



Iowa Cattle on Feed

There were 1,385,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on March 1, 2011, down 1 percent from February 1, 2011 and down 1 percent from March 1, 2010. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 650,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 735,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year.

Placements during February totaled 126,000 head, a decrease of 31 percent from last month and down 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 71,000 head, down 24 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head. This is down 39 percent from last month and down 23 percent from last year.

Marketings for February were 139,000 head, down 7 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 79,000 head, up 14 percent from last month and up 22 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 60,000 head, down 25 percent from last month and down 23 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 7,000 head.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head (1,000 Head)	Lots Less than 1,000 Head (1,000 Head)	All Lots (1,000 Head)
Cattle on Feed, February 1, 2011	660	745	1,405
February Placements	71	55	126
February Marketings	79	60	139
February Other Disappearance	2	5	7
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2011	650	735	1,385

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

[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.]

State	Cattle on Feed March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2010 (1,000 Head)	2011 (1,000 Head)	'11 as % of '10 (Percent)	2010 (1,000 Head)	2011 (1,000 Head)	'11 as % of '10 (Percent)	2010 (1,000 Head)	2011 (1,000 Head)	'11 as % of '10 (Percent)	2010 (1,000 Head)	2011 (1,000 Head)	'11 as % of '10 (Percent)
Arizona	286	269	94	21	29	138	24	25	104	1	1	100
California	425	460	108	51	43	84	48	50	104	8	3	38
Colorado	940	1,070	114	160	215	134	175	210	120	5	5	100
Idaho	195	220	113	36	31	86	40	40	100	1	1	100
Iowa	610	650	107	78	71	91	65	79	122	3	2	67
Kansas	2,220	2,220	100	405	365	90	415	405	98	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,350	2,430	103	365	350	96	370	365	99	15	15	100
Oklahoma	355	360	101	54	60	111	62	73	118	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	240	260	108	52	42	81	44	50	114	3	2	67
Texas	2,650	2,840	107	365	380	104	400	405	101	15	15	100
Washington ...	168	208	124	30	31	103	27	30	111	1	2	200
Other States ..	410	407	99	57	47	82	46	61	133	4	2	50
United States ..	10,849	11,394	105	1,674	1,664	99	1,716	1,793	104	68	60	88

¹Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Hogs & Pigs Inventory

Iowa: On March 1, 2011 there were 19.0 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The March 1 inventory was up 1 percent from a year ago but unchanged from December 1, 2010.

The December 2010-February 2011 pig crop was 4.75 million head. A total of 485,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.80 pigs per sow.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 480,000 head of sows and gilts in the March-May 2011 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the June-August 2011 period were estimated at 485,000 as of March 1, 2011.

United States: United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011 was 64.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2010-February 2011 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 1 percent from 2010 but down 2 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.86 million head, down 1 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.80 for the December 2010-February 2011 period, compared to 9.61 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the March-May 2011 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2010, and down 5 percent from 2009. Intended farrowings for June-August 2011, at 2.87 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2010 and down 3 percent from 2009.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 44 percent last year.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, March 1, 2010-2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Illinois	480	470	98	3,820	3,930	103	4,300	4,400	102
Iowa	1,010	1,030	102	17,790	17,970	101	18,800	19,000	101
Minnesota	550	560	102	6,550	7,040	107	7,100	7,600	107
Missouri	355	360	101	2,645	2,490	94	3,000	2,850	95
Nebraska	365	370	101	2,585	2,730	106	2,950	3,100	105
North Carolina	880	850	97	8,220	7,750	94	9,100	8,600	95
United States	5,760	5,788	100	57,808	58,176	101	63,568	63,964	101

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, March 1, 2010-2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Illinois	1,200	1,290	1,170	1,200	760	760	690	680
Iowa	4,540	4,630	5,460	5,660	4,440	4,460	3,350	3,220
Minnesota	2,220	2,440	2,010	2,150	1,330	1,430	990	1,020
Missouri	1,180	1,080	590	580	465	410	410	420
Nebraska	860	910	800	820	550	575	375	425
North Carolina	3,030	2,850	1,950	1,830	1,740	1,620	1,500	1,450
United States	18,767	18,898	15,993	16,225	12,307	12,309	10,742	10,744

Monthly Prices

Average Crop Prices Received by Farmers, Iowa & United States

Item	IOWA			U.S.		
	March 2010	February 2011	March ¹ 2011	March 2010	February 2011	March ¹ 2011
	-----Dollars-----					
Corn	3.61	5.60	5.45	3.55	5.64	5.46
Oats	1.97	2.96	3.10	2.29	3.27	3.12
Soybeans	9.27	12.60	12.20	9.39	12.70	12.10
Alfalfa, baled	132.00	118.00	118.00	113.00	127.00	136.00
All Hay, baled	127.00	110.00	112.00	107.00	116.00	124.00

¹ Preliminary

Average Livestock Prices Received by Farmers, United States

Item	March 2010	February 2011	March ¹ 2011
	-----Dollars-----		
Hogs, all	52.10	61.60	62.70
Sows	48.80	53.30	56.20
Brw & Gilts	52.30	62.60	63.50
Beef Cattle	90.40	108.00	113.00
Cows	53.50	72.50	73.40
Strs & Hfrs	95.70	111.00	116.00
Calves	117.00	139.00	148.00
Milk Cows ²	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Milk (whls)	14.80	19.10	20.40
Sheep	51.30	76.00	(NA)
Lambs	115.00	155.00	(NA)
Eggs (mkt) ³	1.060	0.776	0.652

(NA) = Information not available.

¹ Preliminary ² Prices published January, April, July, and October. ³ Eggs are mid-month prices.

Prices Received Index Summary, United States

Prices Received	Mar 2010	Feb 2011	Mar ¹ 2011	Mar 2010	Feb 2011	Mar ¹ 2011
	1910-14=100			1990-92=100		
All Farm Products	896	1079	1104	141	170	174
Crops	769	988	990	155	199	200
Oilseeds	918	1248	1193	167	228	218
Feed Grains	546	827	809	153	232	227
Lvstk	981	1104	1158	128	144	151
Meat Animals ...	1224	1462	1518	120	144	149
Dairy Prod.	911	1175	1255	113	146	156

¹ Preliminary

Prices Paid Index Summary, United States

Prices Paid	Mar 2010	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Mar 2010	Feb 2011	Mar 2011
	1910-14=100			1990-92=100		
Prices Paid ¹	2393	2618	2648	180	197	199
Feed	854	1095	1113	175	224	228
Fertilizer	871	1042	1069	238	284	292
Fuels	2133	2590	2793	276	336	362
Chemicals	887	878	866	144	142	140
Lvstk/Poultry ..	1672	1976	2012	131	155	157
Ratio ²	NA	NA	NA	78	86	87
Parity Ratio ³ ..	37	41	42	NA	NA	NA

(NA) = Information not available.

¹ Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates. ² Received/Paid ³ Ratio of index of prices received to index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates.

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Milk PDI

Meat Animal PDI

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	Change from 2010
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Illinois	101	98	1,530	1,530	155	150	-3.2
Indiana	169	171	1,560	1,575	264	269	1.9
Iowa	213	208	1,575	1,630	335	339	1.2
Kansas	116	123	1,620	1,630	188	200	6.4
Michigan	355	362	1,765	1,780	627	644	2.7
Minnesota	470	471	1,510	1,495	710	704	-0.8
Missouri	101	95	1,100	1,140	111	108	-2.7
Ohio	272	270	1,490	1,500	405	405	
Wisconsin	1,260	1,266	1,585	1,585	1,997	2,007	0.5
23-State Total ³	8,323	8,404	1,642	1,666	13,670	14,001	2.4

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ As of February 2009, the 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

All Layers and Egg Production: Selected States, February 2010 and 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Number)	(Number)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)
Illinois	4,290	4,339	4,514	4,558	2,171	2,216	98	101	95	98
Indiana	23,074	22,923	23,822	23,656	2,091	2,135	498	505	485	493
Iowa	53,223	52,180	54,103	53,056	2,026	2,086	1,096	1,107	1,083	1,094
Minnesota	9,902	9,968	10,383	10,445	2,119	2,011	220	210	212	203
Nebraska	9,329	9,309	9,379	9,359	2,186	2,244	205	210	205	210
North Carolina	6,057	5,887	13,308	13,368	1,871	1,863	249	249	130	128
Ohio	27,033	26,964	27,532	27,452	2,041	2,091	562	574	(D)	(D)
United States	277,922	277,539	340,486	339,287	2,037	2,065	6,935	7,005	5,950	6,030

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.