



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

Upper Midwest Regional Office · 210 Walnut Street Ste 833 · Des Moines IA 50309 · (515) 776-3400 · (800) 772-0825  
fax (855) 271-9802 · [www.nass.usda.gov/ia](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ia)

Cooperating with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

October 25, 2019

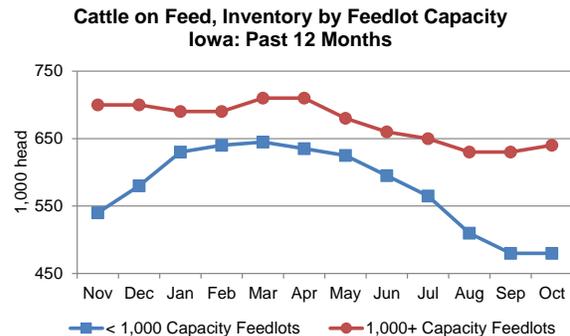
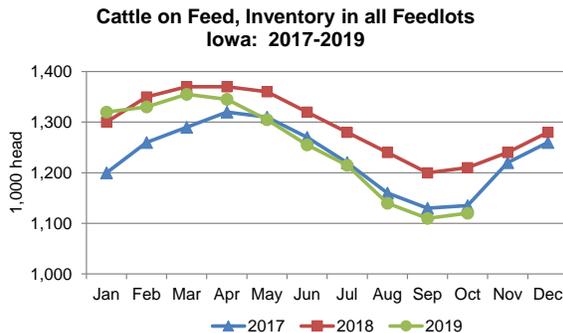
Media Contact: Greg Thessen

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 640,000 head on October 1, 2019, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 2 percent from September 1, 2019, but down 7 percent from October 1, 2018. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 480,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but down 8 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,120,000 head, up 1 percent from last month but down 7 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 82,000 head, up 15 percent from August but down 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 85,000 head, up 67 percent from August and up 63 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 167,000 head, up 37 percent from August and up 18 percent from last year.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 70,000 head, up 1 percent from August but down 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 80,000 head, up 4 percent from August and up 60 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 150,000 head, up 3 percent from August and up 20 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 7,000 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<br>1,000+ capacity<br>(1,000 head) | Feedlots<br>less than 1,000 capacity<br>(1,000 head) | All feedlots<br>(1,000 head) |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> , September 1, 2019 ..... | 630                                         | 480                                                  | 1,110                        |
| September placements .....                            | 82                                          | 85                                                   | 167                          |
| September marketings .....                            | 70                                          | 80                                                   | 150                          |
| September other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....      | 2                                           | 5                                                    | 7                            |
| Cattle on feed, October 1, 2019 .....                 | 640                                         | 480                                                  | 1,120                        |

<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><br>October 1 |                 |                    | Placements<br>during September |                 |                    | Marketings<br>during September |                 |                    | Other disappearance <sup>2</sup><br>during September |                 |                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                    | 2018                                     | 2019            | '19 as<br>% of '18 | 2018                           | 2019            | '19 as<br>% of '18 | 2018                           | 2019            | '19 as<br>% of '18 | 2018                                                 | 2019            | '19 as<br>% of '18 |
|                    | (1,000<br>head)                          | (1,000<br>head) | (percent)          | (1,000<br>head)                | (1,000<br>head) | (percent)          | (1,000<br>head)                | (1,000<br>head) | (percent)          | (1,000<br>head)                                      | (1,000<br>head) | (percent)          |
| Arizona .....      | 295                                      | 253             | 86                 | 24                             | 16              | 67                 | 23                             | 19              | 83                 | 1                                                    | 1               | 100                |
| California .....   | 520                                      | 525             | 101                | 48                             | 50              | 104                | 49                             | 50              | 102                | 4                                                    | 5               | 125                |
| Colorado .....     | 980                                      | 990             | 101                | 235                            | 240             | 102                | 150                            | 175             | 117                | 5                                                    | 5               | 100                |
| Idaho .....        | 260                                      | 275             | 106                | 49                             | 58              | 118                | 39                             | 50              | 128                | 5                                                    | 3               | 60                 |
| <b>Iowa .....</b>  | <b>690</b>                               | <b>640</b>      | <b>93</b>          | <b>89</b>                      | <b>82</b>       | <b>92</b>          | <b>75</b>                      | <b>70</b>       | <b>93</b>          | <b>4</b>                                             | <b>2</b>        | <b>50</b>          |
| Kansas .....       | 2,370                                    | 2,380           | 100                | 445                            | 435             | 98                 | 375                            | 385             | 103                | 10                                                   | 10              | 100                |
| Minnesota .....    | 130                                      | 105             | 81                 | 24                             | 22              | 92                 | 18                             | 16              | 89                 | 1                                                    | 1               | 100                |
| Nebraska .....     | 2,430                                    | 2,270           | 93                 | 520                            | 530             | 102                | 410                            | 410             | 100                | 10                                                   | 10              | 100                |
| Oklahoma .....     | 325                                      | 315             | 97                 | 55                             | 46              | 84                 | 48                             | 44              | 92                 | 2                                                    | 2               | 100                |
| South Dakota ..... | 215                                      | 210             | 98                 | 59                             | 53              | 90                 | 42                             | 46              | 110                | 2                                                    | 2               | 100                |
| Texas .....        | 2,660                                    | 2,780           | 105                | 395                            | 455             | 115                | 405                            | 390             | 96                 | 10                                                   | 15              | 150                |
| Washington .....   | 220                                      | 225             | 102                | 44                             | 46              | 105                | 33                             | 40              | 121                | 1                                                    | 1               | 100                |
| Other States ....  | 305                                      | 310             | 102                | 64                             | 60              | 94                 | 52                             | 43              | 83                 | 2                                                    | 2               | 100                |
| United States ...  | 11,400                                   | 11,278          | 99                 | 2,051                          | 2,093           | 102                | 1,719                          | 1,738           | 101                | 57                                                   | 59              | 104                |

<sup>1</sup> Cattle 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, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2018-2019**

| State              | Steers & Steer Calves |                 |                    | Heifers & Heifer Calves |                 |                    |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                    | October 1,<br>2018    | July 1,<br>2019 | October 1,<br>2019 | October 1,<br>2018      | July 1,<br>2019 | October 1,<br>2019 |
|                    | (1,000 head)          | (1,000 head)    | (1,000 head)       | (1,000 head)            | (1,000 head)    | (1,000 head)       |
| Arizona .....      | 288                   | 290             | 251                | 7                       | 5               | 2                  |
| California .....   | 465                   | 460             | 455                | 55                      | 75              | 70                 |
| Colorado .....     | 550                   | 520             | 520                | 430                     | 510             | 470                |
| Idaho .....        | 175                   | 195             | 180                | 85                      | 95              | 95                 |
| <b>Iowa .....</b>  | <b>500</b>            | <b>480</b>      | <b>440</b>         | <b>190</b>              | <b>170</b>      | <b>200</b>         |
| Kansas .....       | 1,220                 | 1,240           | 1,270              | 1,150                   | 1,120           | 1,110              |
| Minnesota .....    | 105                   | 110             | 90                 | 25                      | 15              | 15                 |
| Nebraska .....     | 1,510                 | 1,410           | 1,360              | 920                     | 890             | 910                |
| Oklahoma .....     | 185                   | 155             | 175                | 140                     | 165             | 140                |
| South Dakota ...   | 115                   | 130             | 120                | 100                     | 80              | 90                 |
| Texas .....        | 1,650                 | 1,700           | 1,690              | 1,010                   | 1,140           | 1,090              |
| Washington .....   | 140                   | 140             | 130                | 80                      | 95              | 95                 |
| Other States ....  | 190                   | 180             | 190                | 115                     | 110             | 120                |
| United States .... | 7,093                 | 7,010           | 6,871              | 4,307                   | 4,470           | 4,407              |

**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 11.3 million head on October 1, 2019. The inventory was 1 percent below October 1, 2018. The inventory included 6.87 million steers and steer calves, down 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.41 million head, up 2 percent from 2018.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.09 million head, 2 percent above 2018. Net placements were 2.03 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 420,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 355,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 460,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 475,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 273,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 110,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.74 million head, 1 percent above 2018.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 head during September, 4 percent above 2018.