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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 840,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on June 1, 2006, down 6 percent from May 1, 2006, and down 4 percent from June 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 470,000 head on feed, down 5 percent from last month but up 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 370,000 head on feed, down 7 percent from last month, and down 16 percent from last year.

Placements during May totaled 69,000 head, a decrease of 22 percent and 20 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 51,000 head, down 20 percent from last month and 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than

1,000 head placed 18,000 head. This is down 28 percent and 42 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for May were 119,000 head, up 16 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 74,000 head, up 12 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 45,000 head, up 22 percent from last month, but down 8 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, May 1, 2006	495	400	895
May Placements	51	18	69
May Marketings	74	45	119
May Other Disappearance	2	3	5
Cattle on Feed, June 1, 2006	470	370	840

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

State	Cattle on Feed June 1			Placements during May			Marketings during May			May 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
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	331	341	103	32	29	91	29	27	93	2	6	300
CA	515	535	104	82	80	98	62	70	113	5	5	100
CO	970	1,030	106	165	175	106	150	185	123	15	20	133
ID	245	230	94	61	37	61	54	47	87	2	5	250
IA	435	470	108	55	51	93	73	74	101	2	2	100
KS	2,280	2,400	105	510	415	81	465	520	112	25	25	100
NE	2,050	2,120	103	360	340	94	480	520	108	20	20	100
NM	127	135	106	30	25	83	16	21	131	1	1	100
OK	325	345	106	86	76	88	64	70	109	2	1	50
SD	186	195	105	28	33	118	38	34	89	4	4	100
TX	2,890	2,960	102	750	590	79	480	520	108	10	20	200
WA	137	141	103	26	20	77	34	30	88	2	1	50
Oth Sts	280	285	102	38	42	111	52	52	100	6	5	83
US	10,771	11,187	104	2,223	1,913	86	1,997	2,170	109	96	115	120

¹ 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. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Annual Milk Production, Disposition & Income

Iowa: Milk production totaled 4,020 million pounds for 2005, up 4.4 percent from 2004. The average number of milk cows was 194 thousand head, up one thousand head from a year earlier. Production per cow was 20,722 pounds, up 769 pounds from 2004. The value of milk produced rose from \$628 million in 2004 to \$635 million.

United States: Milk production increased 3.5 percent in 2005 to 177 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 19,576 pounds, was 609 pounds above 2004. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.04 million head, up 29,000 head from 2004.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2005 totaled \$26.7 billion, 2.4 percent lower than 2004. Producer returns averaged \$15.20 per hundredweight, 5.8 percent below 2004. Marketings totaled 176 billion pounds, 3.6 percent above 2004. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 1.08 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 2.4 percent less than 2004. Calves were fed 87 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

Milk Cows, Production, and Value of Production, 2004¹-2005

State	Milk Cows ²		Milk Per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		Value of Milk Produced ⁴⁻⁵	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
CA	1,725	1,755	21,139	21,404	36,465	37,564	5,371,295	5,228,909
IL	107	104	18,486	18,827	1,978	1,958	310,546	297,616
IA	193	194	19,953	20,722	3,851	4,020	627,713	635,160
MN	463	453	17,499	18,091	8,102	8,195	1,353,034	1,262,030
MO	122	117	15,139	16,026	1,847	1,875	302,908	290,625
WI	1,241	1,236	17,796	18,500	22,085	22,866	3,732,365	3,567,096
US	9,012	9,041	18,967	19,576	170,934	176,989	27,567,726	26,903,822

¹ Revised. ² Average number during year. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves. ⁴ Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream. ⁵ Includes value of milk fed to calves.

Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in May totaled 358 million pounds, up less than 1 percent from May 2005. The average number of milk cows, 200,000 head, was 7,000 head above May 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,790 pounds, down 55 pounds from one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from May 2005. April revised production, at 14.2 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from April 2005. The April revision represented a

decrease of 2 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for May, 22 pounds above May 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.26 million head, 128,000 head more than May 2005, and 19,000 head more than April 2006.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, May 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		'06 as % of '05
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	1,751	1,785	1,880	1,890	3,292	3,374	2.5
IL	104	103	1,660	1,690	173	174	0.6
IA	193	200	1,845	1,790	356	358	0.6
MN	455	450	1,610	1,635	733	736	0.4
MO	119	116	1,490	1,470	177	171	-3.4
WI	1,234	1,242	1,630	1,655	2,011	2,056	2.2
23-State Total ³	8,131	8,259	1,760	1,782	14,311	14,714	2.8

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

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class,
Iowa by County, January 1, 2006 ¹**

County and District	All Cattle and Calves	Beef Cows That Have Calved	Milk Cows That Have Calved	County and District	All Cattle and Calves	Beef Cows That Have Calved	Milk Cows That Have Calved
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>		<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
Buena Vista	20,000	5,000		Benton	36,500	9,000	4,000
Cherokee	57,500	15,000	200	Cedar	27,000	8,000	500
Clay	24,000	6,000		Clinton	51,000	10,500	3,800
Dickinson	17,000	3,000		Iowa	45,000	19,500	
Emmet	22,000	5,500		Jackson	95,000	26,000	4,000
Lyon	100,000	11,500	5,000	Johnson	33,000	11,500	3,900
O'Brien	60,500	5,000		Jones	54,500	11,000	1,600
Osceola	28,000	2,500	5,200	Linn	52,500	11,500	1,900
Palo Alto	28,500	5,000		Muscatine	19,500	6,000	1,000
Plymouth	75,500	17,500	6,700	Scott	22,000	6,000	
Pocahontas	17,000	3,000		Other counties			800
Sioux	235,000	9,000	19,700	East Central	436,000	119,000	21,500
Other counties			2,200	Adair	53,000	27,000	
Northwest	685,000	88,000	39,000	Adams	37,000	16,000	
Butler	25,500	5,500	1,600	Cass	53,000	17,500	
Cerro Gordo	13,500	4,000		Fremont	18,000	4,500	
Floyd	19,500	6,000	700	Mills	8,500	5,500	
Franklin	19,000	4,500		Montgomery	26,000	8,500	700
Hancock	16,500	4,500		Page	48,500	17,500	
Humboldt	12,000	2,500		Pottawattamie	85,000	14,500	
Kossuth	36,000	7,000	200	Taylor	39,000	20,000	
Mitchell	45,500	4,500	2,800	Other counties			2,800
Winnebago	7,500	1,500		Southwest	368,000	131,000	3,500
Worth	7,000	2,500	300	Appanoose	44,000	24,500	400
Wright	8,000	1,500		Clarke	40,000	22,500	
Other counties			900	Decatur	54,500	25,500	300
North Central	210,000	44,000	6,500	Lucas	40,000	17,000	
Allamakee	66,000	16,500	15,200	Madison	47,500	26,000	
Black Hawk	13,500	3,000	1,300	Marion	31,000	10,500	500
Bremer	20,000	3,000	3,500	Monroe	37,000	13,500	200
Buchanan	24,500	4,000	3,300	Ringgold	50,500	27,500	
Chickasaw	42,000	4,000	6,100	Union	40,000	19,500	
Clayton	76,500	17,000	15,500	Warren	35,500	14,500	300
Delaware	69,000	8,500	7,700	Wayne	45,000	23,000	200
Dubuque	100,000	19,500	18,000	Other counties			600
Fayette	56,500	13,000	8,500	South Central	465,000	224,000	2,500
Howard	28,000	7,000	2,400	Davis	52,000	24,000	1,000
Winneshiek	80,000	13,500	15,500	Des Moines	13,000	6,000	
Northeast	576,000	109,000	97,000	Henry	25,500	9,500	
Audubon	31,500	9,000		Jefferson	27,000	8,500	
Calhoun	17,500	6,000		Keokuk	39,000	17,000	
Carroll	73,000	9,000	500	Lee	30,500	9,500	1,100
Crawford	59,000	20,000		Louisa	11,000	5,000	
Greene	22,500	6,500		Mahaska	43,500	14,000	
Guthrie	36,000	17,000		Van Buren	35,000	16,000	400
Harrison	33,000	12,500		Wapello	22,000	9,500	
Ida	38,000	7,500		Washington	30,500	11,000	1,100
Monona	28,500	8,500		Other counties			3,900
Sac	40,500	5,000		Southeast	329,000	130,000	7,500
Shelby	33,500	8,500		State	3,800,000	1,053,000	187,000
Woodbury	65,000	19,500					
Other counties			3,500				
West Central	478,000	129,000	4,000				
Boone	17,500	4,500					
Dallas	21,000	5,000					
Grundy	19,000	3,000	400				
Hamilton	5,500	3,000					
Hardin	17,000	5,500					
Jasper	39,000	13,500					
Marshall	26,000	6,500					
Polk	12,000	4,500					
Poweshiek	34,500	13,500					
Story	17,000	3,500					
Tama	33,000	13,000	600				
Webster	11,500	3,500					
Other counties			4,500				
Central	253,000	79,000	5,500				

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

Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, U.S.¹ and Corn Belt II²

Farm Employment	April 10-16, 2005		January 8-14, 2006		April 9-15, 2006	
	Corn Belt II	U.S.	Corn Belt II	U.S. ³	Corn Belt II	U.S.
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>
Hired Workers						
Expected to be Employed	27	753	25	614	27	718
150 Days or More	20	600	23	512	23	580
149 Days or Less	7	153	2	102	4	138
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	*	247	*	180	*	238
Hired Farm & Service Workers	*	1,000	*	794	*	956
	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>
Hours Worked						
Hired	34.2	39.9	36.5	38.2	38.3	40.8
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>
Wage Rates for						
All Hired Workers ^{4,5}	9.38	9.35	11.50	10.10	10.12	9.79
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock Combined	9.06	8.72	10.52	9.17	9.46	9.07
Field	8.85	8.56	9.61	9.11	8.45	8.96
Livestock	9.27	9.14	10.69	9.26	10.38	9.30

* Not Available

¹ Excludes Alaska. ² Consists of Iowa and Missouri. ³ Revised. ⁴ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. ⁵ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

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