



Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 1,360,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on April 1, 2011, down 2 percent from March 1, 2011 and down 1 percent from April 1, 2010. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 650,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but up 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 710,000 head on feed, down 3 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year.

Placements during March totaled 141,000 head, an increase of 11 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 81,000 head, up 13 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 60,000 head. This is up 9 percent from last month but down 3 percent from last year.

Marketings for March were 158,000 head, up 13 percent from last month but down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 78,000 head, down 3 percent from last month and down 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 80,000 head, up 33 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Other disappearance totaled 8,000 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 11.3 million head on April 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above April 1, 2010. The inventory included 7.12 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.10 million head, up 2 percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.92 million, 3 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.87 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 360,000, 700-799 pounds were 588,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 590,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.99 million, 4 percent above 2010. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 52,000 during March, 13 percent below 2010.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2011	650	735	1,385
March Placements	81	60	141
March Marketings	78	80	158
March Other Disappearance	3	5	8
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2011	650	710	1,360

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 April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			March Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	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)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Arizona	278	282	101	20	37	185	27	23	85	1	1	100
California	415	450	108	47	48	102	51	55	108	6	3	50
Colorado	930	1,090	117	185	215	116	190	190	100	5	5	100
Idaho	205	220	107	34	35	103	23	34	148	1	1	100
Iowa	600	650	108	77	81	105	84	78	93	3	3	100
Kansas	2,240	2,190	98	440	415	94	410	435	106	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,290	2,380	104	380	390	103	430	430	100	10	10	100
Oklahoma	340	355	104	64	75	117	77	78	101	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	235	265	113	42	46	110	45	44	98	2	2	100
Texas	2,640	2,780	105	490	490	100	485	540	111	15	10	67
Washington	171	211	123	32	33	103	28	28	100	1	2	200
Other States ...	398	404	102	45	53	118	53	53	100	4	3	75
United States .	10,742	11,277	105	1,856	1,918	103	1,903	1,988	104	60	52	87

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

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter, State, and United States, 2010-2011

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	April 1, 2010	January 1, 2011	April 1, 2011	April 1, 2010	January 1, 2011	April 1, 2011	April 1, 2010	January 1, 2011	April 1, 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)	(1,000 Head)
Arizona	275	255	263	3	3	19	0	0	0
California	335	405	390	80	65	59	0	0	1
Colorado	630	710	740	295	365	345	5	5	5
Idaho	122	116	120	82	108	94	1	16	6
Iowa	420	440	460	180	199	190	0	1	0
Kansas	1,190	1,220	1,220	1,045	1,055	965	5	5	5
Nebraska	1,410	1,520	1,480	870	895	890	10	15	10
Oklahoma	190	210	210	150	165	145	0	0	0
South Dakota ..	125	129	135	93	107	114	17	24	16
Texas	1,610	1,750	1,690	1,029	1,089	1,090	1	1	0
Washington	101	130	135	69	71	68	1	8	8
Other States ...	273	293	281	124	137	122	1	2	1
United States .	6,681	7,178	7,124	4,020	4,259	4,101	41	77	52

Commercial Red Meat Production, by State and U.S.

[Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton.
Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	2009	2010
----- million pounds -----		
Alabama.....	22.8	21.7
Alaska.....	0.6	0.6
Arizona.....	362.5	391.2
Arkansas.....	59.6	51.7
California.....	1,703.8	1,723.9
Colorado.....	2,038.0	2,130.9
Florida.....	103.2	113.9
Georgia.....	129.1	125.4
Hawaii.....	10.2	10.7
Idaho.....	227.9	204.1
Illinois.....	2,826.6	2,715.5
Indiana.....	1,735.4	1,742.4
Iowa.....	6,965.5	6,570.2
Kansas.....	5,283.2	5,380.0
Kentucky.....	568.7	560.7
Louisiana.....	6.4	6.0
Maryland.....	39.2	38.0
Michigan.....	522.6	524.7
Minnesota.....	2,582.8	2,710.6
Mississippi.....	25.9	23.6
Missouri.....	1,737.6	1,697.9
Montana.....	18.4	17.4
Nebraska.....	7,166.2	7,135.7
Nevada.....	1.1	0.8
New Hampshire.....	16.3	16.3
New Jersey.....	49.6	54.3
New Mexico.....	5.2	4.8
New York.....	33.8	33.1
North Carolina.....	2,559.6	2,441.4
North Dakota.....	29.7	38.8
Ohio.....	305.6	302.6
Oklahoma.....	1,135.2	1,150.7
Oregon.....	57.0	58.7
Pennsylvania.....	1,281.8	1,284.0
South Carolina.....	235.8	243.1
South Dakota.....	956.5	990.2
Tennessee.....	233.3	235.2
Texas.....	5,109.6	5,060.0
Utah.....	440.1	455.0
Virginia.....	462.1	485.6
Washington.....	826.0	865.6
West Virginia.....	8.4	8.0
Wisconsin.....	1,384.5	1,408.1
Wyoming.....	6.5	6.1
United States.....	49,274.1	49,039.4

Average Crop Prices Received by Farmers, Iowa & United States

Item	IOWA			U.S.		
	Apr 2010	Mar 2011	Apr ¹ 2011	Apr 2010	Mar 2011	Apr ¹ 2011
-----Dollars-----						
Corn.....Bu	3.46	5.32	6.40	3.41	5.53	6.40
Oats.....Bu	2.38	3.17	3.40	2.25	3.28	3.40
Soybeans.....Bu	9.33	12.40	12.70	9.47	12.70	12.80
Alfalfa, baled...Ton	125.00	118.00	118.00	112.00	136.00	155.00
All Hay, baled...Ton	122.00	112.00	113.00	108.00	124.00	141.00

¹ Preliminary

Average Livestock Prices Received by Farmers, United States

Item	Apr 2010	Mar 2011	Apr 2011 ¹
	-----Dollars-----		
Hogs, all.....Cwt	56.50	63.10	67.10
Sows.....Cwt	53.30	58.00	59.20
Brw & Gilts.....Cwt	56.60	63.70	68.40
Beef Cattle.....Cwt	95.60	115.00	120.00
Cows.....Cwt	57.50	75.20	79.80
Strs & Hfrs.....Cwt	101.00	118.00	124.00
Calves.....Cwt	124.00	148.00	150.00
Milk Cows ²Hd	1,330.00	(NA)	1,420.00
Milk (whls).....Cwt	14.60	20.40	19.70
Sheep.....Cwt	49.40	(NA)	(NA)
Lambs.....Cwt	118.00	169.00	(NA)
Eggs (mkt) ³Doz	0.599	0.652	0.887

(NA)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	Apr 2010	Mar 2011	Apr ¹ 2011	Apr 2010	Mar 2011	Apr ¹ 2011
	1910-14=100			1990-92=100		
All Farm Products	878	1091	1106	138	172	174
Crops.....	741	962	968	150	194	195
Oilseeds.....	925	1251	1259	169	228	230
Feed Grains.....	528	819	943	148	230	264
Lvstk.....	983	1166	1199	128	152	156
Meat Animals.....	1305	1539	1616	128	151	159
Dairy Prod.....	898	1255	1212	112	156	151

¹ Preliminary

Prices Paid Index Summary, United States

Prices Paid	Apr 2010	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	Apr 2010	Mar 2011	Apr 2011
	1910-14=100			1990-92=100		
Prices Paid ¹	2406	2680	2718	181	201	204
Feed.....	835	1033	1072	171	212	220
Fertilizer.....	903	1165	1211	246	318	330
Fuels.....	2224	2801	2908	288	363	377
Chemicals.....	892	894	891	144	145	144
Lvstk/Poultry.....	1786	2027	2060	140	159	161
Ratio ²	NA	NA	NA	76	86	85
Parity Ratio ³	36	41	41	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.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, March 2010-2011

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	Change from 2010
	<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>
Illinois.....	101	98	1,715	1,715	173	168	-2.9
Indiana.....	169	171	1,765	1,770	298	303	1.7
Iowa.....	210	209	1,775	1,825	373	381	2.1
Kansas.....	116	121	1,820	1,845	211	223	5.7
Michigan.....	357	362	1,990	1,975	710	715	0.7
Minnesota.....	470	471	1,675	1,645	787	775	-1.5
Missouri.....	101	94	1,295	1,340	131	126	-3.8
Ohio.....	272	271	1,690	1,680	460	455	-1.1
Wisconsin.....	1,260	1,266	1,770	1,785	2,230	2,260	1.3
23-State Total ³	8,329	8,422	1,848	1,872	15,389	15,763	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, March 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)
Indiana.....	23,123	22,854	23,886	23,599	2,353	2,394	562	565	548	551
Iowa.....	53,447	52,574	54,327	53,428	2,306	2,313	1,253	1,236	1,239	1,222
Minnesota.....	9,953	9,984	10,453	10,448	2,325	2,297	243	240	235	232
Nebraska.....	9,382	9,380	9,432	9,430	2,439	2,492	230	235	230	235
North Carolina.....	5,920	5,839	13,358	13,310	2,089	2,029	279	270	145	138
Ohio.....	27,616	26,783	28,119	27,291	2,272	2,371	639	647	(D)	(D)
United States.....	279,226	278,493	342,098	340,377	2,291	2,302	7,839	7,834	6,740	6,752

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