Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 700,000 head on December 1, 2017, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Cattle on Feed report. This was up 1 percent from November 1, 2017, and up 17 percent from December 1, 2016. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 500,000 head on feed, up 6 percent from last month but down 9 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,200,000 head, up 3 percent from last month and up 4 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 122,000 head, a decrease of 14 percent from last month but up 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 101,000 head, down 5 percent from last month but up 15 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 223,000 head, down 10 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 November totaled 110,000 head, up 11 percent from last month and up 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 69,000 head, down 1 percent from last month but up 23 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 179,000 head, up 6 percent from last month and up 15 percent from last year. Other disappearance from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 4,000 head.

### Cattle on Feed, Inventory on all Feedlots

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

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### Placements

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.10 million head, 14 percent above 2016. Net placements were 2.03 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 610,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 545,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 455,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 294,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 75,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 120,000 head.

### Marketings

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.84 million head, 3 percent above 2016. Marketings were the highest for November since the series began in 1996.

### Other disappearance

Other disappearance totaled 71,000 head during November, 3 percent above 2016.

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