



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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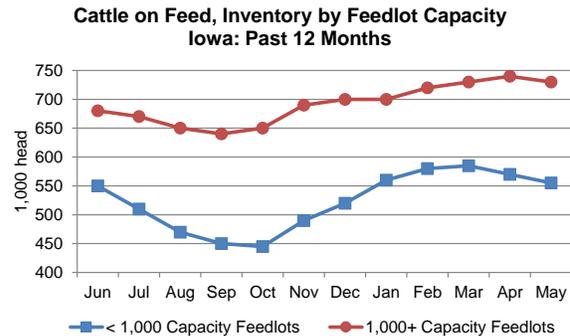
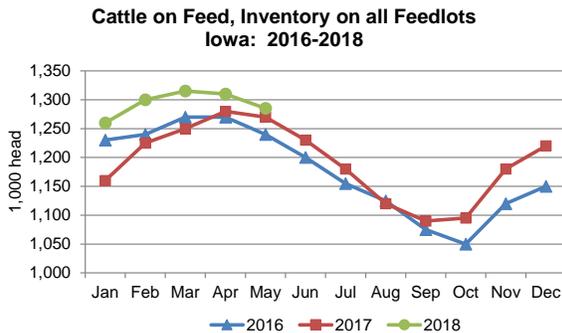
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 730,000 head on May 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 1 percent from April 1, 2018 but up 7 percent from May 1, 2017. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 555,000 head on feed, down 3 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,285,000 head, down 2 percent from last month but up 1 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April totaled 80,000 head, a decrease of 25 percent from last month and down 16 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 34,000 head, down 11 percent from last month and down 17 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 114,000 head, down 21 percent from last month and down 16 percent from last year.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April totaled 87,000 head, down 6 percent from last month but up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 47,000 head, down 8 percent from last month and down 18 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 134,000 head, down 7 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 5,000 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 <sup>1</sup> , April 1, 2018 .....	740	570	1,310
April placements .....	80	34	114
April marketings .....	87	47	134
April other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	3	2	5
Cattle on feed, May 1, 2018.....	730	555	1,285

<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> May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during April		
	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	298	123	27	26	96	22	21	95	1	1	100
California .....	425	500	118	65	59	91	53	56	106	2	3	150
Colorado .....	960	940	98	155	145	94	125	150	120	10	5	50
Idaho .....	275	255	93	40	28	70	24	21	88	1	2	200
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,280	2,290	100	420	380	90	385	420	109	15	10	67
Minnesota .....	155	155	100	12	12	100	16	16	100	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,450	2,660	109	395	420	106	390	430	110	15	20	133
Oklahoma .....	310	310	100	72	60	83	60	59	98	2	1	50
South Dakota .....	255	255	100	34	25	74	27	27	100	2	3	150
Texas .....	2,460	2,630	107	460	385	84	450	445	99	10	10	100
Washington .....	200	210	105	36	27	75	29	26	90	2	1	50
Other States ....	305	325	107	37	48	130	40	45	113	2	3	150
United States ...	10,998	11,558	105	1,848	1,695	92	1,703	1,803	106	66	63	95

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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 11.6 million head on May 1, 2018. The inventory was 5 percent above May 1, 2017. This is the second highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.70 million head, 8 percent below 2017. Net placements were 1.63 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 230,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 415,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 445,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 205,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 80,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.80 million head, 6 percent above 2017.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 head during April, 5 percent below 2017.

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

