



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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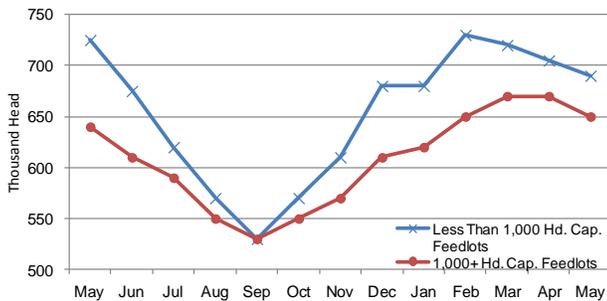
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,340,000 on May 1, 2012 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office. The inventory is down 3 percent from April 1, 2012 and down 2 percent from May 1, 2011. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 650,000 head on feed, down 3 percent from last month but up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 690,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year.

Placements during April totaled 106,000 head, a decrease of 20 percent from last month and down 26 percent from last year. This is the lowest total placement since May 2011 when 92,000 head were placed. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head, down 25 percent from last month and down 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 51,000 head. This is down 15 percent from last month and down 32 percent from last year.

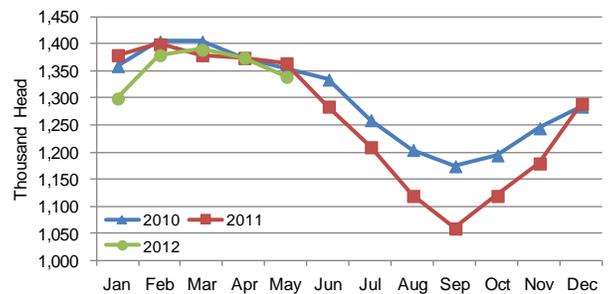
Marketings for April were 137,000 head, down 5 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 72,000 head, up 1 percent from last month but down 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 65,000 head, down 11 percent from last month and down 7 percent from last year.

Other disappearance totaled 4,000 head.

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



Cattle on Feed, Inventory on all Feedlots, Iowa: 2010-2012



All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head (1,000 Head)	Lots Less than 1,000 Head (1,000 Head)	All Lots (1,000 Head)
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2012	670	705	1,375
April Placements	55	51	106
April Marketings	72	65	137
April Other Disappearance	3	1	4
Cattle on Feed, May 1, 2012	650	690	1,340

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 May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			April Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2011 (1,000 Head)	2012 (1,000 Head)	'12 as % of '11 (Percent)	2011 (1,000 Head)	2012 (1,000 Head)	'12 as % of '11 (Percent)	2011 (1,000 Head)	2012 (1,000 Head)	'12 as % of '11 (Percent)	2011 (1,000 Head)	2012 (1,000 Head)	'12 as % of '11 (Percent)
Arizona	282	276	98	25	26	104	18	27	150	1	1	100
California	450	475	106	57	45	79	55	58	105	2	2	100
Colorado	1,100	1,030	94	165	120	73	150	150	100	5	10	200
Idaho	230	215	93	34	28	82	23	36	157	1	2	200
Iowa	640	650	102	69	55	80	76	72	95	3	3	100
Kansas	2,170	2,080	96	380	300	79	385	380	99	15	10	67
Nebraska	2,370	2,460	104	370	370	100	370	420	114	10	20	200
Oklahoma	355	295	83	76	47	62	74	70	95	2	2	100
South Dakota	255	245	96	31	32	103	39	40	103	2	2	100
Texas	2,730	2,710	99	500	410	82	530	465	88	10	15	150
Washington	200	224	112	28	28	100	33	34	103	2	3	150
Other States ...	393	450	115	50	60	120	54	63	117	7	8	114
United States .	11,175	11,110	99	1,785	1,521	85	1,807	1,815	100	60	78	130

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ 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 11.1 million head on May 1, 2012. The inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.52 million, 15 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.44 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 250,000, 700-799 pounds were 380,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 536,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, slightly above 2011.

Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during April, 30 percent above 2011.

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

