



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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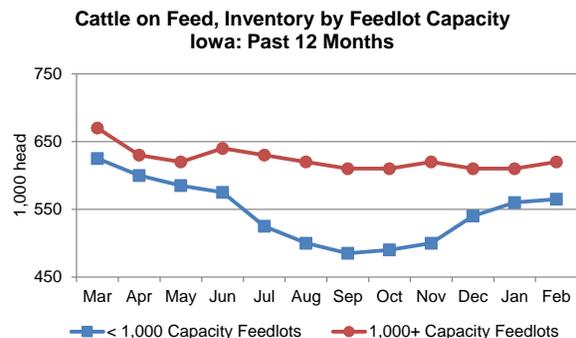
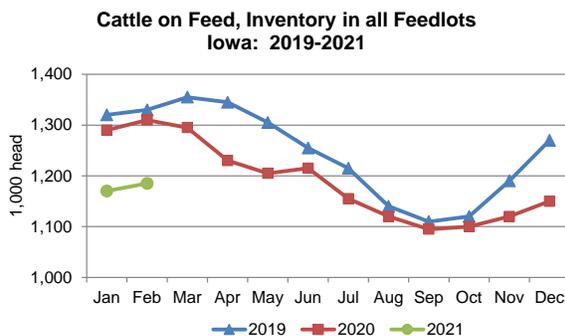
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 620,000 head on February 1, 2021, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed report*. This was up 2% from January, but down 7% from last year. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 565,000 head on feed, up 1% from last month but down 12% from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,185,000 head, up 1% from last month but down 10% from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during January totaled 109,000 head, up 17% from December but down 2% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 60,000 head, down 13% from December and down 32% from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 169,000 head, up 4% from December but down 15% from last year.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during January totaled 97,000 head, up 7% from December but down 10% from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 49,000 head, up 9% from December but down 21% from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 146,000 head, up 7% from December but down 14% from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 8,000 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> , January 1, 2021 .....	610	560	1,170
January placements .....	109	60	169
January marketings .....	97	49	146
January other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	2	6	8
Cattle on feed, February 1, 2021 .....	620	565	1,185

<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: 2020-2021**

State	Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> February 1			Placements during January			Marketings during January			January other disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2020	2021	'21 as % of '20	2020	2021	'21 as % of '20	2020	2021	'21 as % of '20	2020	2021	'21 as % of '20
	(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	266	105	29	28	97	28	23	82	1	1	100
California .....	545	560	103	72	66	92	62	56	90	5	5	100
Colorado .....	1,100	1,120	102	205	195	95	190	180	95	5	5	100
Idaho .....	300	290	97	33	38	115	32	32	100	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>
Kansas .....	2,400	2,520	105	445	480	108	455	450	99	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	135	115	85	17	15	88	16	14	88	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,480	2,610	105	510	530	104	480	460	96	10	10	100
Oklahoma .....	325	320	98	43	40	93	46	44	96	2	1	50
South Dakota .....	240	245	102	41	40	98	43	38	88	3	2	67
Texas .....	2,940	2,910	99	370	405	109	380	350	92	10	15	150
Washington .....	230	230	100	34	25	74	38	29	76	1	1	100
Other States ....	310	300	97	45	46	102	53	49	92	2	2	100
United States ...	11,928	12,106	101	1,955	2,017	103	1,931	1,822	94	54	56	104

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**CATTLE ON FEED REVISIONS**

**Revision Policy:** Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve month to month relationships. Estimates for the previous month are subject to revision in all States each month when current estimates are made. In February, all monthly estimates for the previous twelve months are reviewed and subject to revisions. The reviews are primarily based on slaughter data, state check-off and any other data that may have been received after the original estimate was made.

**Cattle on Feed Revisions – Iowa: December 2019-January 2021**

	Inventory <sup>1</sup>			Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots									
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)									
Dec 2019 .....	690	580	1,270	72	101	173	90	57	147	2	4	6
Jan 2020 .....	670	620	1,290	111	88	199	108	62	170	3	5	8
Feb .....	670	640	1,310	108	69	177	106	79	185	2	5	7
Mar .....	670	625	1,295	69	57	126	105	80	185	4	2	6
Apr .....	630	600	1,230	62	27	89	68	40	108	4	2	6
May .....	620	585	1,205	75	42	117	52	48	100	3	4	7
Jun .....	640	575	1,215	58	50	108	66	97	163	2	3	5
Jul .....	630	525	1,155	63	35	98	70	58	128	3	2	5
Aug .....	620	500	1,120	75	42	117	83	54	137	2	3	5
Sep .....	610	485	1,095	72	61	133	70	54	124	2	2	4
Oct .....	610	490	1,100	105	68	173	92	54	146	3	4	7
Nov .....	620	500	1,120	82	92	174	90	50	140	2	2	4
Dec .....	610	540	1,150	93	69	162	91	45	136	2	4	6
Jan 2021 .....	610	560	1,170									

<sup>1</sup> Inventory as of the first of the month.