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## Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 800,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on October 1, 2006, up 1 percent from September 1, 2006, and up 11 percent from October 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 460,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month and up 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 340,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month, but up 10 percent from last year.

Placements during September totaled 132,000 head, an increase of 9 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 81,000 head, up 1 percent from last month but down 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 51,000 head. This is up 24 percent from last month and up 16 percent from last year.

Marketings for September were 118,000 head, up 20 percent from last month, but down 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 73,000 head, up 6 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 45,000 head, up 55 percent from last month, but down 26 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 11.4 million head on October 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above October 1, 2005 and 8 percent above October 1, 2004. This is the highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.20 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, up 16 percent from 2005.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.23 million, 5 percent below 2005 and 6 percent below 2004. Net placements were 2.16 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 725,000, 600-699 pounds were 412,000, 700-799 pounds were 450,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 645,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.77 million, 3 percent below 2005 and 2 percent below 2004. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during September, 19 percent above 2005 and 11 percent above 2004.

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

State	Cattle on Feed October 1			Placements during September			Marketings during September			September 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
	<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	318	336	106	29	28	97	24	26	108	1	2	200
CA	535	525	98	68	72	106	57	64	112	6	3	50
CO	900	1,060	118	280	245	88	145	140	97	5	5	100
ID	270	265	98	69	72	104	48	41	85	1	1	100
<b>IA</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>300</b>
KS	2,250	2,450	109	510	500	98	455	420	92	15	20	133
NE	1,940	2,220	114	500	500	100	320	320	100	10	10	100
NM	136	143	105	26	21	81	22	16	73	3	4	133
OK	335	355	106	69	71	103	53	59	111	1	2	200
SD	130	170	131	40	50	125	40	34	85	2	1	50
TX	2,830	2,930	104	550	495	90	510	510	100	10	15	150
WA	153	171	112	40	37	93	25	23	92	1	1	100
Oth Sts	275	300	109	84	60	71	43	39	91	1	1	100
US	10,482	11,385	109	2,355	2,232	95	1,816	1,765	97	57	68	119

<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.

**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		
	October 1, 2005	July 1, 2006	October 1, 2006	October 1, 2005	July 1, 2006	October 1, 2006	October 1, 2005	July 1, 2006	October 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	316	341	334	2	3	2	0	0	0
CA	505	487	480	30	40	45	0	3	0
CO	585	650	730	310	320	325	5	10	5
ID	166	149	172	101	79	92	3	2	1
<b>IA</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
KS	1,330	1,300	1,280	900	970	1,150	20	10	20
NE	1,140	1,240	1,250	790	740	950	10	10	20
NM	76	84	82	60	56	61	0	0	0
OK	235	240	245	100	100	110	0	0	0
SD	64	85	82	56	72	74	10	23	14
TX	1,880	1,900	1,900	947	1,075	1,027	3	5	3
WA	90	81	97	62	66	73	1	1	1
Oth Sts	205	215	235	66	50	64	4	5	1
US	6,872	7,092	7,197	3,553	3,710	4,122	57	70	66

**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, September 1, 2006	455	335	790
September Placements	81	51	132
September Marketings	73	45	118
September Other Disappearance	3	1	4
Cattle on Feed, October 1, 2006	460	340	800

## Milk Production

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in September totaled 318 million pounds, down 3.0 percent from September 2005. The average number of milk cows, 200,000 head, was 3,000 head higher than September 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,590 pounds, down 75 pounds from one year ago.

September 2005. August production, unrevised at 13.9 billion pounds, is up 1.6 percent from August 2005. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,615 pounds for September, 16 pounds above September 2005.

**United States:** Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 79,000 head more than September 2005, but 6,000 head less than August 2006.

**Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, September 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	1,762	1,772	1,750	1,775	3,084	3,145	2.0
IL	104	103	1,450	1,485	151	153	1.3
<b>IA</b>	197	200	1,665	1,590	328	318	-3.0
MN	450	450	1,435	1,470	646	662	2.5
MO	115	115	1,210	1,180	139	136	-2.2
WI	1,237	1,245	1,510	1,510	1,868	1,880	0.6
23-State Total <sup>3</sup>	8,167	8,246	1,599	1,615	13,057	13,318	2.0

<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.

## Layers and Egg Production

**Iowa:** Egg production in Iowa for September 2006 was 1,114 million eggs, up 3.8 percent from the same period a year ago. The total number of layers on hand during September 2006 was 51,155 million, up 4.8 percent from 48,826 million layers in September 2005. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of September was 2,178 eggs, down from 20 million eggs the previous year.

**United States:** U.S. egg production totaled 7.42 billion during September 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.38 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 977 million were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-

type. The total number of layers during September 2006 averaged 343 million, up slightly from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, up slightly from September 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2006, totaled 343 million, up slightly from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 288 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.65 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2006, averaged 71.7 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from October 1, 2005.

**All Layers and Egg Production, Sep 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	4,344	4,489	14,448	13,964	1,938	1,905	280	266	98	99	182	167
CA	18,609	18,540	19,134	19,006	2,132	2,157	408	410				
GA	9,768	9,607	18,944	18,806	2,027	2,042	384	384	210	213	174	171
IN	22,918	23,670	23,676	24,373	2,192	2,220	519	541	507	529	12	12
IA	48,119	50,415	48,826	51,155	2,198	2,178	1,073	1,114				
MN	10,622	10,373	11,140	10,838	2,208	2,178	246	236	238	228	8	8
NE	11,837	11,481	11,912	11,556	2,275	2,241	271	259	271	259		
NC	3,523	3,576	11,011	11,157	1,934	1,954	213	218	82	85	131	133
OH	27,377	27,479	27,875	28,003	2,242	2,196	625	615				
PA	21,715	21,281	23,523	23,180	2,240	2,338	527	542	510	522	17	20
TX	13,094	14,374	17,409	18,723	2,143	2,217	373	415				
29 Sts <sup>4</sup>	261,026	264,949	316,881	319,041	2,155	2,169	6,828	6,919	5,882	6,001	946	918
US	277,171	280,581	340,914	342,606	2,155	2,165	7,348	7,419	6,279	6,379	1,070	1,040

<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.

## Livestock Slaughter

**Iowa:** Commercial red meat production in Iowa during September 2006 totaled 542.8 million pounds, down 2.3 percent from September 2005. There were 2.50 million hogs slaughtered in September 2006, compared with 2.56 million

hogs slaughtered in the same month last year. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 267 pounds, one pound more than in 2005.

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

Class	Sep 2005	Aug 2006	Sep 2006	Sep 06 % of		Jan - Sep <sup>2</sup>		
				Sep 2005	Aug 2006	2005	2006	06 as % of 05
				<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,158	2,442	2,162	100	89	18,473	19,585	106
Veal	13.2	14.2	12.8	97	90	117.4	113.5	97
Pork	1,743	1,774	1,744	100	98	15,159	15,391	102
Lamb & Mutton	15.6	14.6	14.2	91	97	139.0	138.8	100
Total Red Meat	3,930	4,245	3,933	100	93	33,889	35,228	104

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

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

**Choice Beef & Pork: Retail Value, Farm Value, Price Spreads,  
and Farmers' Share of the Retail Value**

Item	Retail Value	Wholesale Value	Net Farm Value	Price Spreads			Farmers' Share
				Total	Wholesale-to-Retail	Farm-to-Wholesale	
---Cents per pound of retail equivalent---							Percent
<b>Choice Beef</b>							
2000	306	182	149	157	124	33	49
2001	338	192	155	183	146	38	46
2002	332	180	145	187	152	35	44
2003	375	223	181	193	152	42	48
2004	407	219	184	223	188	35	45
2005	409	226	192	217	183	34	47
<b>Pork</b>							
2000	258	115	79	179	144	35	31
2001	269	118	81	188	152	37	30
2002	266	101	62	204	165	39	23
2003	266	107	70	196	158	38	26
2004	279	127	92	187	152	35	33
2005	283	125	88	195	158	37	31

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