



Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 1,365,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on May 1, 2011, down 1 percent from April 1, 2011 but up 1 percent from May 1, 2010. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 640,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 725,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but down 4 percent from last year.

Placements during April totaled 144,000 head, a decrease of 11 percent from last month but up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 69,000 head, down 15 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 75,000 head. This is down 6 percent from last month but up 14 percent from last year.

Marketings for April were 146,000 head, down 8 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 76,000 head, down 3 percent from last month but up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 70,000 head, down 13 percent from last

month and down 17 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 8,000 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 11.2 million head on May 1, 2011. The inventory was 7 percent above May 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.80 million, 10 percent above 2010. This is the second highest placements for the month of April since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 450,000, 600-699 pounds were 310,000, 700-799 pounds were 490,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 545,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent below 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during April, 35 percent below 2010. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

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, April 1, 2011	650	725	1,375
April Placements	69	75	144
April Marketings	76	70	146
April Other Disappearance	3	5	8
Cattle on Feed, May 1, 2011	640	725	1,365

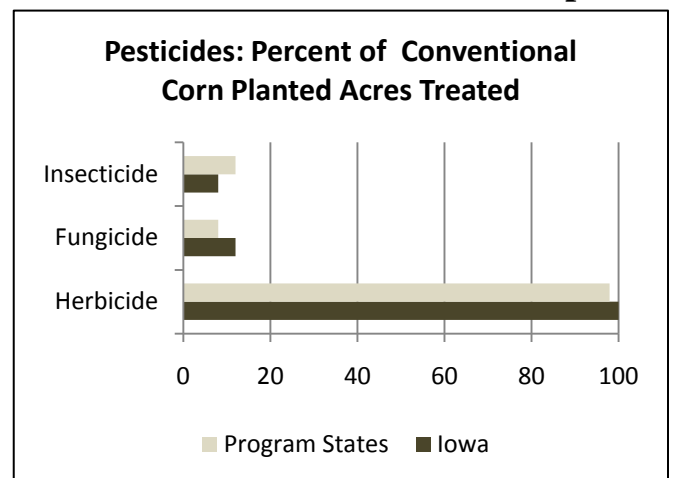
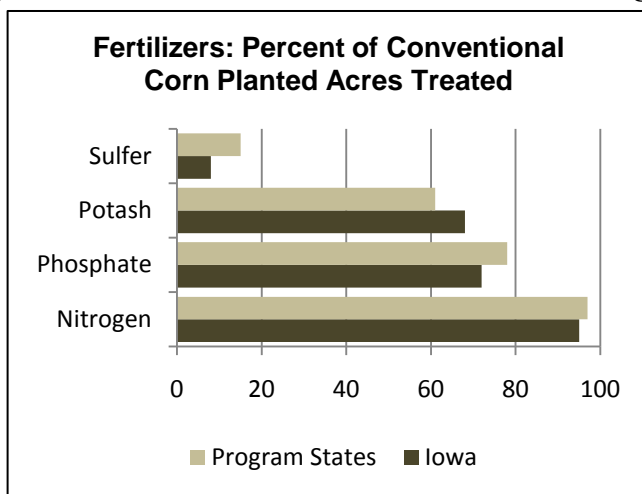
Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

[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 May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			April Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)
Arizona	268	282	105	16	25	156	24	18	75	2	1	50
California	410	450	110	54	57	106	54	55	102	5	2	40
Colorado	940	1,100	117	170	165	97	145	150	103	15	5	33
Idaho	210	230	110	27	34	126	21	23	110	1	1	100
Iowa	600	640	107	76	69	91	72	76	106	4	3	75
Kansas	2,130	2,170	102	315	380	121	405	385	95	20	15	75
Nebraska	2,240	2,370	106	400	370	93	435	370	85	15	10	67
Oklahoma	325	355	109	57	76	133	70	74	106	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	235	255	109	39	31	79	38	39	103	1	2	200
Texas	2,510	2,750	110	400	510	128	510	530	104	20	10	50
Washington	175	205	117	29	28	97	24	33	138	1	1	100
Other States ...	385	393	102	51	50	98	59	54	92	5	7	140
United States .	10,428	11,200	107	1,634	1,795	110	1,857	1,807	97	91	59	65

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

Agricultural Chemical Use and Pest Management Practices for the 2010 Corn Crop



Fertilizers: Of the three primary macronutrients, nitrogen (N) was the most widely used on conventional corn. Iowa farmers applied nitrogen to 95 percent of planted acres at an average rate of 142 pounds per acre per year. Macronutrients phosphate (P) and potash (K) were also applied to the majority of acres, at an average rate of 65 and 80 pounds per acre, respectively. The secondary macronutrient, sulfur (S), was applied to 8 percent of acres planted to corn.

Pesticides: Herbicide active ingredients were applied to 100 percent of acres in Iowa planted to conventional corn, and almost two-thirds of all active ingredients used on corn were herbicides. Glyphosate isopropylamine salt was the most widely used pesticide overall, and the active ingredient used in the greatest total amount. Fungicide and insecticide active ingredients were applied to 11 percent and 8 percent of acres planted to corn, respectively.

Pest Management Practices: Scouting for weed was the top pest management practice on conventional corn acreage, whereas scouting for diseases, insects and mites was the top pest management practice used for organic corn acreage.

The 2010 agricultural chemical use data for conventional corn and organic corn are available through the Quick Stats 2.0 database on the NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov.

Monthly Prices

Average Crop Prices Received by Farmers, Iowa & United States

Item	IOWA			U.S.		
	May 2010	April 2011	May ¹ 2011	May 2010	April 2011	May ¹ 2011
	-----Dollars-----					
Corn	3.52	6.18	6.00	3.48	6.35	6.15
Oats	2.24	3.78	3.50	2.19	3.53	3.49
Soybeans	9.35	12.90	13.00	9.41	13.10	13.00
Alfalfa, baled	123.00	118.00	118.00	121.00	155.00	186.00
All Hay, baled	118.00	113.00	112.00	116.00	141.00	169.00

¹ Preliminary

Average Livestock Prices Received by Farmers, United States

Item	May 2010	April 2011	May ¹ 2011
	-----Dollars-----		
Hogs, all	62.20	67.70	67.80
Sows	56.70	57.90	56.10
Brw & Gilts	62.40	68.30	68.50
Beef Cattle	94.70	119.00	115.00
Cows	59.00	78.90	79.10
Strs & Hfrs	99.70	122.00	118.00
Calves	124.00	147.00	141.00
Milk Cows ²	(NA)	1,420.00	(NA)
Milk (whls)	15.00	19.60	19.40
Sheep	46.20	68.80	(NA)
Lambs	122.00	181.00	(NA)
Eggs (mkt) ³	0.441	0.887	0.622

(NA) = Information not available.

¹ Preliminary ² Prices published January, April, July, and October. ³ Eggs are mid-month prices.

Prices Received Index Summary, United States

Prices Received	May 2010	Apr 2011	May ¹ 2011	May 2010	Apr 2011	May ¹ 2011
	1910-14=100			1990-92=100		
All Farm Products	875	1113	1104	138	175	174
Crops	731	988	987	148	199	199
Oilseeds	542	935	925	152	262	259
Feed Grains	919	1288	1277	168	235	233
Lvstk	1004	1195	1170	131	156	153
Meat Animals ...	1325	1607	1565	130	158	154
Dairy Prod.	923	1206	1194	115	150	149

¹ Preliminary

Prices Paid Index Summary, United States

Prices Paid	May 2010	Apr 2011	May 2011	May 2010	Apr 2011	May 2011
	1910-14=100			1990-92=100		
Prices Paid ¹	2409	2707	2719	181	203	204
Feed	838	1083	1111	172	222	228
Fertilizer	1750	2035	1935	137	159	151
Fuels	918	1184	1203	250	323	328
Chemicals	983	893	892	144	144	144
Lvstk/Poultry ..	2214	2928	2986	287	379	387
Ratio ²	NA	NA	NA	76	86	85
Parity Ratio ³ ..	36	41	41	NA	NA	NA

(NA) = Information not available.

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.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, April 2010 and 2011

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	Change from 2010
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Illinois	101	98	1,670	1,680	169	165	-2.4
Indiana	169	171	1,745	1,740	295	298	1.0
Iowa	212	209	1,750	1,780	371	372	0.3
Kansas	116	121	1,805	1,785	209	216	3.3
Michigan	357	362	1,970	1,955	703	708	0.7
Minnesota	470	471	1,650	1,615	776	761	-1.9
Missouri	101	94	1,325	1,360	134	128	-4.5
Ohio	272	268	1,680	1,620	457	434	-5.0
Wisconsin	1,261	1,266	1,745	1,735	2,200	2,197	-0.1
23-State Total ³	8,337	8,434	1,825	1,834	15,213	15,468	1.7

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, April 2010 and 2011

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Number)	(Number)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)
Indiana	22,923	22,825	23,686	23,568	2,292	2,338	543	551	529	538
Iowa	53,563	52,350	54,442	53,160	2,263	2,240	1,232	1,191	1,218	1,178
Minnesota	9,865	9,883	10,355	10,350	2,231	2,280	231	236	223	228
Nebraska	9,368	9,271	9,418	9,321	2,389	2,425	225	226	225	226
North Carolina	6,008	5,926	13,586	13,330	1,987	1,980	270	264	138	135
Ohio	27,372	26,904	27,880	27,422	2,217	2,265	618	621	(D)	(D)
United States	278,031	278,435	341,318	340,468	2,220	2,236	7,578	7,612	6,503	6,555