



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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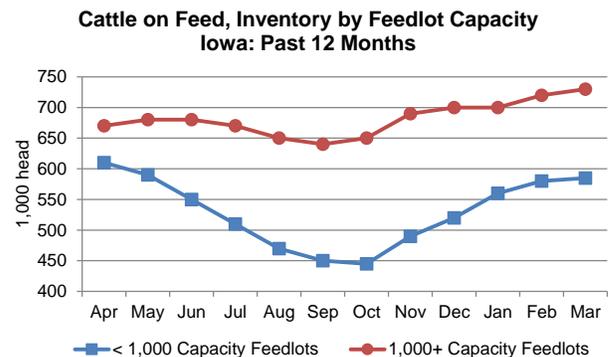
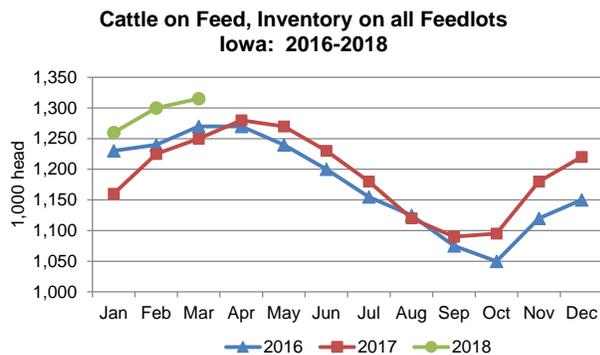
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 730,000 head on March 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 1 percent from February 1, 2018 and up 12 percent from March 1, 2017. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 585,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month but down 2 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,315,000 head, up 1 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 118,000 head, a decrease of 9 percent from last month but up 16 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 45,000 head, down 38 percent from last month and down 24 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 163,000 head, down 20 percent from last month but up 1 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 106,000 head, down 1 percent from last month but up 19 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 38,000 head, down 24 percent from last month and down 10 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 144,000 head, down 8 percent from last month but up 10 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 4,000 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.



All Cattle on Feed – Iowa

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ capacity (1,000 head)	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity (1,000 head)	All feedlots (1,000 head)
Cattle on feed ¹ , February 1, 2018	720	580	1,300
February placements	118	45	163
February marketings	106	38	144
February other disappearance ²	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, March 1, 2018.....	730	585	1,315

¹ 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.

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: 2017-2018

State	Cattle on feed ¹ March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February other disappearance ²		
	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	242	285	118	27	30	111	27	24	89	1	1	100
California	420	490	117	47	59	126	49	51	104	3	3	100
Colorado	910	950	104	180	165	92	165	170	103	5	5	100
Idaho	250	255	102	36	34	94	35	36	103	1	3	300
Iowa	650	730	112	102	118	116	89	106	119	3	2	67
Kansas	2,210	2,350	106	380	420	111	370	380	103	10	10	100
Minnesota	160	165	103	21	16	76	19	20	105	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,440	2,690	110	425	440	104	420	410	98	15	10	67
Oklahoma	295	315	107	41	46	112	45	50	111	1	1	100
South Dakota	250	270	108	44	46	105	33	35	106	1	1	100
Texas	2,440	2,680	110	320	365	114	320	320	100	10	15	150
Washington	185	210	114	34	36	106	33	30	91	1	1	100
Other States	320	325	102	37	42	114	43	43	100	4	4	100
United States ...	10,772	11,715	109	1,694	1,817	107	1,648	1,675	102	56	57	102

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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 11.7 million head on March 1, 2018. The inventory was 9 percent above March 1, 2017.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.82 million head, 7 percent above 2017. Net placements were 1.76 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 325,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 335,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 537,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 420,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 150,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 50,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.68 million head, 2 percent above 2017.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during February, 2 percent above 2017.

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

Million head

