head.

**Cattle on Feed, Inventory on all Feedlots, Iowa: 2011-2012**



**Cattle on Feed, Inventory by Feedlot Capacity, Iowa: Past 12 Months**



## All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2012 .....	590	615	1,205
November Placements .....	123	149	272
November Marketings .....	100	79	179
November Other Disappearance .....	3	5	8
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2012 .....	610	680	1,290

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

[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.]

State	Cattle on Feed December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>1</sup>		
	2011	2012	'12 as % of '11	2011	2012	'12 as % of '11	2011	2012	'12 as % of '11	2011	2012	'12 as % of '11
	(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 .....	290	267	92	27	28	104	28	25	89	1	1	100
California .....	505	490	97	66	65	98	46	51	111	5	4	80
Colorado .....	1,160	1,020	88	175	150	86	145	155	107	10	5	50
Idaho .....	235	245	104	46	40	87	35	34	97	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,360	2,170	92	375	355	95	395	390	99	20	15	75
Nebraska .....	2,560	2,530	99	480	465	97	375	400	107	15	15	100
Oklahoma .....	385	345	90	60	56	93	61	54	89	4	2	50
South Dakota ..	265	230	87	70	57	81	41	45	110	4	2	50
Texas .....	2,990	2,700	90	470	465	99	450	415	92	30	20	67
Washington .....	236	261	111	54	57	106	43	43	100	1	1	100
Other States ....	459	460	100	71	62	87	55	49	89	3	19	633
United States ..	12,055	11,328	94	2,037	1,923	94	1,774	1,761	99	97	88	91

<sup>1</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

### United States Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2012. The inventory was 6 percent below December 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.92 million, 6 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.84 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 645,000, 600-699 pounds were 450,000, 700-799 pounds were 375,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 453,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.76 million, 1 percent below 2011.

Other disappearance totaled 88,000 during November, 9 percent below 2011.

**Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States**

