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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 940,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on March 1, 2006, down 1 percent from February 1, 2006, and down 2 percent from March 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 520,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but up 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 420,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month, and down 14 percent from last year.

Placements during February totaled 85,000 head, a decrease of 40 percent and 12 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 60,000 head, down 26 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 25,000 head. This is down 58 percent and 38 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for February were 88,000 head, down 15 percent from last month, and down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 58,000 head, down 16 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head

marketed 30,000 head, down 14 percent from last month, and down 23 percent from last year. 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 12.0 million head on March 1, 2006. The inventory was 8 percent above March 1, 2005 and 9 percent above March 1, 2004. This is the highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.60 million, 5 percent above 2005 but 1 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.53 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 300,000, 700-799 pounds were 510,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 433,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.61 million, 1 percent below 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of February since the series began in 1996.

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

State	Cattle on Feed March 1			d	Placements Marketings during February during February			у	February Disappearance other than Slaughter ²			
	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05
	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	324	351	108	23	31	135	24	24	100	3	2	67
CA	515	550	107	49	63	129	54	56	104	5	7	140
CO	1,040	1,090	105	175	150	86	185	165	89	10	5	50
ID	250	255	102	33	32	97	52	38	73	1	4	400
IA	465	520	112	57	60	105	55	58	105	2	2	100
KS	2,370	2,610	110	360	410	114	390	360	92	20	20	100
NE	2,320	2,450	106	315	330	105	330	360	109	15	10	67
NM	125	143	114	13	13	100	14	14	100	3	2	67
OK	340	365	107	48	49	102	56	56	100	2	3	150
SD	210	210	100	32	33	103	26	29	112	1	4	400
TX	2,690	3,010	112	340	360	106	360	370	103	10	10	100
WA	185	154	83	32	25	78	35	22	63	2	2	100
Oth Sts	320	315	98	46	42	91	53	60	113	3	2	67
US	11,154	12,023	108	1,523	1,598	105	1,634	1,612	99	77	73	95

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

All Cattle on Feed Towa

The Cattle on I cou, 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, February 1, 2006	520	430	950						
February Placements	60	25	85						
February Marketings	58	30	88						
February Other Disappearance	2	5	7						
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2006	520	420	940						

Average Prices Received by Farmers for Farm Products

by Furniers for Furni Froducts										
			IOWA		U	.S.				
Item	Unit	Feb 1	Jan 1	Feb ²	Jan 1	Feb ²				
Item	Oilit	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006				
		Dollars								
Corn	Bu.	1.88	1.87	1.95	2.00	2.01				
Oats	Bu.	1.90	1.93	1.80	1.73	1.78				
Soybeans	Bu.	5.32	5.71	5.55	5.88	5.68				
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	85.00	85.00	79.00	95.60	99.20				
All Hay, baled	Ton	82.00	81.00	77.00	91.20	95.00				
All Hogs	Cwt.	52.00	41.80	42.30	40.70	41.20				
Sows	Cwt.	46.10	33.60	32.10	33.20	31.20				
Brw & Gilts	Cwt.	52.20	42.00	42.70	41.10	41.70				
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	93.90	97.00	92.20	95.10	92.60				
Cows	Cwt.	53.30	49.40	52.00	47.30	48.50				
Strs & Hfrs	Cwt.	94.70	98.00	93.00	102.0	98.10				
Calves	Cwt.	122.0	132.0	137.0	0	142.00				
Milk Cows 3	Hd.	0	0	0	141.0	-				
Milk (whls)	Cwt.	-	1,750	-	0	13.80				
Sheep	Cwt.	16.20	15.00	14.50	1,840	-				
Lambs	Cwt.	51.00	50.50	-	14.50	-				
Eggs (mkt)	Doz.	111.0	82.00	-	47.70	0.301				
'		0	0.374	0.240	96.10					
		0.320			0.438					

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 All prices are mid-month. ³ Prices published January, April, July, and October.

Price Index Summary Table

		IOWA		UNITED STATES						
Prices	Feb Jan		Feb 1	Feb	Jan	Feb 1				
Received	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006				
Prices rec'd	104	99	88	114	113	113				
Crops	89	92	92	107	108	113				
Lvstk	118	105	84	119	118	114				
	1910-14=100 ³									
Prices rec'd	-	-	-	723	717	721				
Crops	-	-	-	528	535	558				
Lvstk	-	-	-	916	902	874				

¹ Preliminary ² 1990-92=100 reference replaced 1997=100 in January 1995. ³ Iowa figures for 1910-14=100 base not available.

U.S. Prices Paid Index Summary

Prices Paid	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006		
- alu	19	990-92=10	00	1910-14=100				
Prices Paid 1	137	146	146	1,823	1,940	1,942		
Feed	110	120	124	538	587	606		
Ratio ²	83	77	77	40	37	37		

Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates. ² Ratio of index of prices received to index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates.

Livestock Slaughter

Iowa: Commercial red meat production in Iowa during 2005 totaled 6.5 billion pounds, down slightly from 2004. Iowa ranks second in the nation for commercial red meat production in 2005, the same as last year.

United States: Red meat production for the United States totaled 45.8 billion pounds in 2005, slightly higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 45.7 billion pounds. On farm production

totaled 135 million pounds. Beef production, totaled 24.8 billion pounds, slightly higher than the previous year. Veal production totaled 165 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year, setting a new record low. Pork production, at 20.7 billion pounds, was slightly higher than the previous year, setting a new record high. Lamb and mutton production set a new record low, totaling 191 million pounds, 4 percent below the previous record low set a year ago.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

	Feb	Jan	Feb	Feb 06	% of	Jan - Feb ²			
Class	2005	2006	2006	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	2005	2006	06 as % of 05	
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	
Beef	1,767	2,044	1,825	103	89	3,683	3,869	105	
Veal	12.0	12.5	11.7	97	94	25.4	24.2	95	
Pork	1,629	1,817	1,633	100	90	3,334	3,450	103	
Lamb & Mutton	15.1	16.2	14.7	97	91	29.6	30.9	104	
Total Red Meat	3,424	3,890	3,484	102	90	7,072	7,374	104	

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

Commercial Livestock Slaughter, By Species, Iowa & U.S., 2003 - 2005

State/	Number of Head			A	verage Liveweig	ht	Total Liveweight			
Species	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	
	Thousand Head	Thousand Head	Thousand Head	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	
Iowa										
Hogs	29,239.1	29,891.0	29,832.3	266.0	268.0	271.0	7,788.3	8,011.6	8,078.9	
Sheep	416.4	396.5	413.8	149.0	150.0	149.0	62.1	59.5	61.7	
United States										
Cattle	35,493.4	32,728.3	32,387.7	1,231.0	1,240.0	1,256.0	43,704.7	40,589.1	40,688.7	
Calves	1,000.8	842.4	734.4	318.0	330.0	353.0	317.9	278.2	259.4	
Hogs	100,930.7	103,463.4	103,581.5	266.0	267.0	269.0	26,875.7	27,588.3	27,827.9	
Sheep & Lambs	2,978.8	2,839.3	2,697.8	134.0	136.0	138.0	398.6	386.9	373.3	

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Oats; Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production, Iowa by County, 2005¹

				Iowa by Co	ounty, 2005 ¹	
County and District	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	Production	County and District	Area Plante
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	1,000 Bushels		Acres
Buena Vista	800	400	95.0	38	Benton	2,3
Cherokee	800	400	100.0	40	Cedar	1,4
Clay	1,200	800	73.8	59	Clinton	2,5
Dickinson	600	400	80.0	32	Iowa	2,7
Emmet	200	100	70.0	7	Jackson	7,5
Lyon	2,000	1,200	95.8	115	Johnson	3,3
O'Brien	700	500	78.0	39	Jones	3,7
Osceola	1,100	800	86.3	69	Linn	3,2
Palo Alto	1,300	1,000	86.0	86	Muscatine	1,3
Plymouth	2,300	1,600	90.0	144	Scott	1,4
Pocahontas	500	300	106.7	32	Other counties	•••
Sioux	2,300	1,500	94.0	141	East Central	29,3
Other counties Northwest	13,800	9,000	89.1	802	Adair	1.2
Northwest	13,000	9,000	09.1	802	Adams	4,3 2,4
Butler	1,700	1,200	85.0	102	Cass	1,8
Cerro Gordo	800	600	80.0	48	Fremont	1,0
Floyd	1,400	1,000	73.0	73	Mills	
Franklin	900	600	81.7	49	Montgomery	9
Hancock	800	500	82.0	41	Page	1,2
Humboldt	500	300	73.3	22	Pottawattamie	2,1
Kossuth	900	700	81.4	57	Taylor	1,7
Mitchell	1,800	1,400	95.0	133	Other counties	6
Winnebago	800	600	73.3	44	Southwest	15,0
Worth	900	700	90.0	63		- ,-
Wright	500	300	83.3	25	Appanoose	2,4
Other counties					Clarke	2,8
North Central	11,000	7,900	83.2	657	Decatur	1,8
					Lucas	2,2
Allamakee	9,000	4,800	72.9	350	Madison	2,6
Black Hawk	1,400	900	86.7	78	Marion	2,4
Bremer	2,000	1,400	83.6	117	Monroe	3,3
Buchanan	2,400	1,200	87.5	105	Ringgold	3,5
Chickasaw	2,400	1,500	78.7	118	Union	3,0
Clayton	9,600	5,700	77.7	443	Warren	2,0
Delaware	6,800	3,900	79.5	310	Wayne	3,2
Dubuque	10,800	6,400	84.5	541	Other counties	
Fayette	6,200	3,900	83.6	326	South Central	29,2
Howard	3,000	2,200	78.2	172	D. 1.	1.0
Winneshiek Other counties	10,400	6,600	75.9	501	Davis Des Moines	1,8
Northeast	64,000	38,500	79.5	3,061	Henry	9
Noi tileast	04,000	36,300	19.3	3,001	Jefferson	1,2
Audubon	1,300	800	75.0	60	Keokuk	1,3
Calhoun	900	600	100.0	60	Lee	1,2
Carroll	1,300	1,000	65.0	65	Louisa	5
Crawford	2,100	1,100	84.5	93	Mahaska	1,9
Greene	1,300	900	81.1	73	Van Buren	2,1
Guthrie	2,200	1,100	84.5	93	Wapello	1,6
Harrison					Washington	1,9
Ida	800	500	94.0	47	Other counties	
Monona					Southeast	15,3
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Shelby	1,100	600	63.3	38	State	210,0
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Boone	1,300	900	86.7	78		
Dallas	900	600	01.7			
Grundy	800	600	91.7	55		
Hamilton	400	300	86.7	26		
Hardin Jasper	600 3,000	400 1,500	90.0 76.7	36 115		
Marshall	1,400	800	91.3	73		
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Chickens and Eggs

Iowa: Egg production in Iowa for January 2006 was 1,150 million eggs, up 6 percent from the same period a year ago. The total number of layers on hand during January 2006 was 51.1 million, up 2.7 percent from 49.8 million layers in January 2005. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of January was 2,249 eggs, up from 2,176 million eggs the previous year.

United States: U.S. egg production totaled 7.72 billion during January 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The number of layers during January 2006 averaged 349 million, up slightly from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,211 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2005.

All Layers and Egg Production, Jan 2005 and 2006 1

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AR	4,582	4,069	15,138	14,337	1,936	1,953	293	280	107	96	186	184
CA	19,119	18,930	19,611	19,393	2,239	2,207	439	428				
GA	11,020	9,923	20,365	19,197	2,121	2,094	432	402	254	225	178	177
IN	22,726	23,965	23,463	24,696	2,212	2,251	519	556	506	543	13	13
IA	48,999	50,350	49,771	51,125	2,176	2,249	1,083	1,150				
MN	10,398	10,734	10,946	11,199	2,275	2,250	249	252	241	244	8	8
NE	11,969	11,834	12,044	11,909	2,292	2,225	276	265	276	265		
NC	3,373	3,442	10,954	11,075	1,981	2,023	217	224	80	84	137	140
OH	27,531	29,109	28,017	29,651	2,252	2,266	631	672				
PA	22,733	22,302	24,484	24,255	2,336	2,354	572	571	555	550	17	21
TX	13,541	14,150	18,064	18,558	2,231	2,269	403	421				
30 Sts ⁴	265,269	268,657	322,113	324,813	2,195	2,213	7,070	7,187	6,097	6,215	973	972
US	282,760	285,026	347,864	349,246	2,192	2,211	7,626	7,721	6,526	6,624	1,101	1,097

¹ 2006 preliminary, 2005 revised ² Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size ³ Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations ⁴ The 30 states are those listed as well as AL, CO, CT, FL, HI, IL, ME, MD, MI, MS, MO, NY, OK, OR, SC, SD, VA, WA, and WI.