



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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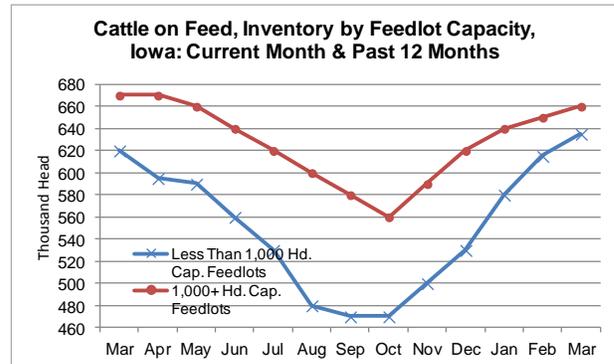
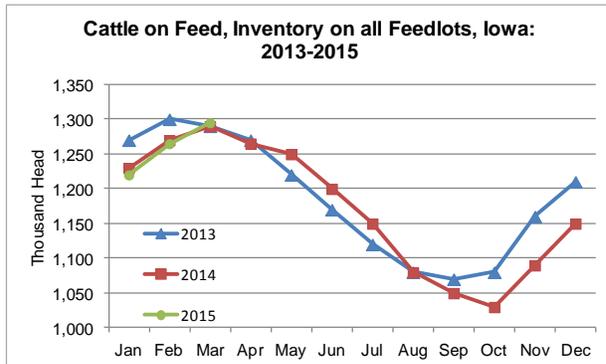
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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,295,000 on March 1, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Cattle on Feed report. The inventory is up 2 percent from February 1, 2015, and up 5,000 head from March 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 660,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 635,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year.

Placements during February totaled 147,000 head, a decrease of 21 percent from last month but up 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 85,000 head, down 6 percent from last month and down 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 62,000 head. This is down 35 percent from last month but up 38 percent from last year.

Marketings for February were 114,000 head, down 15 percent from last month but up 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 74,000 head, down 5 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 40,000 head, down 29 percent from last month but up 21 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 3,000 head.



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, February 1, 2015	650	615	1,265
February Placements	85	62	147
February Marketings	74	40	114
February Other Disappearance	1	2	3
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2015	660	635	1,295

Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2014-2015

[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		
	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14
	(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	272	243	89	28	19	68	27	19	70	1	4	400
California	500	440	88	38	50	132	55	43	78	3	7	233
Colorado	920	870	95	135	130	96	155	145	94	10	5	50
Idaho	205	230	112	37	31	84	41	29	71	1	2	200
Iowa	670	660	99	86	85	99	74	74	100	2	1	50
Kansas	2,060	2,080	101	335	355	106	315	355	113	10	10	100
Minnesota	134	145	108	11	18	164	12	13	108	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,470	2,490	101	430	390	91	375	385	103	15	15	100
Oklahoma	270	275	102	43	42	98	36	30	83	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	220	235	107	39	41	105	36	35	97	3	1	33
Texas	2,470	2,450	99	410	285	70	360	315	88	20	10	50
Washington	200	215	108	38	43	113	36	36	100	2	2	100
Other States	325	325	100	28	34	121	27	37	137	1	2	200
United States ...	10,716	10,658	99	1,658	1,523	92	1,549	1,516	98	71	62	87

¹Includes 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 10.7 million head on March 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent below March 1, 2014.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million, 8 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 388,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 535,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.52 million, 2 percent below 2014. February marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during February, 13 percent below 2014.

