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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 830,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on November 1, 2006, up 4 percent from October 1, 2006, and up 4 percent from November 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 490,000 head on feed, up 7 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 340,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month, but up 6 percent from last year.

Placements during October totaled 156,000 head, an increase of 18 percent from last month but down 23 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 109,000 head, up 35 percent from last month but down 17 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 47,000 head. This is down 8 percent from last month and down 35 percent from last year.

Marketings for October were 124,000 head, up 5 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 78,000 head, up 7 percent from last month and up 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 46,000 head, up 2 percent from last month, but down 22 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 2,000 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 12.0 million head on November 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above November 1, 2005 and 6 percent above November 1, 2004. This is the highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.43 million, 13 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004. Net placements were 2.34 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 840,000, 600-699 pounds were 645,000, 700-799 pounds were 485,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 455,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2005 but 2 percent below 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 81,000 during October, 40 percent above 2005 and 23 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, October 1, 2006	460	340	800
October Placements	109	47	156
October Marketings	78	46	124
October Other Disappearance	1	1	2
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2006	490	340	830

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

State	Cattle on Feed November 1			Placements during October			Marketings during October			October 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	323	342	106	33	34	103	27	27	100	1	1	100
CA	545	530	97	64	71	111	50	62	124	4	4	100
CO	1,030	1,120	109	285	210	74	150	140	93	5	10	200
ID	290	285	98	76	71	93	55	50	91	1	1	100
IA	475	490	103	131	109	83	65	78	120	1	1	100
KS	2,410	2,550	106	580	520	90	400	395	99	20	25	125
NE	2,280	2,440	107	660	560	85	310	330	106	10	10	100
NM	141	141	100	22	14	64	16	13	81	1	3	300
OK	360	360	100	79	65	82	53	58	109	1	2	200
SD	161	190	118	68	64	94	35	43	123	2	1	50
TX	2,970	2,990	101	670	590	88	520	510	98	10	20	200
WA	163	181	111	34	34	100	23	23	100	1	1	100
Oth Sts	325	340	105	86	83	97	35	41	117	1	2	200
US	11,473	11,959	104	2,788	2,425	87	1,739	1,770	102	58	81	140

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.

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

Farm Employment	October , 2005		July , 2006		October , 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	29	842	23	876	25	797
150 Days or More	23	621	20	630	20	592
149 Days or Less	6	221	3	246	5	205
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	*	294	*	320	*	280
Hired Farm & Service Workers	*	1,136	*	1,196	*	1,077
	<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	40.1	42.0	41.8	41.0	43.1	41.6
	<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}	11.16	9.61	10.40	9.72	10.65	9.95
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock Combined	10.02	8.96	10.00	9.07	9.95	9.29
Field	9.21	8.90	9.85	8.93	9.70	9.25
Livestock	10.89	9.15	10.15	9.49	10.26	9.41

* 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.

Chickens and Eggs

Iowa: Egg production in Iowa for October 2006 was 1,164 million eggs, up 3.2 percent from the same period a year ago. The total number of layers on hand during October 2006 was 51,765 thousand, up 5.0 percent from 49,351 thousand layers in October 2005. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of October was 2,249 eggs, down from 2,286 eggs the previous year.

United States: U.S. egg production totaled 7.67 billion during October 2006, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2006 averaged 344 million, up slightly from last year. October

egg production per 100 layers was 2,231 eggs, down slightly from October 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2006 totaled 344 million, up slightly from last year. The 344 million layers consisted of 288 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.79 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2006, averaged 72.2 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from November 1, 2005.

All Layers and Egg Production, Oct 2005 and 2006¹

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
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Number	Number	Million eggs	Million eggs	Million eggs	Million eggs	Million eggs	Million eggs
AR	4,499	4,554	14,790	13,888	2,008	1,966	297	273	106	104	191	169
CA	18,676	18,593	19,201	19,060	2,219	2,225	426	424				
GA	9,911	9,609	18,957	18,792	2,168	2,113	411	397	234	219	177	178
IN	23,066	23,633	23,788	24,322	2,299	2,286	547	556	535	544	12	12
IA	48,694	51,001	49,351	51,765	2,286	2,249	1,128	1,164				
MN	10,732	10,657	11,243	11,118	2,313	2,204	260	245	252	237	8	8
NE	11,848	11,531	11,923	11,606	2,273	2,292	271	266	271	266		
NC	3,412	3,688	10,832	11,205	2,031	2,008	220	225	85	88	135	137
OH	27,517	27,136	28,036	27,644	2,265	2,236	635	618				
PA	22,026	21,496	23,778	23,367	2,317	2,388	551	558	535	538	16	20
TX	13,480	14,465	17,790	18,798	2,254	2,325	401	437				
29 Sts ⁴	263,124	266,391	318,871	320,168	2,236	2,234	7,129	7,153	6,153	6,212	976	941
US	279,284	282,055	342,823	3,437,769	2,236	2,231	7,665	7,671	6,561	6,604	1,104	1,067

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.

Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in October totaled 334 million pounds, down slightly from October 2005. The average number of milk cows, 200,000 head, was 2,000 head higher than October 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,670 pounds, down 20 pounds from one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 13.7 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from October 2005. September revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 2.0 percent from September 2005. The September revision represented a

decrease of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,656 pounds for October, 19 pounds above October 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 78,000 head more than October 2005, and 2,000 head more than September 2006.

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

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
CA	1,765	1,776	1,785	1,815	3,151	3,223	2.3
IL	104	103	1,510	1,550	157	160	1.9
IA	198	200	1,690	1,670	335	334	-0.3
MN	450	450	1,475	1,510	664	680	2.4
MO	114	115	1,280	1,240	146	143	-2.1
WI	1,238	1,246	1,535	1,535	1,900	1,913	0.7
23-State Total ³	8,168	8,246	1,637	1,656	13,373	13,652	2.1

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.

Iowa Crops & Weather November 19, 2006

**Statewide Hay/Roughage Availability
as of November 19, 2006**

Item	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Hay/Roughage	7	81	12

**Statewide Grain Storage Availability
as of November 19, 2006**

Item	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On-farm, grain storage	32	66	2
Off-farm, grain storage	29	69	2

Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of November 19, 2006

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year
	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>			
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	5	1	2	1	0	0	1	9	11	3	3	22
Short	15	16	18	15	5	1	22	25	16	14	15	35
Adequate	75	82	68	80	85	98	77	63	71	78	74	39
Surplus	5	1	12	4	10	1	0	3	2	5	8	4
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	4	3	4	0	1	7	3	10	34	7	8	33
Short	17	36	24	16	8	39	27	34	37	25	25	32
Adequate	77	61	67	81	79	54	68	53	26	64	63	33
Surplus	2	0	5	3	12	0	2	3	3	4	4	2

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