



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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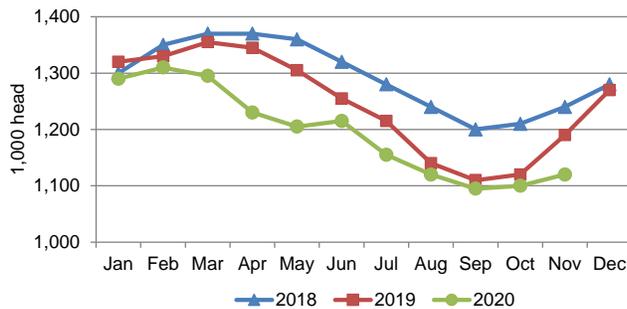
**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 620,000 head on November 1, 2020, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed report*. This was up 2% from October, but down 6% from November 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.

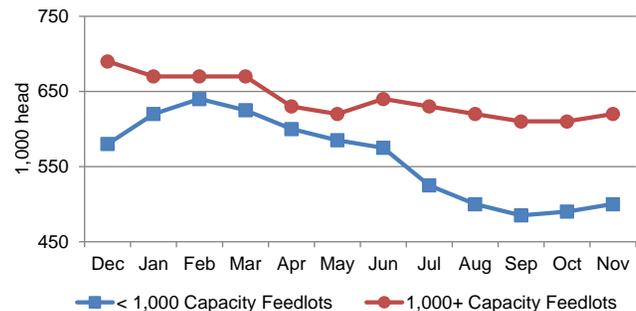
**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 92,000 head, up 31% from September but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 54,000 head, unchanged from September but down 19% from last year. Marketings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

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



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



## All Cattle on Feed – Iowa

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ capacity	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> , October 1, 2020.....	610	490	1,100
October placements .....	105	68	173
October marketings .....	92	54	146
October other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	3	4	7
Cattle on feed, November 1, 2020.....	620	500	1,120

<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> November 1			Placements during October			Marketings during October			Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during October		
	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 .....	256	258	101	25	27	108	21	25	119	1	1	100
California .....	540	555	103	75	66	88	54	49	91	6	7	117
Colorado .....	1,070	1,120	105	240	175	73	155	160	103	5	5	100
Idaho .....	290	280	97	63	53	84	45	41	91	3	2	67
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>150</b>
Kansas .....	2,420	2,520	104	450	430	96	400	440	110	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	130	125	96	39	35	90	13	14	108	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,450	2,500	102	670	560	84	480	460	96	10	10	100
Oklahoma .....	325	320	98	61	51	84	50	45	90	1	1	100
South Dakota .....	240	225	94	77	84	109	45	48	107	2	1	50
Texas .....	2,870	2,910	101	530	480	91	435	420	97	15	20	133
Washington .....	235	245	104	51	61	120	40	35	88	1	1	100
Other States .....	330	295	89	67	65	97	45	44	98	2	1	50
United States .....	11,816	11,973	101	2,462	2,192	89	1,875	1,873	100	59	63	107

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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 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.

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

