



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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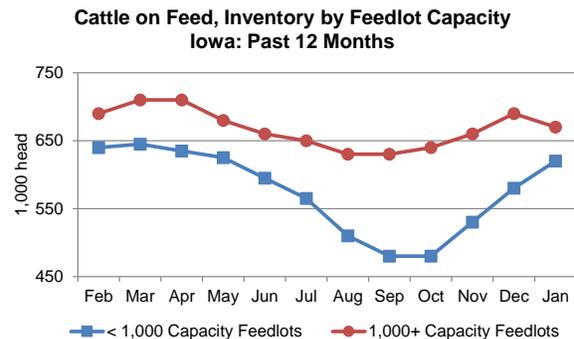
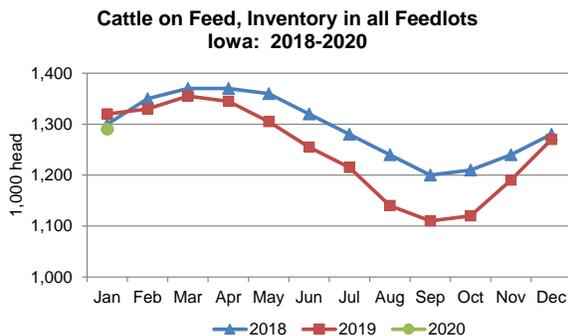
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 670,000 head on January 1, 2020, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 3 percent from both December 1, 2019, and January 1, 2019. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 620,000 head on feed, up 7 percent from December 1, 2019, but down 2 percent from January 1, 2019. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,290,000 head, up 2 percent from December 1, 2019, but down 2 percent from January 1, 2019.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December 2019 totaled 72,000 head, down 35 percent from November 2019 and down 15 percent from December 2018. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 101,000 head, down 16 percent from November 2019 and down 12 percent from December 2018. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 173,000 head, down 25 percent from November 2019 and down 13 percent from December 2018.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December 2019 totaled 90,000 head, up 18 percent from November 2019 but down 2 percent from December 2018. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 57,000 head, down 14 percent from November 2019 and down 10 percent from December 2018. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 147,000 head, up 4 percent from November 2019 but down 5 percent from December 2018. **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.



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 ¹ , December 1, 2019	690	580	1,270
December placements	72	101	173
December marketings	90	57	147
December other disappearance ²	2	4	6
Cattle on feed, January 1, 2020	670	620	1,290

¹ 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.

² 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: 2018-2020

State	Cattle on feed ¹ January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			Other disappearance ² during December		
	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19	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	295	253	86	31	25	81	24	27	113	1	1	100
California	535	540	101	73	64	88	70	70	100	3	4	133
Colorado	1,010	1,090	108	145	140	97	140	145	104	5	5	100
Idaho	280	300	107	33	36	109	36	35	97	2	1	50
Iowa	690	670	97	85	72	85	92	90	98	3	2	67
Kansas	2,330	2,420	104	395	435	110	410	430	105	15	15	100
Minnesota	155	135	87	12	10	83	16	14	88	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,560	2,460	96	410	465	113	430	470	109	20	15	75
Oklahoma	315	330	105	36	59	164	45	52	116	1	2	200
South Dakota	245	245	100	50	40	80	40	43	108	5	2	40
Texas	2,730	2,960	108	410	410	100	345	365	106	15	15	100
Washington	225	235	104	27	32	119	36	36	100	1	1	100
Other States	320	320	100	60	40	67	57	57	100	3	3	100
United States ...	11,690	11,958	102	1,767	1,828	103	1,741	1,834	105	75	67	89

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Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2019-2020

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	January 1, 2019	October 1, 2019	January 1, 2020	January 1, 2019	October 1, 2019	January 1, 2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	285	248	248	10	5	5
California	465	455	465	70	70	75
Colorado	570	520	585	440	470	505
Idaho	185	180	185	95	95	115
Iowa	510	440	490	180	200	180
Kansas	1,270	1,270	1,300	1,060	1,110	1,120
Minnesota	130	90	115	25	15	20
Nebraska	1,570	1,360	1,490	990	910	970
Oklahoma	180	175	185	135	140	145
South Dakota ...	135	120	140	110	90	105
Texas	1,640	1,690	1,830	1,090	1,100	1,130
Washington	140	130	135	85	95	100
Other States	200	190	205	120	120	115
United States	7,280	6,868	7,373	4,410	4,420	4,585

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 12.0 million head on January 1, 2020. The inventory was 2 percent above January 1, 2019. The inventory included 7.37 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.59 million head, up 4 percent from 2019.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.83 million head, 3 percent above 2019. Net placements were 1.76 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 455,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 413,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 295,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 95,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 105,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.83 million head, 5 percent above 2018.

Other disappearance totaled 67,000 head during December, 11 percent below 2018.