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## Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 785,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on September 1, 2006, up 2 percent from August 1, 2006, and up 8 percent from September 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 455,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month and up 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 330,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month, but unchanged from last year.

Placements during August totaled 117,000 head, a increase of 44 percent from last month and 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 80,000 head, up 33 percent from last month and 16 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 37,000 head. This is up 76 percent from last month but down 16 percent from last year.

Marketings for August were 99,000 head, down 18 percent from last month, and 23 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 69,000 head, down 5 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 30,000

head, down 38 percent from last month, and down 46 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 4,000 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 11.0 million head on September 1, 2006. The inventory was 10 percent above September 1, 2005 and 10 percent above September 1, 2004. This is the highest September 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.30 million, 15 percent above 2005 and 9 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.24 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 435,000, 700-799 pounds were 535,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 8 percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during August, 11 percent above 2005 and 5 percent above 2004.

## 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, August 1, 2006	445	326	771
August Placements	80	37	117
August Marketings	69	30	99
August Other Disappearance	1	3	4
Cattle on Feed, September 1, 2006	455	330	785

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

State	Cattle on Feed September 1			Placements during August			Marketings during August			August 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	314	336	107	35	30	86	34	31	91	1	2	200
CA	530	520	98	62	66	106	57	59	104	5	2	40
CO	770	960	125	155	210	135	200	185	93	5	5	100
ID	250	235	94	51	55	108	50	44	88	1	1	100
<b>IA</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>
KS	2,210	2,390	108	520	590	113	490	540	110	10	20	200
NE	1,770	2,050	116	415	470	113	365	360	99	10	10	100
NM	135	142	105	28	26	93	24	26	108	3	2	67
OK	320	345	108	70	77	110	68	76	112	2	1	50
SD	132	155	117	24	30	125	34	37	109	1	3	300
TX	2,800	2,960	106	480	570	119	560	570	102	10	10	100
WA	139	158	114	30	35	117	27	30	111	1	1	100
Oth Sts	235	280	119	54	61	113	52	50	96	2	1	50
US	10,000	10,986	110	1,993	2,300	115	2,033	2,077	102	53	59	111

<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.

## Government Payments by Program, Selected States, 2005<sup>1</sup>

State	Current Programs									Total Government Payments	Pre-1996 Commodity Programs <sup>7</sup>
	Production Flexibility Contracts	Fixed Direct Payments <sup>2</sup>	Counter- Cyclical Payments <sup>2</sup>	Loan Deficiency Payments	Marketing Loan Gains	Milk Income Loss Payments <sup>3</sup>	Conservation Programs <sup>4</sup>	Ad Hoc and Emergency Programs <sup>5</sup>	Misc. Programs <sup>6</sup>		
-- Thousand Dollars --											
IL	(18)	462,063	379,836	706,217	21,716	143	145,511	42,220	(64)	1,773,149	0
IN	(60)	233,838	192,993	333,584	17,450	277	67,995	39,014	(44)	914,166	(2)
<b>IA</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>508,525</b>	<b>441,496</b>	<b>878,347</b>	<b>84,355</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>262,968</b>	<b>86,700</b>	<b>(92)</b>	<b>2,283,698</b>	<b>(0)</b>
KS	(6)	332,414	139,741	249,575	5,762	64	142,660	204,330	1,532	1,079,998	0
MI	(2)	89,782	70,987	128,523	5,007	541	41,848	47,848	(54)	386,422	(0)
MN	(59)	309,526	235,366	481,228	52,649	513	146,890	146,434	(175)	1,387,725	0
NE	(136)	338,697	301,448	496,296	41,608	127	103,719	118,159	162	1,413,578	0
ND	(8)	224,361	33,962	131,429	7,103	86	128,717	302,564	813	831,210	0
OH	(6)	168,602	118,486	198,733	5,746	380	57,056	41,888	(6)	614,339	0
SD	(2)	160,617	106,542	209,931	18,843	32	79,904	213,360	3,043	806,662	0
WI	(5)	113,994	112,657	182,009	7,441	1,731	66,540	86,497	(121)	583,805	0
U.S.	(929)	5,198,591	4,073,953	5,041,036	365,586	9,676	2,767,497	3,168,734	9,630	24,349,466	(2)

<sup>1/</sup> Amounts include cash payments made directly to farmers, not including Farmer-owned Reserve Payments as these data are not available by State. Amounts also include net value of certificates. <sup>2/</sup> Direct payments and counter-cyclical payments are authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 for 2002 through 2007 crops. The Act also increases the number of crops authorized to receive payments. <sup>3/</sup> Programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. <sup>4/</sup> Conservation programs include Agricultural Conservation Program, Agricultural Management Assistance Program--NRCS, Auto Agricultural Conservation Program--Environment Long Term, Auto Conservation Reserve Program--Cost Shares, Auto Environment Quality Incentives Program, Auto LTA Conservation Program--Long Term, Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program--NRCS, Conservation Reserve Program--Annual Rental, Conservation Reserve Program--Cost Share, Conservation Reserve Program--Incentives Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Environment Quality Incentives Program--NRCS, EQIP--Ground Surface Water Conservation--NRCS, EQIP--Klamath Basin--NRCS, EQIP--1996 Farm Bill, Farmland Protection Program--NRCS, For Grasslands Reserve Program--NRCS, Soil and Water Conservation Assistance Program, Tree Assistance Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, Wetlands Reserve Program--NRCS, Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program--NRCS. <sup>5/</sup> Ad Hoc and emergency programs includes all programs providing disaster and emergency assistance payments to growers. Programs include Apple Market Loss Assistance Payments, Crop Disaster Program, Crop Disaster Program--North Carolina, Crop Disaster Program--2005, Crop Disaster Assistance Program 2001/2002, Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program, Dairy Indemnity Program, Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program, Disaster Program, Emergency Conservation Program, Florida Assistance Program, Florida Hurricane Nursery Disaster Assistance Program, Florida Hurricane Vegetable Disaster Assistance Program, Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program, Livestock Assistance Program, Livestock Compensation Program, Market Loss Assistance Program, Noninsured Assistance Program, Oilseed Payment Program, Oilseed Payment Program--Supplemental, Quality Losses Program, Sugar Beet Disaster Program, Trade Adjustment Assistance Program, Tree Valley Growers Program. <sup>6/</sup> Miscellaneous programs include Acreage Grazing Payments, Additional Interest Payments, American Indian Livestock Feed Program, American Indian Livestock Feed Program--Apportioned, CCP--Fruir and Vegetable Violations, CCP--Late Filing Overpayment, Feed Grain Deficiency Program, Hard White Winter Wheat Program, Interest Payments, and Payment Limitation Refund. <sup>7/</sup> Commodity programs in effect prior to the 1996 Farm Bill include Feed Grain Deficiency Program. The negative numbers are repayments by producers of unanticipated overpayments under earlier programs.

Source: Economic Research Service/USDA, Internet Web Site ([www.ers.usda.gov/data/FarmIncome/finfidmu.htm](http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/FarmIncome/finfidmu.htm)).

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## Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, U.S.<sup>1</sup> and Corn Belt II<sup>2</sup>

Farm Employment	July, 2005		April, 2006		July, 2006	
	Corn Belt II	U.S.	Corn Belt II	U.S. <sup>3</sup>	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	31	936	27	720	23	875
150 Days or More	25	662	23	581	20	630
149 Days or Less	6	274	4	139	3	245
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	*	408	*	241	*	327
Hired Farm & Service Workers	*	1,344	*	961	*	1,202
	<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	40.4	40.6	38.3	40.8	41.8	40.9
	<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 <sup>4,5</sup>	9.56	9.38	10.12	9.78	10.40	9.74
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock Combined	9.05	8.78	9.46	9.06	10.00	9.10
Field	8.86	8.61	8.45	8.95	9.85	8.95
Livestock	9.14	9.26	10.38	9.31	10.15	9.56

\*Not Available

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

## Turkeys: Number Raised in 2005 and Intentions for 2006, Selected States

State	Number		2006 as % of 2005
	2005	2006	
AR	29,000	30,000	103
CA	14,900	16,000	107
IL	2,900	2,700	93
IN	13,400	13,800	103
IA	9,600	10,000	104
MI	4,700	4,800	102
MN	44,500	45,000	101
MO	20,500	21,500	105
NC	36,000	37,000	103
ND	1,100	1,400	127
OH	5,700	5,500	96
PA	11,500	10,000	87
SC	8,000	11,000	138
SD	4,600	4,400	96
VA	21,000	22,500	107
US	256,270	264,874	103

## Milk Production

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in August totaled 329 million pounds, down 3.5 percent from August 2005. The average number of milk cows, 200,000 head, was 4,000 head below August 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,645 pounds, down 95 pounds from one year ago.

**United States:** Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from August 2005. July revised production, at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent

from July 2005. The July revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,680 pounds for August, 9 pounds above August 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 88,000 head more than August 2005, but 9,000 head less than July 2006.

### Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, August 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	1,759	1,768	1,795	1,860	3,157	3,288	4.1
IL	104	103	1,515	1,550	158	160	1.3
<b>IA</b>	196	200	1,740	1,645	341	329	-3.5
MN	450	450	1,510	1,525	680	686	0.9
MO	115	115	1,300	1,185	150	136	-9.3
WI	1,236	1,244	1,595	1,570	1,971	1,953	-0.9
23-State Total <sup>3</sup>	8,162	8,250	1,671	1,680	13,640	13,861	1.6

<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.