



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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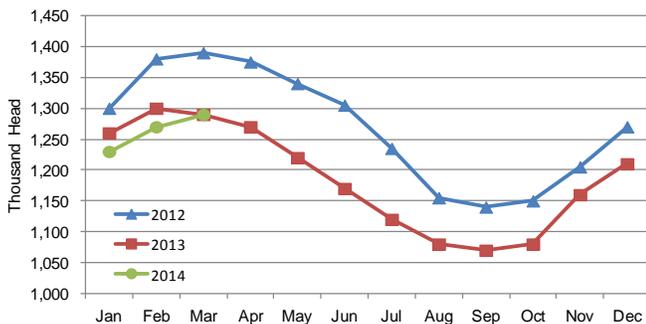
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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,290,000 on March 1, 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is up 2 percent from February 1, 2014 and unchanged from March 1, 2013. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 670,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 620,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but down 6 percent from last year.

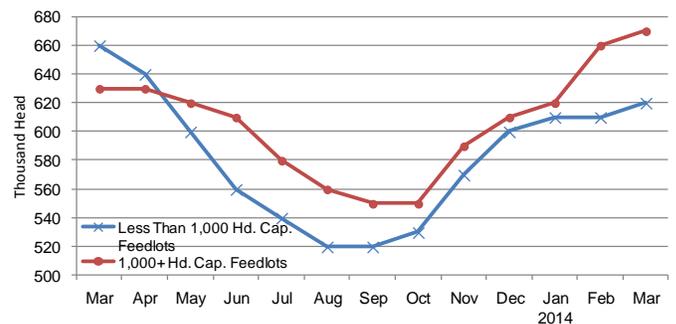
Placements during February totaled 131,000 head, a decrease of 27 percent from last month but up 19 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 86,000 head, down 25 percent from last month but up 41 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 45,000 head. This is down 31 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year.

Marketings for February were 107,000 head, down 19 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 74,000 head, up 4 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 33,000 head, down 46 percent from last month and down 27 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 4,000 head.

**Cattle on Feed, Inventory on all Feedlots, Iowa:
2012-2014**



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



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, February 1, 2014	660	610	1,270
February Placements	86	45	131
February Marketings	74	33	107
February Other Disappearance	2	2	4
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2014	670	620	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 March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13
	(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	270	272	101	23	28	122	27	27	100	1	1	100
California	480	500	104	50	38	76	43	55	128	2	3	150
Colorado	990	940	95	155	135	87	165	155	94	10	10	100
Idaho	225	210	93	34	37	109	33	41	124	1	1	100
Iowa	630	670	106	61	86	141	68	74	109	3	2	67
Kansas	2,050	2,060	100	285	335	118	335	315	94	10	10	100
Minnesota	132	135	102	12	11	92	15	12	80	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,430	2,500	103	340	430	126	370	375	101	10	15	150
Oklahoma	305	270	89	37	43	116	55	36	65	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	230	240	104	45	39	87	39	36	92	1	3	300
Texas	2,550	2,470	97	335	410	122	390	360	92	15	20	133
Washington	233	198	85	35	30	86	34	36	106	2	2	100
Other States	320	325	102	26	28	108	29	27	93	2	1	50
United States ..	10,845	10,790	99	1,438	1,650	115	1,603	1,549	97	60	71	118

(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 10.8 million head on March 1, 2014. The inventory was 1 percent below March 1, 2013.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.65 million, 15 percent above 2013. Net placements were 1.58 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 390,000, 600-699 pounds were 330,000, 700-799 pounds were 415,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 515,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.55 million, 3 percent below 2013. Marketings for February are the lowest for the month since the data series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 71,000 during February, 18 percent above 2013.

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



The complete report can be found under **Publications** on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov.