



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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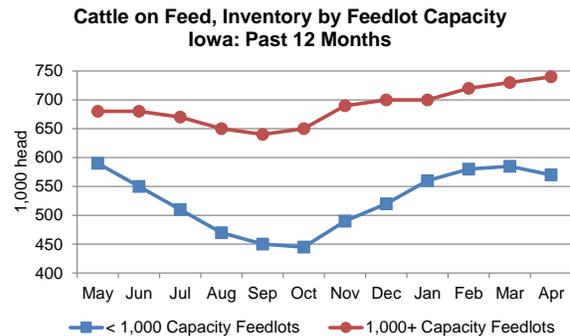
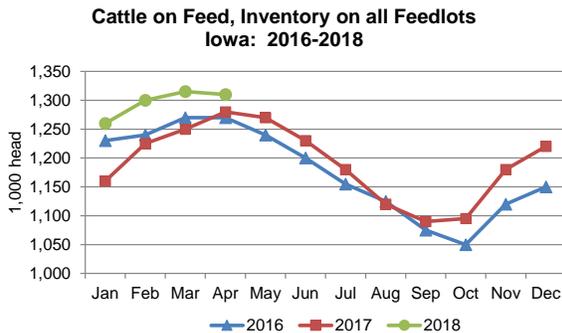
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 740,000 head on April 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2018 and up 10 percent from April 1, 2017. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 570,000 head on feed, down 3 percent from last month and down 7 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,310,000 head, down 5,000 head 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 March totaled 107,000 head, a decrease of 9 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 38,000 head, down 16 percent from last month and down 46 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 145,000 head, down 11 percent from last month and down 22 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 93,000 head, down 12 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 51,000 head, up 34 percent from last month but down 9 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 144,000 head, unchanged from last month but 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.



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 , March 1, 2018.....	730	585	1,315
March placements	107	38	145
March marketings	93	51	144
March other disappearance ²	4	2	6
Cattle on feed, April 1, 2018	740	570	1,310

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 April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			Other disappearance ² during March		
	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	239	294	123	26	34	131	28	24	86	1	1	100
California	415	500	120	59	68	115	62	55	89	2	3	150
Colorado	940	950	101	205	165	80	170	160	94	5	5	100
Idaho	260	250	96	46	29	63	34	32	94	2	2	100
Iowa	670	740	110	116	107	92	93	93	100	3	4	133
Kansas	2,260	2,340	104	490	405	83	430	400	93	10	15	150
Minnesota	160	160	100	23	17	74	22	21	95	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,460	2,690	109	495	480	97	465	465	100	10	15	150
Oklahoma	300	310	103	73	53	73	67	57	85	1	1	100
South Dakota	250	260	104	39	27	69	38	36	95	1	1	100
Texas	2,460	2,700	110	460	455	99	425	420	99	15	15	100
Washington	195	210	108	42	29	69	30	28	93	2	1	50
Other States	310	325	105	43	52	121	50	49	98	3	3	100
United States ...	10,919	11,729	107	2,117	1,921	91	1,914	1,840	96	56	67	120

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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		
	April 1, 2017	January 1, 2018	April 1, 2018	April 1, 2017	January 1, 2018	April 1, 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	228	258	284	11	11	10
California	390	440	450	25	50	50
Colorado	605	565	535	335	405	415
Idaho	180	175	170	80	80	80
Iowa	500	530	540	170	170	200
Kansas	1,230	1,190	1,240	1,030	1,100	1,100
Minnesota	132	127	131	28	33	29
Nebraska	1,640	1,640	1,760	820	970	930
Oklahoma	185	185	165	115	130	145
South Dakota	145	145	150	105	105	110
Texas	1,680	1,730	1,760	780	910	940
Washington	125	140	140	70	70	70
Other States	200	210	210	110	120	115
United States ...	7,240	7,335	7,535	3,679	4,154	4,194

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 April 1, 2018. The inventory was 7 percent above April 1, 2017. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.54 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 4.19 million head, up 14 percent from 2017.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.92 million head, 9 percent below 2017. Net placements were 1.85 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 285,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 530,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 531,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 185,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 75,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.84 million head, 4 percent below 2017.

Other disappearance totaled 67,000 head during March, 20 percent above 2017.