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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 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Cattle on Feed March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	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
<b>IA</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>
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

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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
	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**

Item	Unit	IOWA			U.S.	
		Feb <sup>1</sup> 2005	Jan <sup>1</sup> 2006	Feb <sup>2</sup> 2006	Jan <sup>1</sup> 2006	Feb <sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>	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	

<sup>1</sup> Corn, oats, soybeans, all hogs, all cattle, all sheep, and milk are whole-month prices. All hay and eggs are mid-month prices. <sup>2</sup> All prices are mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Prices published January, April, July, and October.

**Price Index Summary Table**

Prices Received	IOWA			UNITED STATES		
	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb <sup>1</sup> 2006	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb <sup>1</sup> 2006
	1990-92=100 <sup>2</sup>					
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 <sup>3</sup>					
Prices rec'd	-	-	-	723	717	721
Crops	-	-	-	528	535	558
Lvstk	-	-	-	916	902	874

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary <sup>2</sup> 1990-92=100 reference replaced 1997=100 in January 1995. <sup>3</sup> 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
	1990-92=100			1910-14=100		
	Prices Paid <sup>1</sup>	137	146	146	1,823	1,940
Feed	110	120	124	538	587	606
Ratio <sup>2</sup>	83	77	77	40	37	37

<sup>1</sup> Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates. <sup>2</sup> 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

totalled 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<sup>1</sup>**

Class	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Feb 06 % of		Jan - Feb <sup>2</sup>		
				Feb 2005	Jan 2006	2005	2006	06 as % of 05
				Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	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

<sup>1</sup> Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

State/ Species	Number of Head			Average Liveweight			Total Liveweight		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	Thousand Head	Thousand Head	Thousand Head	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds
<b>Iowa</b>									
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
<b>United States</b>									
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

**Oats; Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production,  
Iowa by County, 2005<sup>1</sup>**

County and District	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	Production	County and District	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
Buena Vista	800	400	95.0	38	Benton	2,300	1,400	83.6	117
Cherokee	800	400	100.0	40	Cedar	1,400	900	77.8	70
Clay	1,200	800	73.8	59	Clinton	2,500	1,600	69.4	111
Dickinson	600	400	80.0	32	Iowa	2,700	2,000	89.0	178
Emmet	200	100	70.0	7	Jackson	7,500	4,400	67.3	296
Lyon	2,000	1,200	95.8	115	Johnson	3,300	2,600	77.7	202
O'Brien	700	500	78.0	39	Jones	3,700	2,100	81.9	172
Osceola	1,100	800	86.3	69	Linn	3,200	2,300	87.8	202
Palo Alto	1,300	1,000	86.0	86	Muscatine	1,300	900	83.3	75
Plymouth	2,300	1,600	90.0	144	Scott	1,400	900	90.0	81
Pocahontas	500	300	106.7	32	Other counties				
Sioux	2,300	1,500	94.0	141	<b>East Central</b>	<b>29,300</b>	<b>19,100</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>1,504</b>
Other counties					Adair	4,300	2,000	81.5	163
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>802</b>	Adams	2,400	1,300	79.2	103
Butler	1,700	1,200	85.0	102	Cass	1,800	900	81.1	73
Cerro Gordo	800	600	80.0	48	Fremont				
Floyd	1,400	1,000	73.0	73	Mills				
Franklin	900	600	81.7	49	Montgomery	900	300	73.3	22
Hancock	800	500	82.0	41	Page	1,200	500	66.0	33
Humboldt	500	300	73.3	22	Pottawattamie	2,100	1,100	80.0	88
Kossuth	900	700	81.4	57	Taylor	1,700	700	72.9	51
Mitchell	1,800	1,400	95.0	133	Other counties	600	300	80.0	24
Winnebago	800	600	73.3	44	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>557</b>
Worth	900	700	90.0	63	Appanoose	2,400	1,200	70.8	85
Wright	500	300	83.3	25	Clarke	2,800	1,900	63.7	121
Other counties					Decatur	1,800	900	93.3	84
<b>North Central</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>657</b>	Lucas	2,200	1,500	60.7	91
Allamakee	9,000	4,800	72.9	350	Madison	2,600	1,000	73.0	73
Black Hawk	1,400	900	86.7	78	Marion	2,400	1,100	69.1	76
Bremer	2,000	1,400	83.6	117	Monroe	3,300	1,700	68.8	117
Buchanan	2,400	1,200	87.5	105	Ringgold	3,500	1,700	87.6	149
Chickasaw	2,400	1,500	78.7	118	Union	3,000	1,900	75.8	144
Clayton	9,600	5,700	77.7	443	Warren	2,000	1,000	58.0	58
Delaware	6,800	3,900	79.5	310	Wayne	3,200	2,000	72.5	145
Dubuque	10,800	6,400	84.5	541	Other counties				
Fayette	6,200	3,900	83.6	326	<b>South Central</b>	<b>29,200</b>	<b>15,900</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>1,143</b>
Howard	3,000	2,200	78.2	172	Davis	1,800	800	77.5	62
Winneshiek	10,400	6,600	75.9	501	Des Moines	900	500	74.0	37
Other counties					Henry	900	500	46.0	23
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>64,000</b>	<b>38,500</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>3,061</b>	Jefferson	1,200	900	73.3	66
Audubon	1,300	800	75.0	60	Keokuk	1,300	800	88.8	71
Calhoun	900	600	100.0	60	Lee	1,200	700	58.6	41
Carroll	1,300	1,000	65.0	65	Louisa	500	300	73.3	22
Crawford	2,100	1,100	84.5	93	Mahaska	1,900	1,000	83.0	83
Greene	1,300	900	81.1	73	Van Buren	2,100	1,200	74.2	89
Guthrie	2,200	1,100	84.5	93	Wapello	1,600	1,100	49.1	54
Harrison					Washington	1,900	1,300	73.8	96
Ida	800	500	94.0	47	Other counties				
Monona					<b>Southeast</b>	<b>15,300</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>644</b>
Sac	1,200	800	80.0	64	<b>State</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>9,875</b>
Shelby	1,100	600	63.3	38					
Woodbury	1,500	600	80.0	48					
Other counties	2,300	900	72.2	65					
<b>West Central</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>706</b>					
Boone	1,300	900	86.7	78					
Dallas									
Grundy	800	600	91.7	55					
Hamilton	400	300	86.7	26					
Hardin	600	400	90.0	36					
Jasper	3,000	1,500	76.7	115					
Marshall	1,400	800	91.3	73					
Polk	700	300	76.7	23					
Poweshiek	3,300	1,900	82.6	157					
Story									
Tama	2,600	1,500	76.0	114					
Webster	900	500	96.0	48					
Other counties	1,400	800	95.0	76					
<b>Central</b>	<b>16,400</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>801</b>					

<sup>1</sup> Some county data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. However, this unpublished data is included in "other counties."

## 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 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 & Above		All layers on hand <sup>2</sup>		Eggs per 100 layers		Egg production by type					
							Total production		Table eggs <sup>3</sup>		Hatching eggs <sup>3</sup>	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>
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 <sup>4</sup>	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

<sup>1</sup> 2006 preliminary, 2005 revised <sup>2</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size <sup>3</sup> Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations <sup>4</sup> 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.