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CATTLE ON FEED

Iowa: There were 1,285,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on December 1, 2010, up 3 percent from November 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2009. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 630,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month and up 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 655,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month, but down 12 percent from last year.

Placements during November totaled 229,000 head, down 17 percent from last month and down 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 114,000 head, down 20 percent from last month, but up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 115,000 head. This is down 15 percent from last month and down 27 percent from last year.

Marketings for November were 180,000 head, down 18 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 90,000 head, down 10 percent from last month, but up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 90,000 head, down 25 percent from last month and down 15 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 9,000 head.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2010	610	635	1,245
November Placements	114	115	229
November Marketings	90	90	180
November Other Disappearance	4	5	9
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2010	630	655	1,285

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

[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.]

State	Cattle on Feed December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November Disappearance other than Slaughter [1]		
	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09
	(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	282	249	88	26	22	85	22	23	105	1	1	100
California	465	470	101	50	69	138	53	55	104	2	4	200
Colorado	1,060	1,090	103	165	155	94	140	150	107	5	5	100
Idaho	210	230	110	44	52	118	43	35	81	1	2	200
Iowa	**560**	**630**	**113**	**108**	**114**	**106**	**85**	**90**	**106**	**3**	**4**	**133**
Kansas	2,330	2,360	101	355	375	106	340	400	118	15	15	100
Nebraska	2,410	2,460	102	400	445	111	380	395	104	10	10	100
Oklahoma	375	380	101	57	60	105	53	63	119	4	2	50
South Dakota	235	255	109	67	62	93	35	36	103	2	1	50
Texas	2,760	2,840	103	455	475	104	405	440	109	20	15	75
Washington	172	208	121	47	53	113	29	36	124	1	1	100
Other States	418	437	105	70	76	109	50	51	102	2	2	100
United States	11,277	11,609	103	1,844	1,958	106	1,635	1,774	109	66	62	94

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

HOGS & PIGS INVENTORY

Iowa: On December 1, there were 18.9 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, down 500,000 from September 1, 2010, and down 100,000 from a year ago.

The September-November 2010 pig crop was 4.77 million head. A total of 475,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 10.05 pigs per sow, the highest average litter size on record for Iowa.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 460,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2010 – February 2011 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March-May 2011 period were estimated at 470,000 as of December 1, 2010.

United States: United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2010 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.89 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2010-February 2011 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the December 2009-February 2010 quarter, and down 5 percent from December 2008-February 2009 quarter. Intended farrowings for March-May 2011, at 2.86 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 45 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 44 percent last year.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, December 1, 2009-2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Illinois	480	480	100	3,770	3,820	101	4,250	4,300	101
Iowa	**1,020**	**1,020**	**100**	**17,980**	**17,880**	**99**	**19,000**	**18,900**	**99**
Minnesota	560	560	100	6,640	7,140	108	7,200	7,700	107
Missouri	360	355	99	2,740	2,545	93	3,100	2,900	94
Nebraska	370	375	101	2,730	2,725	100	3,100	3,100	100
North Carolina	930	840	90	8,670	7,960	92	9,600	8,800	92
United States	5,850	5,778	99	59,037	58,547	99	64,887	64,325	99

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2009-2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Illinois	1,200	1,230	1,150	1,180	730	730	690	680
Iowa	**4,430**	**4,500**	**5,700**	**5,600**	**4,430**	**4,330**	**3,420**	**3,450**
Minnesota	2,350	2,430	2,010	2,160	1,230	1,380	1,050	1,170
Missouri	1,160	1,065	655	605	465	410	460	465
Nebraska	880	910	850	830	600	570	400	415
North Carolina	3,090	2,850	2,200	1,970	1,760	1,660	1,620	1,480
United States	18,705	18,564	16,782	16,519	12,299	12,208	11,252	11,256

Average Prices Received by Farmers for Farm Products

Item	IOWA			U.S.	
	December [1] 2009	November [1] 2010	December [2] 2010	November [1] 2010	December [2] 2010
	--------------Dollars--------------				
Corn ....Bu	3.68	4.61	5.00	4.55	4.94
Oats ....Bu	1.86	2.97	2.80	3.02	2.74
Soybeans ....Bu	9.81	11.00	11.70	11.10	11.70
Alfalfa, baled ....Ton	111.00	120.00	115.00	117.00	121.00
All Hay, baled ....Ton	108.00	111.00	110.00	111.00	112.00
Hogs, all ....Cwt	45.40	49.00	NA	47.80	51.90
Sows ....Cwt	33.00	45.00	NA	43.50	48.90
Brw & Gilts ....Cwt	45.50	49.00	NA	48.00	52.20
Beef Cattle ....Cwt	83.20	99.10	103.00	94.00	97.60
Cows ....Cwt	55.00	53.00	55.00	51.70	54.20
Strs & Hfrs ....Cwt	84.00	100.00	104.00	101.00	104.00
Calves ....Cwt	101.00	118.00	125.00	124.00	128.00
Milk Cows [3] .... Hd	-	-	-	-	-
Milk (whls) ....Cwt	16.80	18.30	17.00	17.90	16.80
Sheep ....Cwt	36.50	61.00	NA	54.20	NA
Lambs ....Cwt	93.50	150.00	NA	142.00	NA
Eggs (mkt)[4] ....Doz	0.89	NA	NA	1.02	0.919

NA = Information not available [1]Corn, oats, soybeans, all hogs, all cattle, all sheep, and milk are whole-month prices. All hay and eggs are mid-month prices. [2] Preliminary [3] Prices published January, April, July, and October. [4] State level egg prices were discontinued in January 2010.

U.S. Prices Received Index Summary

	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec[1] 2010	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec[1] 2010
	1910-14=100			1990-92=100		
All Farm Products	860	1010	1018	135	159	160
Crops	743	876	889	150	177	179
Oilseeds	942	1048	1117	172	191	204
Feed Grains	552	692	738	155	194	207
Lvstk	912	1040	1036	119	136	135
Meat Animals ...	1066	1253	1298	105	123	127
Dairy Prod.	1015	1101	1034	126	137	129

[1]Preliminary

U.S. Prices Paid Index Summary

Prices Paid	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010
	1910-14=100			1990-92=100		
Prices Paid [1]	2370	2506	2544	178	188	191
Feed	890	993	1047	182	203	214
Fertilizer	841	961	1001	230	262	273
Fuels	2041	2293	2357	264	297	305
Chemicals	980	903	909	159	146	147
Lvstk/Poultry ..	1462	1715	1792	114	134	140
Ratio [2]	-	-	-	76	85	84
Parity Ratio [3] ..	36	40	40	-	-	-

[1] Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates. [2] Received/Paid [3] Ratio of index of prices received to index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates.

UPCOMING NASS RELEASES

Annual Crop Production

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Cattle

Sheep & Goats

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Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, November 2009 and 2010

State	Milk Cows [1]		Milk Per Cow [2]		Milk Production [2]		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	Change from 2009
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Illinois	101	98	1,510	1,550	153	152	-0.7
Indiana	169	169	1,610	1,640	272	277	1.8
Iowa	**215**	**204**	**1,670**	**1,700**	**359**	**347**	**-3.3**
Kansas	113	121	1,725	1,730	195	209	7.2
Michigan	354	360	1,805	1,830	639	659	3.1
Minnesota	469	470	1,545	1,520	725	714	-1.5
Missouri	105	96	1,170	1,180	123	113	-8.1
Ohio	274	270	1,510	1,560	414	421	1.7
Wisconsin	1,258	1,265	1,630	1,630	2,051	2,062	0.5
23-State Total [3]	8,314	8,371	1,681	1,722	13,979	14,411	3.1

[1] Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves. [3] As of February 2009, the 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

All Layers and Egg Production: Selected States, November 2009 and 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Number)	(Number)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)
Indiana	22,805	22,387	23,456	23,101	2,298	2,277	539	526	528	515
Iowa	**53,320**	**51,801**	**54,180**	**52,688**	**2,235**	**2,211**	**1,211**	**1,165**	**1,198**	**1,152**
Minnesota	9,865	10,072	10,367	10,526	2,267	2,309	235	243	226	236
Nebraska	9,366	9,367	9,416	9,417	2,368	2,421	223	228	223	228
North Carolina	5,877	5,868	12,987	13,208	2,071	2,029	269	268	142	141
Ohio	27,100	27,853	27,558	28,318	2,264	2,267	624	642	(D)	635
United States	277,950	276,613	338,121	337,842	2,239	2,232	7,569	7,541	6,541	6,506

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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