



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 680,000 head on June 1, 2025, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service -- *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from May but up 3 percent from June 1, 2024. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 550,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,230,000 head, up 1 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May 2025 totaled 74,000 head, down 15 percent from April but up 1 percent from May 2024. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 66,000 head, up 50 percent from April and up 27 percent from May 2024. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 140,000 head, up 7 percent from April and up 12 percent from May 2024.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May 2025 totaled 72,000 head, down 16 percent from April but up 1 percent from May 2024. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 50,000 head, up 14 percent from April but down 11 percent from May 2024. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 122,000 head, down 6 percent from April and down 4 percent from May 2024. **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	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle on feed ¹ , May 1, 2025	680	540	1,220
May placements	74	66	140
May marketings	72	50	122
May other disappearance ²	2	6	8
Cattle on feed, June 1, 2025	680	550	1,230

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.