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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 920,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on January 1, 2006, up 7 percent from December 1, 2005, but unchanged from January 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 510,000 head on feed, up 2 percent and 13 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 410,000 head on feed, up 14 percent from last month, but down 13 percent from last year.

Placements during December totaled 143,000 head, this is a decrease of 28 percent and 5 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 65,000 head, down 40 percent and 8 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 78,000 head. This is down 15 percent and 2 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for December were 76,000 head, down 38 percent and 31 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 53,000 head, down 34 percent and 4 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 23,000 head, down 47 percent and 58 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled 7,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on January 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above January 1, 2005 and 5 percent above January 1, 2004. The inventory included 7.57 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.15 million head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.88 million, 3 percent above 2004 and 8 percent above 2003. This is the highest placements for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.79 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 575,000, 600-699 pounds were 554,000, 700-799 pounds were 430,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 325,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.72 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 1 percent below 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during December, 1 percent below 2004 but 1 percent above 2003.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ¹

State	Cattle on Feed January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December Disappearance other than Slaughter ²		
	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	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
AZ	331	334	101	33	35	106	30	27	90	1	2	200
CA	535	550	103	72	69	96	62	60	97	5	9	180
CO	1,080	1,080	100	135	155	115	145	140	97	10	5	50
ID	295	275	93	55	48	87	62	50	81	3	3	100
IA	450	510	113	71	65	92	55	53	96	1	2	200
KS	2,410	2,500	104	490	495	101	450	435	97	20	30	150
NE	2,300	2,430	106	390	350	90	380	305	80	10	15	150
NM	126	143	113	14	20	143	15	13	87	2	1	50
OK	350	370	106	53	64	121	52	57	110	6	2	33
SD	192	205	107	42	46	110	34	28	82	2	3	150
TX	2,700	2,920	108	405	465	115	420	470	112	25	15	60
WA	190	152	80	39	26	67	32	34	106	2	1	50
Oth Sts	340	335	99	35	46	131	40	43	108	5	3	60
US	11,299	11,804	104	1,834	1,884	103	1,777	1,715	97	92	91	99

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2005	500	360	860
December Placements	65	78	143
December Marketings	53	23	76
December Other Disappearance	2	5	7
Cattle on Feed, January 1, 2006	510	410	920

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter, State, and United States, 2005-2006

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	January 1, 2005	October 1, 2005	January 1, 2006	January 1, 2005	October 1, 2005	January 1, 2006	January 1, 2005	October 1, 2005	January 1, 2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AZ	323	316	332	7	2	2	1	0	0
CA	495	505	506	40	30	44	0	0	0
CO	665	585	690	410	310	380	5	5	10
ID	184	166	167	111	101	106	0	3	2
IA	305	280	340	144	129	169	1	1	1
KS	1,310	1,330	1,390	1,080	900	1,090	20	20	20
NE	1,390	1,140	1,460	890	790	950	20	10	20
NM	80	76	78	46	60	65	0	0	0
OK	225	235	265	125	100	105	0	0	0
SD	98	64	105	74	56	73	20	10	27
TX	1,750	1,880	1,900	947	947	1,017	3	3	3
WA	110	90	92	79	62	59	1	1	1
Oth Sts	240	205	245	93	66	87	7	4	3
US	7,175	6,872	7,570	4,046	3,553	4,147	78	57	87

Commercial Apple Production, Iowa and United States

Year	Total Production	Utilized Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Utilized Production
	----- Million pounds -----		Cents	Thousand dollars
Iowa				
1995	10.0	9.0	30.3	2,727
1996	11.1	10.0	31.3	3,125
1997	13.0	7.5	28.6	2,148
1998	8.7	8.1	28.6	2,317
1999	11.0	11.0	31.9	3,514
2000	7.5	7.5	32.1	2,411
2001	8.8	7.7	33.3	2,562
2002	8.5	5.2	34.3	1,783
2003	6.0	4.7	42.4	1,991
2004 ¹	5.3	4.8	46.6	2,235
2005 ²	2.1	1.9	46.2	877
United States				
1995	10,585.0	10,389.9	17.0	1,765,582
1996	10,381.9	10,330.0	15.9	1,641,462
1997	10,323.8	10,254.3	15.4	1,575,403
1998	11,646.4	10,762.5	12.2	1,316,172
1999	10,630.7	10,446.5	15.0	1,563,582
2000	10,583.7	10,322.2	12.8	1,320,781
2001	9,428.7	9,214.4	15.8	1,453,073
2002	8,523.9	8,374.1	18.9	1,581,260
2003	8,793.1	8,703.0	20.9	1,817,240
2004 ¹	10,450.6	10,371.3	15.9	1,647,983
2005 ²	9,869.6	9,779.1	18.3	1,786,674

¹ Revised. ² Preliminary.

Livestock Slaughter

Iowa: Commercial red meat production in Iowa during December 2005 totaled 585.4 million pounds, up nearly 2 percent from December 2004. There were 2.68 million hogs slaughtered in December 2005, compared with 2.67 million hogs slaughtered in the same month last year. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 274 pounds, up 2 pounds from December 2004.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in December, up 1 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in December 2004.

Beef production, at 2.06 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down

1 percent from December 2004. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,281 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.23 million head, slightly below December 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 272 pounds.

December 2004 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. December 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Dec 05 % of		Jan - Dec ²		
				Dec 2004	Nov 2005	2004	2005	05 as % of 04
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,042	2,071	2,057	101	99	24,547	24,692	101
Veal	14.9	12.4	13.5	91	109	166.8	155.8	93
Pork	1,857	1,843	1,866	100	101	20,511	20,682	101
Lamb & Mutton	17.0	15.8	16.5	97	104	194.0	187.2	96
Total Red Meat	3,930	3,942	3,953	101	100	45,418	45,717	101

¹ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Turkeys: Number Raised in 2005 and Intentions for 2006

State	Number		2006 as % of 2005
	2005	2006	
AZ	29,000	31,000	107
CA	14,900	14,700	99
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,400	14,000	104
IA	9,600	10,000	104
MI	4,700	4,700	100
MN	44,500	43,500	98
MO	20,500	21,500	105
NC	36,000	38,000	106
ND	1,100	1,100	100
OH	5,700	5,700	100
PA	11,500	11,500	100
SC	8,000	10,000	125
SD	4,600	4,900	107
VA	21,000	22,500	107
WV	2,400	2,800	117
Oth Sts ¹	24,900	26,700	107
US	254,700	265,500	104

¹ CO, KS, NE, OK, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in December totaled 318 million pounds, down less than 1 percent from December 2004. The average number of milk cows, 187,000 head, was 1,000 head below December 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,700 pounds, equal to production levels one year ago.

a decrease of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,665 pounds for December, 55 pounds above December 2004.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4.2 percent from December 2004. November revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 4.6 percent from November 2004. The November revision represented

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 67,000 head more than December 2004, and 4,000 head more than November 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, December 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	1,741	1,770	1,775	1,795	3,090	3,177	2.8
IL	106	104	1,540	1,570	163	163	
IA	188	187	1,700	1,700	320	318	-0.6
MN	460	445	1,475	1,560	679	694	2.2
MO	119	114	1,270	1,300	151	148	-2.0
WI	1,236	1,239	1,490	1,555	1,842	1,927	4.6

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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