



Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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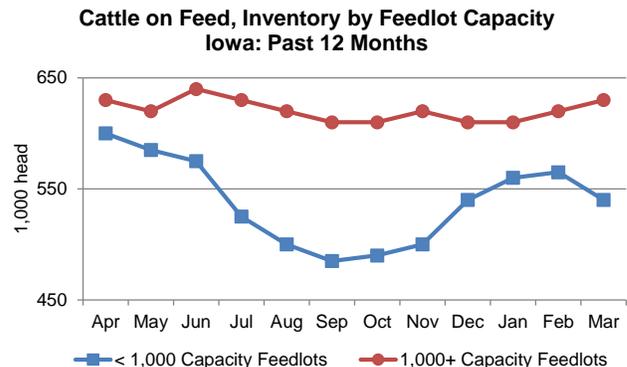
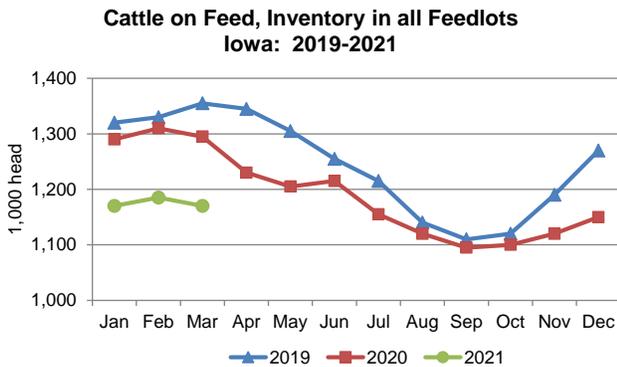
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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 630,000 head on March 1, 2021, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 2% from February, but down 6% from March 2020. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 540,000 head on feed, down 4% from last month and down 14% from last March. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,170,000 head, down 1% from last month and down 10% from a year ago.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 110,000 head, unchanged from January but up 2% from February 2020. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 32,000 head, down 47% from January and down 54% from last February. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 142,000 head, down 16% from January and down 20% from a year ago.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 98,000 head, unchanged from January but down 8% from February 2020. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 54,000 head, up 10% from January but down 32% from last February. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 152,000 head, up 3% from January but down 18% from a year ago. **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 ¹ , February 1, 2021	620	565	1,185
February placements	110	32	142
February marketings	98	54	152
February other disappearance ²	2	3	5
Cattle on feed, March 1, 2021	630	540	1,170

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 on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2020-2021

State	Cattle on feed ¹ March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February other disappearance ²		
	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	256	270	105	26	29	112	22	24	109	1	1	100
California	545	565	104	64	66	103	58	55	95	6	6	100
Colorado	1,050	1,100	105	160	165	103	205	180	88	5	5	100
Idaho	295	290	98	32	36	113	36	35	97	1	1	100
Iowa	670	630	94	108	110	102	106	98	92	2	2	100
Kansas	2,380	2,470	104	390	375	96	400	415	104	10	10	100
Minnesota	135	115	85	13	13	100	12	12	100	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,500	2,610	104	455	440	97	425	430	101	10	10	100
Oklahoma	320	315	98	36	34	94	40	38	95	1	1	100
South Dakota	240	245	102	36	39	108	33	36	109	3	3	100
Texas	2,880	2,870	100	320	310	97	365	335	92	15	15	100
Washington	235	225	96	35	25	71	29	29	100	1	1	100
Other States	305	295	97	41	42	102	44	45	102	2	2	100
United States ...	11,811	12,000	102	1,716	1,684	98	1,775	1,732	98	58	58	100

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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 March 1, 2021. The inventory was 2% above March 1, 2020. This is the second highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.68 million head, 2% below 2020. Net placements were 1.63 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 335,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 295,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 465,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 409,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 125,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 55,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.73 million head, 2% below 2020.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 head during February, unchanged from 2020.

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

