



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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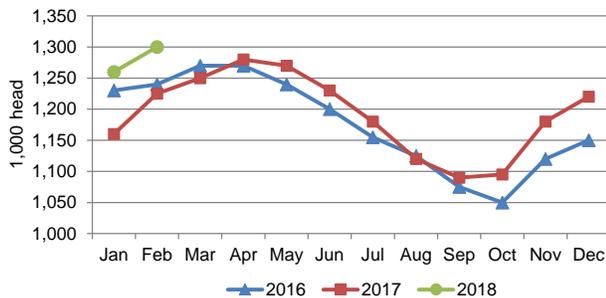
**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 720,000 head on February 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 3 percent from January 1, 2018 and up 13 percent from February 1, 2017. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 580,000 head on feed, up 4 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,300,000 head, up 3 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during January totaled 130,000 head, an increase of 30 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 73,000 head, down 19 percent from last month and down 10 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 203,000 head, up 7 percent from last month but down 3 percent from last year.

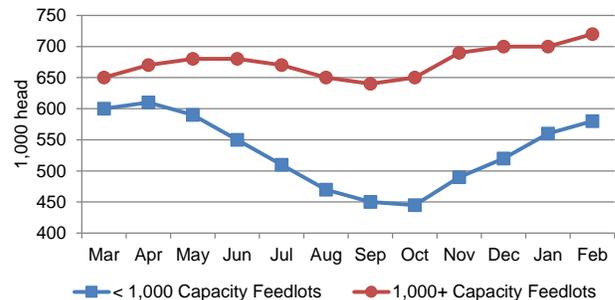
**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during January totaled 107,000 head, up 9 percent from last month and up 24 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 50,000 head, up 9 percent from last month but down 4 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 157,000 head, up 9 percent from last month and up 14 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 – Iowa

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ capacity	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots (1,000 head)
	(1,000 head)		
Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> , January 1, 2018.....	700	560	1,260
January placements .....	130	73	203
January marketings .....	107	50	157
January other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	3	3	6
Cattle on feed, February 1, 2018 .....	720	580	1,300

<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> 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: 2017-2018**

State	Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> February 1			Placements during January			Marketings during January			January other disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17
	(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 .....	243	280	115	26	38	146	32	26	81	1	1	100
California .....	425	485	114	50	58	116	52	60	115	3	3	100
Colorado .....	900	960	107	180	180	100	175	185	106	5	5	100
Idaho .....	250	260	104	35	41	117	43	34	79	2	2	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>150</b>
Kansas .....	2,210	2,320	105	480	480	100	430	435	101	10	15	150
Minnesota .....	159	170	107	25	25	100	15	14	93	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,450	2,670	109	540	540	100	450	465	103	10	15	150
Oklahoma .....	300	320	107	36	47	131	35	41	117	1	1	100
South Dakota .....	240	260	108	45	45	100	34	34	100	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,450	2,650	108	360	400	111	320	375	117	10	15	150
Washington .....	185	205	111	36	32	89	33	34	103	3	3	100
Other States ....	330	330	100	40	52	130	46	48	104	4	4	100
United States ...	10,782	11,630	108	1,981	2,068	104	1,751	1,858	106	53	69	130

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**CATTLE ON FEED REVISIONS**

**Revision Policy:** Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve month to month relationships. Estimates for the previous month are subject to revision in all States each month when current estimates are made. In February, all monthly estimates for the previous twelve months are reviewed and subject to revisions. The reviews are primarily based on slaughter data, state check-off and any other data that may have been received after the original estimate was made.

**Cattle on Feed Revisions, Iowa: December 2016-January 2018**

	Inventory <sup>1</sup>			Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots									
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)									
Dec 2016 .....	600	550	1,150	104	59	163	102	47	149	2	2	4
Jan 2017 .....	600	560	1,160	128	81	209	86	52	138	2	4	6
Feb .....	640	585	1,225	102	59	161	89	42	131	3	2	5
Mar .....	650	600	1,250	116	70	186	93	56	149	3	4	7
Apr .....	670	610	1,280	95	41	136	82	57	139	3	4	7
May .....	680	590	1,270	85	35	120	82	69	151	3	6	9
Jun .....	680	550	1,230	72	36	108	80	74	154	2	2	4
Jul .....	670	510	1,180	60	40	100	79	77	156	1	3	4
Aug .....	650	470	1,120	92	41	133	101	60	161	1	1	2
Sep .....	640	450	1,090	106	70	176	95	73	168	1	2	3
Oct .....	650	445	1,095	142	116	258	99	70	169	3	1	4
Nov .....	690	490	1,180	122	101	223	110	69	179	2	2	4
Dec .....	700	520	1,220	100	90	190	98	46	144	2	4	6
Jan 2018 .....	700	560	1,260	130	73	203	107	50	157	3	3	6

<sup>1</sup> Inventory as of the first of the month