Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 620,000 head on August 1, 2020, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Cattle on Feed report. This was down 2% from July 1, 2020, and August 1, 2019. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 500,000 head on feed, down 5% from last month and down 2% from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,120,000 head, down 3% from last month and down 2% from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 63,000 head, up 9% from June and up 3% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 35,000 head, down 30% from June and down 17% from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 98,000 head, down 9% from June and down 5% from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 70,000 head, up 6% from June but down 7% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 58,000 head, down 40% from June and down 38% from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 128,000 head, down 21% from June and down 25% from last year. Other disappearance from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 5,000 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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### All Cattle on Feed – Iowa

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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.

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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 11.3 million head on August 1, 2020. The inventory was 2% above August 1, 2019. This is the highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.89 million head, 11% above 2019. Net placements were 1.84 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 420,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 315,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 435,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 458,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 195,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 70,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.99 million head, 1% below 2019.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during July, 20% below 2019.

The complete report can be found under Publications on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov.