Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 630,000 head on August 1, 2019, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service — Cattle on Feed report. This was down 3 percent from July 1, 2018, and down 10 percent from August 1, 2018. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 510,000 head on feed, down 10 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 1,140,000 head, down 6 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 61,000 head, down 6 percent from June and down 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 42,000 head, down 35 percent from June and down 19 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa were 103,000 head, down 21 percent from June and down 13 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 77,000 head, up 7 percent from June and up 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 93,000 head, up 3 percent from June and up 16 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 170,000 head, up 5 percent from June and up 10 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.
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on August 1, 2019. The inventory was slightly above August 1, 2018. This is the highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.71 million head, 2 percent below 2018. Net placements were 1.63 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 260,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 410,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 385,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 200,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.00 million head, 7 percent above 2018.

Other disappearance totaled 71,000 head during July, 13 percent above 2018.