Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,280,000 on May 1, 2015 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Cattle on Feed report. The inventory is down 2 percent from April 1, 2015, but up 2 percent from May 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 660,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 620,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year.

Placements during April totaled 118,000 head, a decrease of 21 percent from last month and 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 63,000 head, down 30 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head. This is down 8 percent from last month and down 11 percent from last year.

Marketings for April were 138,000 head, up 1 percent from last month but down 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 72,000 head, down 9 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 66,000 head, up 16 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.
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.]

### 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 10.6 million head on May 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent above May 1, 2014.

### Placements

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.55 million, 5 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.48 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 240,000, 700-799 pounds were 348,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 640,000.

### Marketings

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.64 million, 8 percent below 2014. April marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

### Other disappearance

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during April, 20 percent below 2014.

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