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## Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 815,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on July 1, 2006, down 3 percent from June 1, 2006, but up 1 percent from July 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 460,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 355,000 head on feed, down 4 percent from last month, and down 9 percent from last year.

Placements during June totaled 87,000 head, a increase of 26 percent and 30 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 59,000 head, up 16 percent from last month and 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 28,000 head. This is up 56 percent from both last month and last year.

Marketings for June were 105,000 head, down 12 percent from last month, and down 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 66,000 head, down 11 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 39,000 head, down 13 percent from last month, and down 39 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 10.9 million head on July 1, 2006. The inventory was 5 percent above July 1, 2005 and 7 percent above July 1, 2004. This is the second highest July 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.09 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.71 million head, up 5 percent from 2005.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.95 million, 10 percent above 2005 and 18 percent above 2004. This is the second highest placements for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.89 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 430,000, 700-799 pounds were 456,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 500,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.20 million, 6 percent above 2005 and up 6 percent from 2004. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during June, unchanged from 2005 but 10 percent below 2004.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1</sup>

State	Cattle on Feed July 1			Placements during June			Marketings during June			June 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	344	106	29	34	117	35	30	86	1	1	100
CA	520	530	102	73	73	100	63	74	117	5	4	80
CO	900	980	109	130	175	135	190	215	113	10	10	100
ID	260	230	88	70	58	83	54	55	102	1	3	300
<b>IA</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>300</b>
KS	2,200	2,280	104	400	445	111	465	550	118	15	15	100
NE	1,820	1,990	109	290	370	128	510	490	96	10	10	100
NM	132	140	106	26	33	127	18	27	150	3	1	33
OK	320	340	106	54	63	117	58	67	116	1	1	100
SD	161	180	112	26	29	112	48	41	85	3	3	100
TX	2,950	2,980	101	550	530	96	480	500	104	10	10	100
WA	142	148	104	41	39	95	35	31	89	1	1	100
Oth Sts	250	270	108	31	43	139	59	57	97	2	1	50
US	10,394	10,872	105	1,769	1,951	110	2,083	2,203	106	63	63	100

<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
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, June 1, 2006	470	370	840
June Placements	59	28	87
June Marketings	66	39	105
June Other Disappearance	3	4	7
Cattle on Feed, July 1, 2006	460	355	815

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter, State, and United States, 2005-2006

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	July 1, 2005	April 1, 2006	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	April 1, 2006	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	April 1, 2006	July 1, 2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AZ	319	342	341	5	9	3	0	0	0
CA	490	500	487	30	35	40	0	0	3
CO	555	740	650	340	320	320	5	10	10
ID	169	158	149	89	90	79	2	2	2
<b>IA</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
KS	1,280	1,460	1,300	900	1,110	970	20	20	10
NE	1,150	1,480	1,240	660	900	740	10	20	10
NM	77	77	84	55	62	56	0	0	0
OK	205	245	240	114	115	100	1	0	0
SD	75	115	85	69	79	72	17	16	23
TX	1,940	1,940	1,900	1,005	999	1,075	5	1	5
WA	87	88	81	54	62	66	1	2	1
Oth Sts	190	240	215	57	72	50	3	3	5
US	6,802	7,740	7,092	3,527	3,997	3,710	65	75	70

### July 1 Cattle Inventory

**United States:** All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2006, totaled 105.7 million head, 1 percent above the 104.5 million on July 1, 2005 and 2 percent above the 103.4 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.0 million, were up slightly from the 42.8 million on July 1, 2005 and 1 percent above the 42.4 million two years ago. Beef cows, at 33.9 million, were up slightly from July 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2006 and the changes from July 1, 2005, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million,

up 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.0 million, unchanged. Milk replacement heifers, 3.8 million, up 3 percent. Other heifers, 7.7 million, up 3 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, up 3 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged. Calves under 500 pounds, 29.2 million, up 1 percent. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.5 million, up 4 percent.

The 2006 calf crop is expected to be 37.9 million, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.6 million, up 1 percent from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004.

### Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2005-2006

Class	United States		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	104,500	105,700	101
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,800	43,000	100
Beef Cows	33,750	33,850	100
Milk Cows	9,050	9,150	101
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2006 as % of 2005</b>
Calf Crop	37,780	37,900	100

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary.

## Commercial Red Meat Production: United States <sup>1</sup>

Class	Jun 2005	May 2006	Jun 2006	Jun 06 % of		Jan - Jun <sup>2</sup>		
				Jun 2005	May 2006	2005	2006	06 as % of 05
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,227	2,297	2,429	109	106	11,913	12,777	107
Veal	13.2	13.1	13.0	99	99	78.0	74.5	96
Pork	1,707	1,722	1,663	97	97	10,159	10,320	102
Lamb & Mutton	15.3	16.3	14.6	95	89	94.6	96.9	102
Total Red Meat	3,962	4,049	4,120	104	102	22,245	23,269	105

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

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

## Chickens and Eggs

**Iowa:** Egg production in Iowa for June 2006 was 1,123 million eggs, up 8.4 percent from the same period a year ago. The total number of layers on hand during June 2006 was 50.6 million, up 7.2 percent from 47.2 million layers in June 2005. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of June was 2,187 eggs, up from 2,159 million eggs the previous year.

**United States:** U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during June 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 991 million were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers

during June 2006 averaged 342 million, up 1 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,159 eggs, down slightly from June 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2006, totaled 341 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2006, averaged 72.7 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from July 1, 2005.

## All Layers and Egg Production, Jun 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					
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	Total production		Table eggs <sup>3</sup>		Hatching eggs <sup>3</sup>	
							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	4,006	4,143	14,655	14,006	1,897	1,892	278	265	91	90	187	175
CA	18,305	18,477	18,801	18,997	2,170	2,053	408	390				
GA	9,829	9,431	19,072	18,582	2,040	2,018	389	375	216	205	173	170
IN	22,565	23,698	23,293	24,432	2,220	2,239	517	547	505	534	12	13
IA	47,229	50,615	47,989	51,354	2,159	2,187	1,036	1,123				
MN	10,310	10,548	10,838	11,041	2,251	2,201	244	243	236	235	8	8
NE	11,844	11,524	11,919	11,599	2,240	2,121	267	246	267	246		
NC	3,176	3,109	10,811	10,776	1,961	1,977	212	213	75	77	137	136
OH	27,474	27,562	27,955	28,080	2,200	2,183	615	613				
PA	21,193	21,863	22,988	23,788	2,340	2,346	538	558	520	537	18	21
TX	12,859	14,019	17,226	18,380	2,183	2,220	376	408				
29 Sts <sup>4</sup>	258,363	263,484	315,375	318,498	2,165	2,160	6,827	6,878	5,854	5,944	973	934
US	274,861	278,870	339,856	341,887	2,162	2,159	7,346	7,383	6,250	6,327	1,096	1,057

<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 29 states are those listed as well as AL, CO, CT, FL, HI, IL, ME, MD, MI, MS, MO, NY, OR, SC, SD, VA, WA, and WI.

## Milk Production

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in June totaled 337 million pounds, up slightly more than 1 percent from June 2005. The average number of milk cows, 200,000 head, was 7,000 head above June 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,685 pounds, down 40 pounds from one year ago.

**United States:** Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 14 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from June 2005. May revised production, at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from May 2005. The May revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production

estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,695 pounds for June, 5 pounds above June 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.27 million head, 128,000 head more than June 2005, and 9,000 head more than May 2006.

Milk production in the U.S. during the April - June quarter totaled 46.9 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.13 million head, 93,000 head more than the same period last year.

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

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05
	<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	1,753	1,783	1,815	1,795	3,182	3,200	0.6
IL	104	103	1,600	1,590	166	164	-1.2
<b>IA</b>	193	200	1,725	1,685	333	337	1.2
MN	455	450	1,540	1,550	701	698	-0.4
MO	118	116	1,380	1,320	163	153	-6.1
WI	1,235	1,243	1,590	1,595	1,964	1,983	1.0
23-State Total <sup>3</sup>	8,138	8,266	1,690	1,695	13,755	14,011	1.9

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