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Hogs & Pigs Report

On September 1, there were 16.9 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The September 1 inventory was up just under 2 percent from a year ago, and up over 2 percent from June 1, 2006. This is the highest inventory of hogs and pigs since September 1955 when there were 17.2 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. It is the third highest inventory since estimates began in 1866.

The June-August Iowa pig crop this year was 4.05 million head. A total of 455,000 sows farrowed with an average

litter size of 9.1 pigs per sow, which is the highest litter rate since estimates began in 1963.

As of September 1, Iowa producers planned to farrow 460,000 head of sows and gilts in the September-November 2006 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the December 2006-February 2007 period were estimated at 450,000 as of September 1, 2006. If realized, this would equal the sows farrowed during the same six month period in 2005/2006.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, September 1, 2005-2006 ¹

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	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>
IL	420	440	105	3,630	3,910	108	4,050	4,350	107
IA	1,080	1,080	100	15,520	15,820	102	16,600	16,900	102
MN	600	590	98	6,200	6,310	102	6,800	6,900	101
MO	340	355	104	2,510	2,395	95	2,850	2,750	96
NE	350	350	100	2,450	2,550	104	2,800	2,900	104
NC	1,020	1,010	99	9,080	8,690	96	10,100	9,700	96
US	5,972	6,079	102	55,873	56,625	101	61,846	62,704	101

¹ May not add due to rounding.

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, September 1, 2005-2006 ¹

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	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>
IL	1,380	1,370	890	980	800	850	560	710
IA	4,780	4,850	4,400	4,470	3,450	3,520	2,890	2,980
MN	2,450	2,490	1,500	1,560	1,320	1,300	930	960
MO	1,180	1,115	520	480	470	470	340	330
NE	980	990	660	660	460	510	350	390
NC	3,650	3,560	2,130	2,010	1,780	1,710	1,520	1,410
US	20,764	20,998	13,876	13,991	11,404	11,555	9,830	10,082

¹ Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.

Annual Small Grain Summary

Iowa: Oats – Iowa’s 2006 planted oat acreage, at 210,000 acres, is equal to last year. Oat acreage harvested for grain, at 110,000 acres, is 12 percent lower compared to last year. Iowa’s 2006 oat yield, at 76 bushels per acre, is 4 percent below 2005 but nearly 3 percent above the August forecast. Iowa’s oat grain production, at 8,360,000 bushels, is 15 percent lower than last year.

Winter Wheat – Iowa’s 2006 winter wheat acreage harvested for grain, at 18,000 acres, is 20 percent higher than last year. The yield is 66 bushels per acre, 32 percent above last year’s level. This is a record high yield for Iowa, surpassing the 2003 yield of 61 bushels per acre. The state’s production at 1,188,000 bushels, is 58 percent higher than the previous year.

September 2006 Production Summary - Iowa and United States

Crop	For Harvest		Yield per acre		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
IOWA						
Oats for Grain	125	110	79.0	76.0	9,875	8,360
Winter Wheat	15	18	50.0	66.0	750	1,188
UNITED STATES						
Oats for Grain	1,823	1,576	63.0	59.5	114,878	93,764
Wheat, All	50,119	46,810	42.0	38.7	2,104,690	1,812,036
Winter	33,794	31,117	44.4	41.7	1,499,129	1,298,081
Durum	2,716	1,815	37.2	29.5	101,105	53,475
Other Spring	13,609	13,878	37.1	33.2	504,456	460,480

Stocks of Grain

IOWA: On September 1, 2006, indicated carryover stocks of corn in all positions were down 7 percent, soybean stocks were up 91 percent, and oat stocks were up 8 percent compared to the previous year.

Corn: Stocks of corn in all positions on September 1 totaled 459.8 million bushels. Thirty-six percent of all corn stocks were stored on the farm. Disappearance of corn during the June-August period totaled 509.0 million bushels, up fractionally from last year. Total disappearance for the 2005-2006 marketing year was 2.2 billion bushels, 4 percent more than the previous year.

Soybeans: Soybean stocks in all positions totaled 110.3 million bushels. Thirty-five percent of the soybean stocks were stored on the farm. Disappearance of soybean stocks for the June-August period was 118.4 million bushels, down 1 percent from the previous year. Total disappearance for the 2005-2006 marketing year was 480.2 million bushels, up 2 percent compared to a year ago.

Oats: Oat stocks in all positions on September 1, 2006, were 9.8 million bushels. Thirty-one percent of the oat stocks were stored on farm.

Stocks of Grain, September 1, Iowa and United States

Position and Grain	Iowa			United States		
	September 1 2005	September 1 2006	'06 as % of '05	September 1 2005	September 1 2006	'06 as % of '05
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On-Farm Stocks						
Corn	180,000	160,000	89	820,500	749,500	91
Soybeans	22,500	39,000	173	99,700	176,300	177
Oats	4,000	3,000	75	71,700	59,900	84
Wheat	*	*	*	721,360	572,020	79
Off-Farm Stocks ¹						
Corn	313,873	299,824	96	1,293,472	1,221,072	94
Soybeans	35,363	71,329	202	156,038	272,488	175
Oats	5,053	6,799	135	41,803	39,328	94
Wheat	*	1,925	*	1,201,931	1,171,021	97
Total Stocks						
Corn	493,873	459,824	93	2,113,972	1,970,512	93
Soybeans	57,863	110,329	191	255,738	448,788	175
Oats	9,053	9,799	108	113,503	99,228	87
Wheat	*	*	*	1,923,291	1,743,041	91

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

* Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Livestock Slaughter

Iowa: Commercial red meat production in Iowa during August 2006 totaled 545.1 billion pounds, down slightly from August 2005. There were 2.5 million hogs slaughtered in August 2006, down less than 1 percent from August 2005. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 264 pounds, the same as last year.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.24 billion pounds in August, up 4 percent from the 4.10 billion pounds produced in August 2005.

Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, up 5 percent

from August 2005. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,275 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.09 million head, 1 percent above August 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

August 2005 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. August 2006 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Aug 2005	Jul 2006	Aug 2006	Aug 06 % of		Jan - Aug ²		
				Aug 2005	Jul 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	2,319	2,204	2,442	105	111	16,315	17,423	107
Veal	13.7	12.0	14.2	104	118	104.1	100.7	97
Pork	1,752	1,553	1,774	101	114	13,416	13,647	102
Lamb & Mutton	15.4	13.2	14.6	95	110	123.4	124.7	101
Total Red Meat	4,100	3,782	4,245	104	112	29,959	31,296	104

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Chickens and Eggs

Iowa: Egg production in Iowa for August 2006 was 1,186 million eggs, up 8.5 percent from the same period a year ago. The total number of layers on hand during August 2006 was 49.7 million, up 6.4 percent from 46.7 million layers in August 2005. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of August was 2,350 eggs, up from 2,301 million eggs the previous year.

United States: U.S. egg production totaled 7.64 billion during August 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers

during August 2006 averaged 341 million, up slightly from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2006, totaled 342 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2006, averaged 72.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from September 1, 2005.

All Layers and Egg Production, Aug 2005 and 2006 ¹

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 & Above		All layers on hand ²		Eggs per 100 layers		Egg production by type					
							Total production		Table eggs ³		Hatching eggs ³	
	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	4,062	4,261	14,186	13,988	1,995	1,966	283	275	97	99	186	176
CA	18,731	18,479	19,260	18,986	2,186	2,154	421	409				
GA	9,617	9,595	18,849	18,818	2,058	2,088	388	393	211	216	177	177
IN	22,742	23,665	23,525	24,357	2,176	2,250	512	548	499	536	13	12
IA	46,744	49,731	47,500	50,466	2,301	2,350	1,093	1,186				
MN	10,598	10,274	11,128	10,723	2,265	2,229	252	239	244	231	8	8
NE	11,922	11,574	11,997	11,649	2,334	2,309	280	269	280	269		
NC	3,458	3,363	11,061	10,945	1,971	2,047	218	224	83	85	135	139
OH	27,499	27,202	28,000	27,716	2,286	2,190	640	607				
PA	21,516	21,336	23,371	23,260	2,323	2,425	543	564	525	543	18	21
TX	12,997	14,331	17,359	18,789	2,252	2,251	391	423				
29 Sts ⁴	258,843	262,927	315,214	317,487	2,218	2,241	6,992	7,116	6,014	6,162	978	954
US	275,056	278,488	339,351	341,007	2,218	2,239	7,528	7,635	6,425	6,556	1,104	1,079

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 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.

Field Work and Crop Progress as of October 1, 2006

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year	Normal
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>				
Corn mature (safe from frost)	90	94	97	94	93	97	97	95	96	94	82	94	89
Corn harvested (grain or seed)	6	6	9	6	9	9	10	9	14	8	4	11	10
Soybeans dropping leaves	98	99	96	98	97	90	91	84	90	95	80	96	88
Soybeans harvested	35	35	25	26	32	14	10	8	23	26	4	47	30

Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of October 1, 2006

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>
Days suitable	4.9	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.5	6.0	5.4	6.3	6.4	5.5	3.2	4.8
<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	13	2	2	21
Short	9	5	6	3	2	7	9	17	33	9	7	21
Adequate	85	83	90	88	80	93	89	71	51	82	74	51
Surplus	2	10	4	9	18	0	2	8	3	7	17	7
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	4	5	3	1	0	3	1	8	22	5	5	25
Short	16	23	14	13	7	25	26	31	38	20	18	25
Adequate	77	66	79	84	76	72	72	57	38	70	68	46
Surplus	3	6	4	2	17	0	1	4	2	5	9	4

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