



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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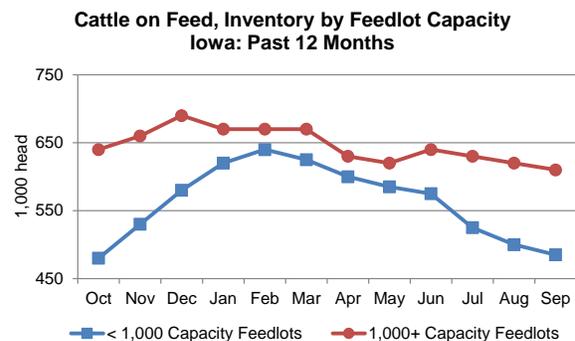
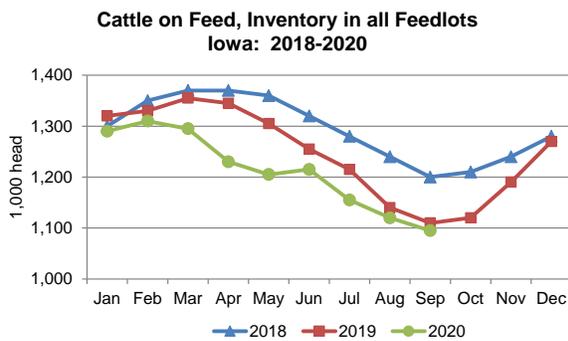
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 610,000 head on September 1, 2020, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 2% from August, and down 3% from September 1, 2019. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 485,000 head on feed, down 3% from last month but up 1% from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,095,000 head, down 2% from last month and down 1% from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 75,000 head, up 19% from July and up 6% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 42,000 head, up 20% from July but down 18% from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 117,000 head, up 19% from July but down 4% from last year.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 83,000 head, up 19% from July and up 20% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 54,000 head, down 7% from July and down 30% from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 137,000 head, up 7% from July but down 6% 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.



## 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 <sup>1</sup> , August 1, 2020 .....	620	500	1,120
August placements .....	75	42	117
August marketings .....	83	54	137
August other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	2	3	5
Cattle on feed, September 1, 2020 .....	610	485	1,095

<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: 2019-2020

State	Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> September 1			Placements during August			Marketings during August			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during August		
	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 .....	257	264	103	21	15	71	35	19	54	1	1	100
California .....	530	535	101	56	52	93	55	54	98	6	8	133
Colorado .....	930	1,040	112	170	180	106	205	155	76	5	5	100
Idaho .....	270	255	94	44	41	93	53	45	85	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,340	2,470	106	440	540	123	430	470	109	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	100	110	110	14	12	86	23	21	91	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,160	2,280	106	445	505	113	460	435	95	15	10	67
Oklahoma .....	315	310	98	51	58	114	49	52	106	2	1	50
South Dakota .....	205	190	93	45	47	104	34	34	100	1	3	300
Texas .....	2,730	2,850	104	435	440	101	450	430	96	15	10	67
Washington .....	220	220	100	43	40	93	47	44	94	1	1	100
Other States ....	295	260	88	49	52	106	43	50	116	1	2	200
United States ...	10,982	11,394	104	1,884	2,057	109	1,953	1,892	97	61	55	90

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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 11.4 million head on September 1, 2020. The inventory was 4% above September 1, 2019. This is the highest September 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.06 million head, 9% above 2019. Net placements were 2.00 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 405,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 335,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 470,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 522,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 230,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.89 million head, 3% below 2019.

Other disappearance totaled 55,000 head during August, 10% below 2019.

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

