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 November 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Cattle on Feed report. This was up 1 percent from both October 1, 2018 and November 1, 2017. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 405,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month but down 17 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,105,000 head, up 1 percent from last month but down 6 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 107,000 head, up 20 percent from last month but down 25 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 52,000 head, up 93 percent from last month but down 55 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 159,000 head, up 37 percent from last month but down 38 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 93,000 head, up 24 percent from last month but down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 45,000 head, down 10 percent from last month and down 36 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 138,000 head, up 10 percent from last month but down 18 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.
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 November 1, 2018. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2017.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.25 million head, 6 percent below 2017. Net placements were 2.18 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 640,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 525,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 450,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 363,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 180,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.89 million head, 5 percent above 2017.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 head during October, 5 percent below 2017.

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