



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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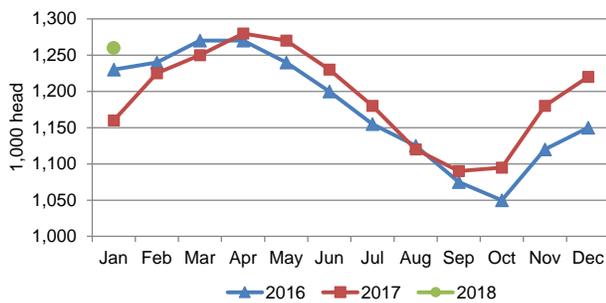
**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 700,000 head on January 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from December 1, 2017, but up 17 percent from January 1, 2017. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 560,000 head on feed, up 8 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,260,000 head, up 3 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 100,000 head, a decrease of 18 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 90,000 head, down 11 percent from last month but up 53 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 190,000 head, down 15 percent from last month but up 17 percent from last year.

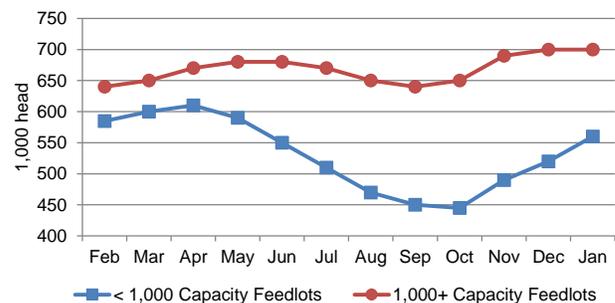
**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 98,000 head, down 11 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 46,000 head, down 33 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 144,000 head, down 20 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 6,000 head.

**NOTE:** This report is a combination of estimates from the USDA *Cattle on Feed* survey for Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship-funded *Cattle on Feed* survey for Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head.

**Cattle on Feed, Inventory on all Feedlots  
Iowa: 2016-2018**



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



## All Cattle on Feed<sup>1</sup> – 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, December 1, 2017 <sup>2</sup> .....	700	520	1,220
December placements .....	100	90	190
December marketings .....	98	46	144
December other disappearance <sup>3</sup> .....	2	4	6
Cattle on feed, January 1, 2018 .....	700	560	1,260

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves 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> December 1, 2016, inventory for feedlots with less than 1,000 head capacity and inventory for all feedlots are revised. Revisions to prior months will be published in the February *Cattle on Feed* release.

<sup>3</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: 2016-2018**

State	Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December other disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	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 .....	250	269	108	30	29	97	30	20	67	1	1	100
California .....	430	490	114	65	83	128	52	60	115	3	3	100
Colorado .....	900	970	108	130	120	92	135	135	100	5	5	100
Idaho .....	260	255	98	38	35	92	36	38	106	2	2	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,170	2,290	106	395	400	101	430	405	94	15	15	100
Minnesota .....	150	160	107	19	21	111	14	15	107	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,370	2,610	110	450	460	102	440	425	97	10	15	150
Oklahoma .....	300	315	105	54	54	100	43	52	121	1	2	200
South Dakota .....	230	250	109	38	32	84	46	39	85	2	3	150
Texas .....	2,420	2,640	109	365	385	105	365	385	105	10	20	200
Washington .....	185	210	114	32	27	84	41	30	73	1	2	200
Other States ....	340	330	97	65	53	82	43	50	116	2	3	150
United States ...	10,605	11,489	108	1,785	1,799	101	1,777	1,752	99	55	74	135

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**Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2017-2018**

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	January 1, 2017	October 1, 2017	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2017	October 1, 2017	January 1, 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	242	241	258	8	7	11
California .....	400	400	440	30	30	50
Colorado .....	570	560	565	330	380	405
Idaho .....	180	165	175	80	80	80
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>170</b>
Kansas .....	1,170	1,160	1,190	1,000	1,090	1,100
Minnesota .....	125	98	127	25	22	33
Nebraska .....	1,510	1,490	1,640	860	800	970
Oklahoma .....	190	185	185	110	135	130
South Dakota .....	135	135	145	95	85	105
Texas .....	1,710	1,700	1,730	710	900	910
Washington .....	115	130	140	70	70	70
Other States ....	215	190	210	125	110	120
United States ....	7,022	6,934	7,335	3,583	3,879	4,154

**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 11.5 million head on January 1, 2018. The inventory was 8 percent above January 1, 2017. The inventory included 7.34 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.15 million head, up 16 percent from 2017.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.80 million head, 1 percent above 2016. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 470,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 410,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 445,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 279,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 100,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.75 million head, 1 percent below 2016.

Other disappearance totaled 74,000 head during December, 35 percent above 2016.