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## Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 1,140,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on October 1, 2011, up 6 percent from September 1, 2011 but down 5 percent from October 1, 2010. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 570,000 head on feed, up 4 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 570,000 head on feed, up 8 percent from last month but down 9 percent from last year.

Placements during September totaled 251,000 head, an increase of 70 percent from last month and up 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 115,000 head, up 37 percent from last month but down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 136,000 head. This is up 113 percent from last month and up 30 percent from last year.

Marketings for September were 183,000 head, down 5 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 92,000 head, unchanged from last month but down 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 91,000 head, down 9 percent from last

month but up 1 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 11.3 million head on October 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above October 1, 2010. This is the second highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 6.95 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.32 million head, up 5 percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, slightly above 2010. Net placements were 2.40 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 685,000, 600-699 pounds were 415,000, 700-799 pounds were 504,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 865,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.81 million, 1 percent above 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 74,000 during September, 37 percent above 2010.

### 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, September 1, 2011 .....	550	530	1,080
September Placements .....	115	136	251
September Marketings .....	92	91	183
September Other Disappearance .....	3	5	8
Cattle on Feed, October 1, 2011 .....	570	570	1,140

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other 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 October 1			Placements during September			Marketings during September			September Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>1</sup>		
	2010 (1,000 Head)	2011 (1,000 Head)	'11 as % of '10 (Percent)	2010 (1,000 Head)	2011 (1,000 Head)	'11 as % of '10 (Percent)	2010 (1,000 Head)	2011 (1,000 Head)	'11 as % of '10 (Percent)	2010 (1,000 Head)	2011 (1,000 Head)	'11 as % of '10 (Percent)
Arizona .....	240	280	117	22	19	86	21	21	100	1	1	100
California .....	445	490	110	55	70	127	43	49	114	2	6	300
Colorado .....	1,000	1,070	107	295	275	93	180	185	103	5	10	200
Idaho .....	205	220	107	57	67	118	41	41	100	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>75</b>
Kansas .....	2,330	2,320	100	510	500	98	370	375	101	10	15	150
Nebraska .....	2,220	2,210	100	540	560	104	360	350	97	10	10	100
Oklahoma .....	370	370	100	87	88	101	71	79	111	1	4	400
South Dakota ..	205	205	100	57	51	89	45	35	78	2	1	50
Texas .....	2,640	2,950	112	580	560	97	475	490	103	15	20	133
Washington ....	181	208	115	45	54	120	33	38	115	1	1	100
Other States ...	382	419	110	93	110	118	55	58	105	2	2	100
United States .	10,788	11,312	105	2,463	2,469	100	1,802	1,813	101	54	74	137

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

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter, State, and United States, 2010-2011

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	October 1, 2010 (1,000 Head)	July 1, 2011 (1,000 Head)	October 1, 2011 (1,000 Head)	October 1, 2010 (1,000 Head)	July 1, 2011 (1,000 Head)	October 1, 2011 (1,000 Head)	October 1, 2010 (1,000 Head)	July 1, 2011 (1,000 Head)	October 1, 2011 (1,000 Head)
Arizona .....	239	283	277	1	4	3	0	0	0
California .....	355	410	425	90	60	63	0	0	2
Colorado .....	705	690	730	290	305	335	5	5	5
Idaho .....	119	110	136	80	104	82	6	1	2
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Kansas .....	1,230	1,070	1,220	1,090	955	1,090	10	5	10
Nebraska .....	1,340	1,190	1,290	865	820	905	15	10	15
Oklahoma .....	205	210	205	165	140	165	0	0	0
South Dakota ..	97	107	114	92	86	81	16	17	10
Texas .....	1,560	1,640	1,750	1,079	1,059	1,199	1	1	1
Washington ....	108	122	123	72	74	83	1	1	2
Other States ...	254	272	285	127	106	133	1	1	1
United States .	6,607	6,514	6,945	4,126	3,893	4,318	55	41	49



## Average Crop Prices Received by Farmers, Iowa & United States

Item	IOWA			U.S.		
	October 2010	September 2011	October <sup>1</sup> 2011	October 2010	September 2011	October <sup>1</sup> 2011
-----Dollars-----						
Corn ..... Bu	4.28	6.62	5.90	4.32	6.37	5.92
Oats ..... Bu	2.27	3.73	3.40	2.55	3.67	3.45
Soybeans ..... Bu	9.98	12.60	11.90	10.20	12.20	11.90
Alfalfa, baled ..... Ton	112.00	132.00	140.00	118.00	196.00	203.00
All Hay, baled ..... Ton	101.00	123.00	127.00	111.00	176.00	181.00

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary

## Average Livestock Prices Received by Farmers, United States

Item	October 2010	September 2011	October <sup>1</sup> 2011
	-----Dollars-----		
Hogs, all ..... Cwt	53.30	67.10	68.80
Sows ..... Cwt	49.40	65.10	63.30
Brw & Gilts ..... Cwt	53.50	67.20	69.00
Beef Cattle ..... Cwt	93.10	112.00	116.00
Cows ..... Cwt	52.50	67.30	63.30
Strs & Hfrs ..... Cwt	98.90	117.00	121.00
Calves ..... Cwt	121.00	132.00	139.00
Milk Cows <sup>2</sup> ..... Hd	1,330.00	(NA)	1,480.00
Milk (whls) ..... Cwt	18.50	21.10	19.90
Sheep ..... Cwt	48.40	58.40	(NA)
Lambs ..... Cwt	137.00	189.00	(NA)
Eggs (mkt) <sup>3</sup> ..... Doz	0.655	0.731	0.772

(NA) Not Available

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

## Prices Received Index Summary, United States

Prices Received	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct <sup>1</sup> 2011	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct <sup>1</sup> 2011
		1910-14=100			1990-92=100	
All Products	956	1136	1176	151	179	185
Crops	809	1006	1021	163	203	206
Feed Grains & Hay	660	961	917	185	269	257
Oilseeds	918	1104	1141	168	201	208
Lvstk	1024	1163	1173	134	152	153
Meat Animals	1261	1521	1578	124	149	155
Dairy Prod.	1138	1298	1224	142	162	152

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary



## Prices Paid Index Summary, United States

Prices Paid	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct <sup>1</sup> 2011	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct <sup>1</sup> 2011
		1910-14=100			1990-92=100	
Prices Paid <sup>1</sup> .....	2466	2727	2734	185	205	205
Feed .....	917	1159	1175	188	237	241
Lvstk/Poultry ..	1684	1861	1916	132	146	150
Fertilizer .....	975	1211	1210	266	330	330
Chemicals .....	900	918	939	146	148	152
Fuels .....	2245	2820	2733	291	365	354
Ratio <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82	87	90
Parity Ratio <sup>3</sup> ..	40	43	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) = Information not available.

<sup>1</sup> Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates. <sup>2</sup> Received/Paid <sup>3</sup> 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, September 2010 and 2011

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	Change from 2010
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Illinois .....	99	98	1,485	1,520	147	149	1.4
Indiana .....	169	171	1,610	1,645	272	281	3.3
Iowa .....	<b>205</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Kansas .....	121	124	1,685	1,710	204	212	3.9
Michigan .....	359	369	1,885	1,870	677	690	1.9
Minnesota .....	470	471	1,530	1,515	719	714	-0.7
Missouri .....	98	95	1,125	1,110	110	105	-4.5
Ohio .....	270	268	1,560	1,550	421	415	-1.4
Wisconsin .....	1,264	1,264	1,650	1,680	2,086	2,124	1.8
23-State Total <sup>3</sup> .....	8,371	8,472	1,730	1,742	14,481	14,760	1.9

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup> 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, September 2010 and 2011

[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	
	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 .....	22,604	22,001	23,332	22,720	2,267	2,311	529	525	516	512
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>53,748</b>	<b>51,988</b>	<b>54,580</b>	<b>52,917</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>2,220</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,160</b>
Minnesota .....	9,894	9,623	10,399	10,125	2,279	2,262	237	229	228	221
Missouri .....	5,820	5,907	7,143	7,097	2,226	2,395	159	170	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	9,377	8,931	9,427	8,981	2,440	2,427	230	218	230	218
North Carolina .....	5,840	5,461	12,935	12,351	2,002	2,113	259	261	136	137
Ohio .....	27,656	27,486	28,131	27,974	2,225	2,231	626	624	(D)	(D)
United States .....	277,707	277,077	338,739	335,838	2,218	2,236	7,514	7,509	6,464	6,490

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