



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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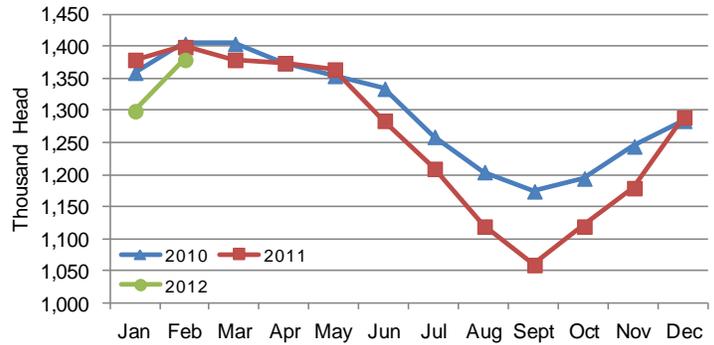
**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1.38 million head on February 1, 2012, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office. The inventory is up 6 percent from January 1, 2012 but down 1 percent from February 1, 2011. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 650,000 head on feed, up 5 percent from last month but down 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 730,000 head on feed, up 7 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year.

**Placements** during January totaled 220,000 head, an increase of 28 percent from last month and up 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 103,000 head, up 34 percent from last month and up 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 117,000 head. This is up 23 percent from last month and up 30 percent from last year.

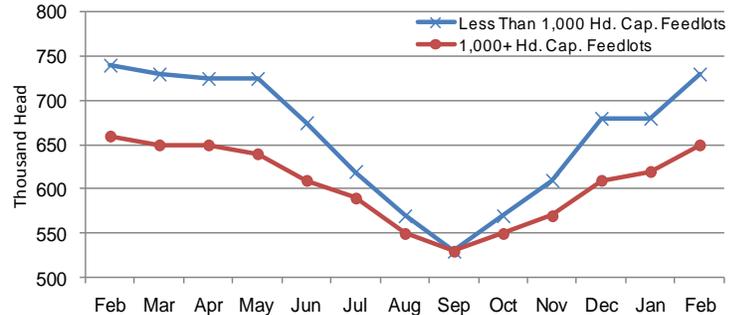
**Marketings** for January were 132,000 head, down 14 percent from last month and down 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 70,000 head, up 11 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 62,000 head, down 31 percent from last month and down 24 percent from last year.

**Other disappearance** totaled 8,000 head.

**Cattle on Feed, Inventory on all Feedlots, Iowa: 2010-2011**



**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, January 1, 2012 .....	620	680	1,300
January Placements .....	103	117	220
January Marketings .....	70	62	132
January Other Disappearance .....	3	5	8
Cattle on Feed, February 1, 2012 .....	650	730	1,380

## 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 February 1			Placements during January			Marketings during January			January 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 .....	266	276	104	36	28	78	27	30	111	1	1	100
California .....	470	505	107	54	55	102	51	57	112	3	3	100
Colorado .....	1,070	1,140	107	185	190	103	190	190	100	5	10	200
Idaho .....	230	235	102	31	47	152	40	41	103	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>75</b>
Kansas .....	2,270	2,230	98	435	410	94	435	415	95	10	15	150
Nebraska .....	2,460	2,570	104	430	430	100	385	395	103	15	15	100
Oklahoma .....	375	355	95	66	50	76	64	68	106	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	270	260	96	51	45	88	40	44	110	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,870	2,900	101	430	400	93	390	415	106	10	25	250
Washington ....	207	227	110	31	35	113	30	39	130	2	1	50
Other States ...	423	463	109	47	54	115	53	52	98	3	4	133
United States .	11,571	11,811	102	1,889	1,847	98	1,774	1,816	102	57	81	142

<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 11.8 million head on February 1, 2012. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2011.

**Placements** in feedlots during January totaled 1.85 million, 2 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.77 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445,000, 600-699 pounds were 430,000, 700-799 pounds were 525,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 447,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during January totaled 1.82 million, 2 percent above 2011.

**Other disappearance** totaled 81,000 during January, 42 percent above 2011.