



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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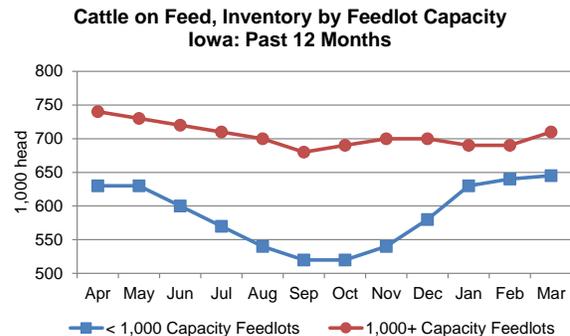
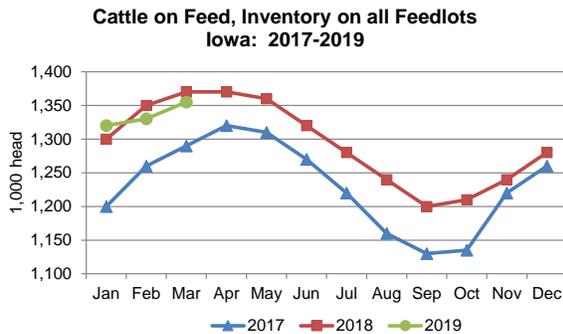
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 710,000 head on March 1, 2019, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 3 percent from February 1, 2019, but down 3 percent from March 1, 2018. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 645,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month and last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,355,000 head, up 2 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 133,000 head, up 20 percent from last month and up 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 48,000 head, down 20 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 181,000 head, up 6 percent from last month and last year.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 109,000 head, unchanged from last month but up 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 39,000 head, down 15 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 148,000 head, down 5 percent from last month but up 1 percent from last year. Other disappearance from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 8,000 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> , February 1, 2019 .....	690	640	1,330
February placements .....	133	48	181
February marketings .....	109	39	148
February other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	4	4	8
Cattle on feed, March 1, 2019.....	710	645	1,355

<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: 2018-2019

State	Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February other disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18
	(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 .....	285	311	109	30	28	93	24	19	79	1	1	100
California .....	490	525	107	59	55	93	51	51	100	3	4	133
Colorado .....	950	1,050	111	165	185	112	170	170	100	5	5	100
Idaho .....	255	275	108	34	38	112	36	35	97	3	3	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>200</b>
Kansas .....	2,350	2,300	98	420	425	101	380	365	96	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	165	150	91	16	14	88	20	18	90	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,690	2,600	97	440	455	103	410	415	101	10	20	200
Oklahoma .....	315	310	98	46	44	96	50	48	96	1	1	100
South Dakota .....	270	260	96	46	42	91	35	34	97	1	3	300
Texas .....	2,680	2,770	103	365	370	101	320	340	106	15	10	67
Washington .....	210	225	107	36	26	72	30	30	100	1	1	100
Other States ....	325	310	95	42	42	100	43	49	114	4	3	75
<b>United States ...</b>	<b>11,715</b>	<b>11,796</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>116</b>

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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 11.8 million head on March 1, 2019. The inventory was 1 percent above March 1, 2018.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.86 million head, 2 percent above 2018. Net placements were 1.79 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 345,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 530,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 442,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 135,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 65,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.68 million head, slightly above 2018.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 head during February, 16 percent above 2018.

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

