



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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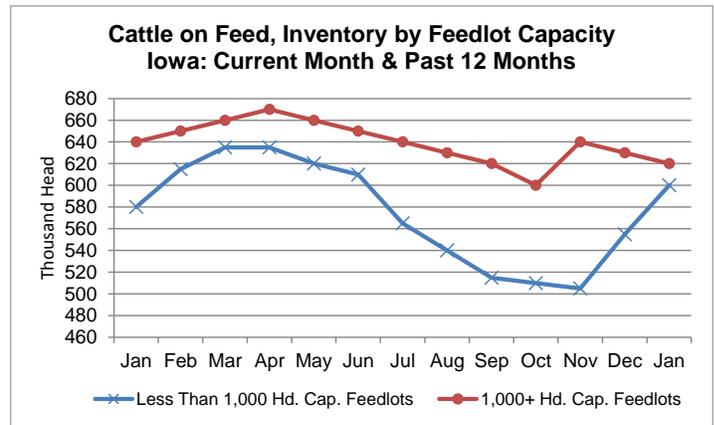
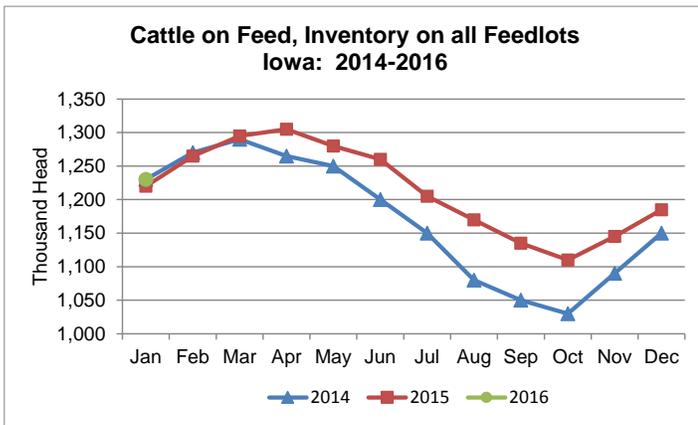
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,220,000 on January 1, 2016, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is up 3 percent from December 1, 2015, but unchanged from January 1, 2015. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head had 620,000 on feed, down 2 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 600,000 on feed, up 8 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year.

**Placements** during December totaled 185,000 head, a decrease of 16 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head placed 90,000, down 11 percent from last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 95,000. This is down 19 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year.

**Marketings** for December were 142,000 head, down 18 percent from last month but up 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head marketed 97,000, down 9 percent from last month but up 21 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 45,000, down 32 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. **Other disappearance** for all feedlots totaled 8,000 head.



## All Cattle on Feed<sup>1</sup>, Iowa

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ Capacity (1,000 head)	Feedlots Less than 1,000 Capacity (1,000 head)	All Feedlots (1,000 head)
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2015 .....	630	555	1,185
December Placements .....	90	95	185
December Marketing .....	97	45	142
December Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	3	5	8
Cattle on Feed, January 1, 2016 .....	620	600	1,220

<sup>1</sup> Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

<sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2015-2016**

State	Cattle on Feed January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>1</sup>		
	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	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 .....	249	253	102	26	31	119	26	21	81	3	5	167
California .....	425	450	106	51	49	96	54	49	91	7	5	71
Colorado .....	900	870	97	130	115	88	135	130	96	5	5	100
Idaho .....	230	240	104	45	43	96	34	37	109	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>300</b>
Kansas .....	2,050	2,090	102	330	335	102	370	370	100	10	15	150
Minnesota .....	137	155	113	17	16	94	13	12	92	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,460	2,420	98	385	390	101	440	440	100	15	20	133
Oklahoma .....	255	270	106	36	35	97	39	38	97	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	230	255	111	27	41	152	30	35	117	2	1	50
Texas .....	2,500	2,430	97	325	305	94	365	370	101	20	15	75
Washington .....	210	195	93	30	38	127	42	45	107	3	3	100
Other States ...	340	325	96	34	37	109	27	30	111	2	2	100
United States ...	10,626	10,573	100	1,537	1,525	99	1,655	1,674	101	72	78	108

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**Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2015-2016**

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	January 1, 2015	October 1, 2015	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2015	October 1, 2015	January 1, 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	246	236	247	3	4	6
California .....	395	430	420	30	30	30
Colorado .....	580	570	590	320	260	280
Idaho .....	140	145	165	90	75	75
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>
Kansas .....	1,100	1,100	1,160	950	920	930
Minnesota .....	109	118	127	28	20	28
Nebraska .....	1,620	1,520	1,560	840	750	860
Oklahoma .....	170	180	185	85	75	85
South Dakota ...	145	118	150	85	87	105
Texas .....	1,600	1,740	1,740	900	750	690
Washington .....	123	120	125	87	75	70
Other States ...	230	200	225	110	95	100
United States ....	6,948	6,927	7,164	3,678	3,291	3,409

**United States Cattle on Feed**

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on January 1, 2016. The inventory was slightly below January 1, 2015. The inventory included 7.16 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 68 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.41 million head, down 7 percent from 2015. January 1, 2016 heifers and heifer calves inventory is the lowest percent of total January inventory since the series began in 1996.

**Placements** in feedlots during December totaled 1.53 million head, 1 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.45 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 355,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 355,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 440,000 head.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during December totaled 1.67 million head, 1 percent above 2014.

**Other disappearance** totaled 78,000 head during December, 8 percent above 2014.