



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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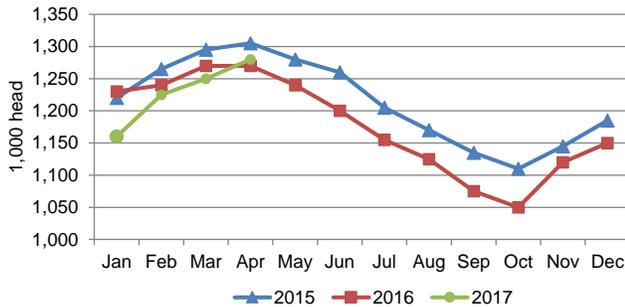
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 670,000 head on April 1, 2017, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 3 percent from March 1, 2017, and up 5 percent from April 1, 2016. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 610,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but down 3 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,280,000 head, up 2 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year.

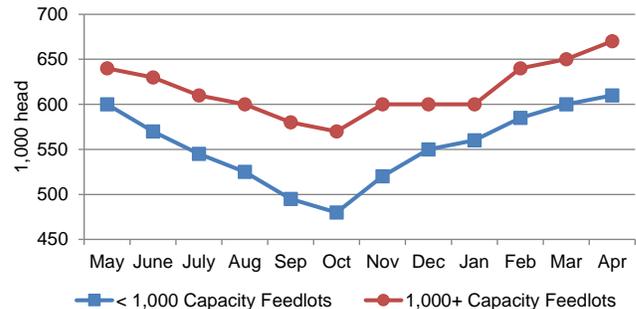
Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 116,000 head, an increase of 14 percent from last month and up 23 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 70,000 head, up 19 percent from last month and up 43 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 186,000 head, up 16 percent from last month and up 30 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 93,000 head, up 4 percent from last month and up 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 56,000 head, up 33 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 149,000 head, up 14 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 7,000 head.

**Cattle on Feed, Inventory on all Feedlots
Iowa: 2015-2017**



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



All Cattle on Feed – Iowa

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ capacity	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle on feed ¹ , March 1, 2017.....	650	600	1,250
March placements	116	70	186
March marketings	93	56	149
March other disappearance ²	3	4	7
Cattle on feed, April 1, 2017	670	610	1,280

¹ 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.

² 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: 2016-2017

State	Cattle on feed ¹ April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			March disappearance other than slaughter ²		
	2016	2017	'17 as % of '16	2016	2017	'17 as % of '16	2016	2017	'17 as % of '16	2016	2017	'17 as % of '16
	(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	303	239	79	31	26	84	24	28	117	1	1	100
California	420	415	99	44	59	134	58	62	107	6	2	33
Colorado	900	930	103	165	195	118	150	170	113	5	5	100
Idaho	240	255	106	37	41	111	35	34	97	2	2	100
Iowa	640	670	105	94	116	123	81	93	115	3	3	100
Kansas	2,180	2,260	104	425	490	115	390	430	110	15	10	67
Minnesota	160	160	100	17	23	135	19	22	116	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,440	2,460	101	455	495	109	425	465	109	10	10	100
Oklahoma	295	300	102	53	73	138	47	67	143	1	1	100
South Dakota...	265	250	94	34	39	115	38	38	100	1	1	100
Texas.....	2,500	2,460	98	455	460	101	395	425	108	10	15	150
Washington.....	195	195	100	38	42	111	37	30	81	1	2	200
Other States	315	310	98	44	43	98	48	50	104	6	3	50
United States ...	10,853	10,904	100	1,892	2,102	111	1,747	1,914	110	62	56	90

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Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2016-2017

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	April 1, 2016	January 1, 2017	April 1, 2017	April 1, 2016	January 1, 2017	April 1, 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	294	242	228	9	8	11
California	400	400	390	20	30	25
Colorado	610	570	600	290	330	330
Idaho	165	180	175	75	80	80
Iowa	460	460	500	180	140	170
Kansas	1,200	1,170	1,230	980	1,000	1,030
Minnesota	139	125	132	21	25	28
Nebraska	1,620	1,510	1,640	820	860	820
Oklahoma	185	190	185	110	110	115
South Dakota....	153	135	145	112	95	105
Texas.....	1,800	1,710	1,680	700	710	780
Washington.....	125	115	125	70	70	70
Other States	210	215	200	105	125	110
United States	7,361	7,022	7,230	3,492	3,583	3,674

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 10.9 million head on April 1, 2017. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2016. The inventory included 7.23 million steers and steer calves, down 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.67 million head, up 5 percent from 2016.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 2.10 million head, 11 percent above 2016. Placements were the highest for March since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.05 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 295,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 620,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 585,000, 900-999 pounds were 185,000, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 67,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.91 million head, 10 percent above 2016.

Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during March, 10 percent below 2016.