



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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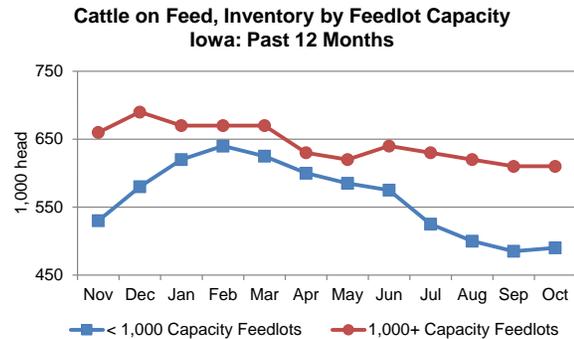
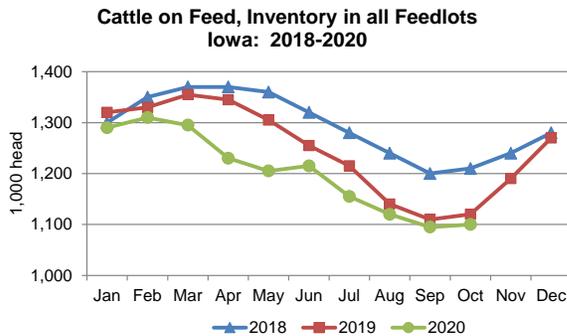
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 610,000 head on October 1, 2020, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from September, but down 5% from October 1, 2019. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 490,000 head on feed, up 1% from last month and up 2% from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,100,000 head, up less than 1% from last month but down 2% from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 72,000 head, down 4% from August and down 12% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 61,000 head, up 45% from August but down 28% from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 133,000 head, up 14% from August but down 20% 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, down 16% from August but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 54,000 head, unchanged from August but down 32% from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 124,000 head, down 9% from August and down 17% from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 4,000 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 <sup>1</sup> , September 1, 2020.....	610	485	1,095
September placements .....	72	61	133
September marketings .....	70	54	124
September other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, October 1, 2020 .....	610	490	1,100

<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> October 1			Placements during September			Marketings during September			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during September		
	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 .....	253	257	102	16	16	100	19	22	116	1	1	100
California .....	525	545	104	50	68	136	50	49	98	5	9	180
Colorado .....	990	1,110	112	240	245	102	175	170	97	5	5	100
Idaho .....	275	270	98	58	54	93	50	38	76	3	1	33
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>
Kansas .....	2,380	2,540	107	435	490	113	385	410	106	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	105	105	100	22	19	86	16	23	144	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,270	2,410	106	530	600	113	410	460	112	10	10	100
Oklahoma .....	315	315	100	46	62	135	44	56	127	2	1	50
South Dakota .....	210	190	90	53	45	85	46	44	96	2	1	50
Texas .....	2,790	2,870	103	465	450	97	390	415	106	15	15	100
Washington .....	225	220	98	46	45	98	40	44	110	1	1	100
Other States .....	310	275	89	60	61	102	43	45	105	2	1	50
United States .....	11,288	11,717	104	2,103	2,227	106	1,738	1,846	106	59	58	98

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<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: 2019-2020**

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	October 1, 2019	July 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2019	July 1, 2020	October 1, 2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	248	268	252	5	5	5
California .....	455	465	465	70	80	80
Colorado .....	520	560	645	470	460	465
Idaho .....	180	170	150	95	110	120
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>150</b>
Kansas .....	1,270	1,280	1,380	1,110	1,110	1,160
Minnesota .....	90	105	90	15	20	15
Nebraska .....	1,360	1,380	1,500	910	880	910
Oklahoma .....	175	160	175	140	155	140
South Dakota .....	120	115	115	90	70	75
Texas .....	1,690	1,750	1,780	1,100	1,170	1,090
Washington .....	130	135	120	95	90	100
Other States .....	190	180	180	120	90	95
United States .....	6,868	7,033	7,312	4,420	4,405	4,405

**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 11.7 million head on October 1, 2020. The inventory was 4% above October 1, 2019. This is the highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.31 million steers and steer calves, up 6% from the previous year. This group accounted for 62% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.41 million head, down slightly from 2019.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.23 million head, 6% above 2019. Net placements were 2.17 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 360,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 500,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 517,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 300,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 105,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.85 million head, 6% above 2019.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 head during September, 2% below 2019.