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 November 1, 2020, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Cattle on Feed report. This was up 2% from October, but down 6% from November 1, 2019. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 500,000 head on feed, up 2% from last month but down 6% from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,120,000 head, up 2% from last month but down 6% from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 105,000 head, up 46% from September but down 8% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 68,000 head, up 11% from September but down 44% from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 173,000 head, up 30% from September but down 27% from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 92,000 head, up 31% from September but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 54,000 head, unchanged from September but down 19% from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 146,000 head, up 18% from September but down 8% 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.

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Cattle on Feed, Inventory in all Feedlots
Iowa: 2018-2020

Cattle on Feed, Inventory by Feedlot Capacity
Iowa: Past 12 Months

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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.
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 November 1, 2020. The inventory was 1% above November 1, 2019. This is the highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.19 million head, 11% below 2019. Net placements were 2.13 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 570,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 495,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 465,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 387,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 185,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.87 million head, slightly below 2019.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 head during October, 7% above 2019.