



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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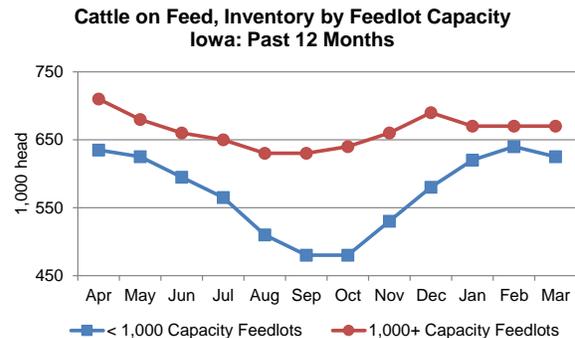
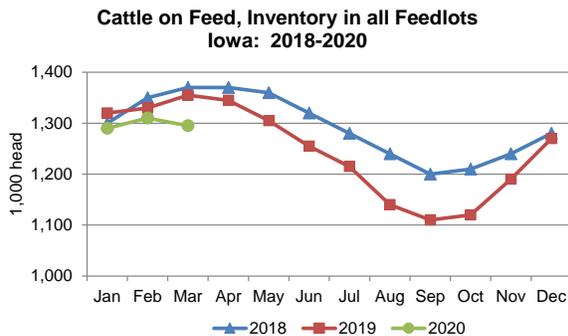
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 670,000 head on March 1, 2020, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from February, but down 6 percent from March 1, 2019. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 625,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,295,000 head, down 1 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 108,000 head, down 3 percent from January and down 19 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 69,000 head, down 22 percent from January but up 44 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 177,000 head, down 11 percent from January and down 2 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 106,000 head, down 2 percent from January and down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 79,000 head, up 27 percent from January and up 103 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 185,000 head, up 9 percent from January and up 25 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 1,000+ capacity	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots (1,000 head)
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
Cattle on feed ¹ , February 1, 2020	670	640	1,310
February placements	108	69	177
February marketings	106	79	185
February other disappearance ²	2	5	7
Cattle on feed, March 1, 2020.....	670	625	1,295

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: 2019-2020

State	Cattle on feed ¹ March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February other disappearance ²		
	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19
	(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	300	256	85	29	26	90	19	22	116	1	1	100
California	525	545	104	55	64	116	51	58	114	4	6	150
Colorado	1,050	1,050	100	185	165	89	170	210	124	5	5	100
Idaho	275	295	107	38	32	84	35	36	103	3	1	33
Iowa	710	670	94	133	108	81	109	106	97	4	2	50
Kansas	2,300	2,380	103	425	390	92	365	400	110	10	10	100
Minnesota	150	135	90	14	13	93	18	12	67	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,600	2,500	96	455	450	99	415	420	101	20	10	50
Oklahoma	310	320	103	44	36	82	48	40	83	1	1	100
South Dakota	260	240	92	42	36	86	34	33	97	3	3	100
Texas	2,770	2,880	104	370	320	86	340	365	107	10	15	150
Washington	225	230	102	26	30	115	30	29	97	1	1	100
Other States	310	305	98	42	41	98	49	44	90	3	2	67
United States ...	11,785	11,806	100	1,858	1,711	92	1,683	1,775	105	66	58	88

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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, 2020. The inventory was slightly above March 1, 2019.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.71 million head, 8 percent below 2019. Net placements were 1.65 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 315,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 470,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 411,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 115,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 60,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.78 million head, 5 percent above 2019.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 head during February, 12 percent below 2019.

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

