



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

Upper Midwest Region - Iowa Field Office · 210 Walnut Street Ste 833 · Des Moines IA 50309 · (515) 284-4340 · (800) 772-0825
fax (855) 271-9802 · www.nass.usda.gov/ia

Cooperating with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

May 26, 2017

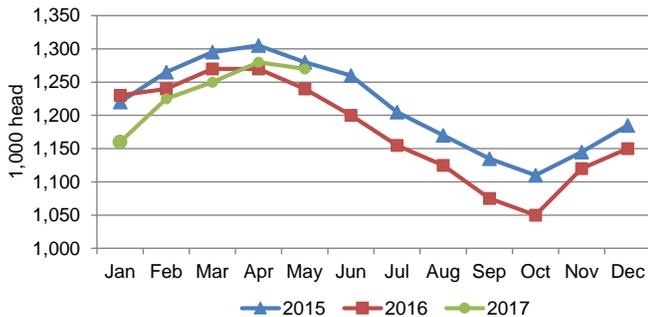
Media Contact: Greg Thessen

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 680,000 head on May 1, 2017, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 1 percent from April 1, 2017, and up 6 percent from May 1, 2016. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 590,000 head on feed, down 3 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,270,000 head, down 1 percent from last month but up 2 percent from last year.

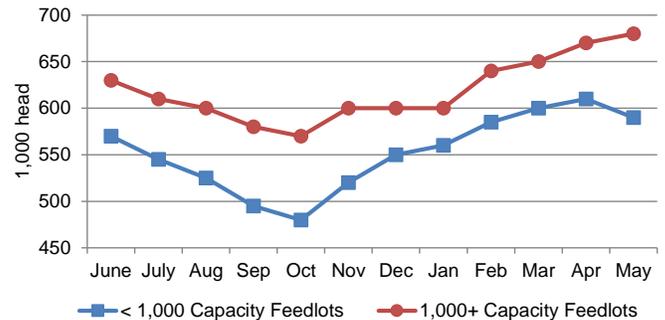
Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April totaled 95,000 head, a decrease of 18 percent from last month but up 22 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 41,000 head, down 41 percent from last month but up 8 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 136,000 head, down 27 percent from last month but up 17 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April totaled 82,000 head, down 12 percent from last month but up 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 57,000 head, up 2 percent from last month but down 12 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 139,000 head, down 7 percent from last month and down 1 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 , April 1, 2017	670	610	1,280
April placements	95	41	136
April marketings	82	57	139
April other disappearance ²	3	4	7
Cattle on feed, May 1, 2017	680	590	1,270

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 May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			April 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	305	243	80	25	27	108	22	22	100	1	1	100
California	415	425	102	50	65	130	52	53	102	3	2	67
Colorado	900	960	107	145	155	107	135	125	93	10	10	100
Idaho	240	275	115	24	40	167	23	24	104	1	1	100
Iowa	640	680	106	78	95	122	75	82	109	3	3	100
Kansas	2,150	2,280	106	370	420	114	385	385	100	15	15	100
Minnesota	158	155	98	12	12	100	13	16	123	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,420	2,450	101	380	395	104	380	390	103	20	15	75
Oklahoma	300	310	103	56	72	129	50	60	120	1	2	200
South Dakota...	265	255	96	24	34	142	22	27	123	2	2	100
Texas.....	2,490	2,460	99	435	460	106	435	450	103	10	10	100
Washington.....	195	200	103	34	36	106	33	29	88	1	2	200
Other States	305	305	100	31	37	119	33	40	121	8	2	25
United States ...	10,783	10,998	102	1,664	1,848	111	1,658	1,703	103	76	66	87

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.

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 11.0 million head on May 1, 2017. The inventory was 2 percent above May 1, 2016.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.85 million head, 11 percent above 2016. Net placements were 1.78 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 348,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 255,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 490,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 495,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 190,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 70,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.70 million head, 3 percent above 2016.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 head during April, 13 percent below 2016.

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

