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## Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 1,245,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on November 1, 2010, up 4 percent from October 1, 2010 and up 1 percent from November 1, 2009. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 610,000 head on feed, up 7 percent from last month and up 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 635,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but down 9 percent from last year.

Placements during October totaled 277,000 head, up 22 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 142,000 head, up 16 percent from last month and up 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 135,000 head. This is up 29 percent from last month and up 4 percent from last year.

Marketings for October were 220,000 head, up 11 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 100,000 head, down 7 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 120,000 head, up 33 percent from last month and up 4 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, October 1, 2010 .....	570	625	1,195
October Placements .....	142	135	277
October Marketings .....	100	120	220
October Other Disappearance .....	2	5	7
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2010 .....	610	635	1,245

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

State	Cattle on Feed November 1			Placements during October			Marketings during October			October Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2009 (1,000 Head)	2010 (1,000 Head)	'10 as % of '09 (Percent)	2009 (1,000 Head)	2010 (1,000 Head)	'10 as % of '09 (Percent)	2009 (1,000 Head)	2010 (1,000 Head)	'10 as % of '09 (Percent)	2009 (1,000 Head)	2010 (1,000 Head)	'10 as % of '09 (Percent)
Arizona .....	279	251	90	29	32	110	24	20	83	1	1	100
California .....	470	460	98	57	65	114	50	48	96	2	2	100
Colorado .....	1,040	1,090	105	245	270	110	160	170	106	5	10	200
Idaho .....	210	215	102	50	53	106	44	37	84	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>
Kansas .....	2,330	2,400	103	465	435	94	340	350	103	15	15	100
Nebraska .....	2,400	2,420	101	620	580	94	380	370	97	10	10	100
Oklahoma .....	375	385	103	83	80	96	60	63	105	3	2	67
South Dakota ..	205	230	112	65	70	108	54	44	81	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,730	2,820	103	610	640	105	465	445	96	15	15	100
Washington ...	155	192	124	38	52	137	29	36	124	1	1	100
Other States ..	400	414	104	89	85	96	49	51	104	2	2	100
United States ..	11,134	11,487	103	2,474	2,504	101	1,755	1,734	99	59	62	105

<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.

## Hired Workers Up 4 Percent, Wage Rates Up 2 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,157,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 2010, up 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 826,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 331,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.13 per hour during the October 2010 reference week, up 20 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.49 per hour, up 27 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.28 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.43 per hour, was up 19 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.7 for hired workers during the survey week, up 7 percent from a year ago.

### Farm Labor: Employment, Wage Rates, and Hired Workers, Regional and U.S.

Year and Month	Hired Workers <i>1,000</i>	Hours Worked <i>Hours per Week</i>	Hired Workers <sup>1</sup> Wage Rates for Type of Worker			
			Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock	All Hired Workers
			----- Dollars per Hour -----			
<b><u>CORN BELT II REGION<sup>2</sup></u></b>						
<b><u>2008</u></b>						
January	27	36.8	11.38	10.82	10.90	11.42
April	21	38.2	10.65	12.20	11.50	11.88
July	28	35.6	10.29	9.23	9.90	10.25
October	32	37.0	10.62	11.37	10.90	11.50
<b><u>2009</u></b>						
January	20	34.0	11.06	11.27	11.20	11.40
April	22	31.8	10.35	12.45	11.15	11.80
July	28	33.6	10.88	10.05	10.55	11.01
October	30	31.1	10.22	10.28	10.24	10.93
<b><u>2010</u></b>						
January	23	33.5	11.40	10.77	11.00	10.98
April	27	39.0	10.47	11.23	10.75	10.87
July	33	31.9	10.51	11.45	10.95	11.20
October	29	37.8	11.62	11.02	11.40	11.60
<b><u>UNITED STATES</u></b>						
<b><u>2008</u></b>						
January	594	38.4	9.67	10.18	9.88	10.81
April	700	40.8	9.65	10.24	9.84	10.57
July	828	40.5	9.66	9.98	9.74	10.34
October	804	41.4	10.05	10.21	10.09	10.70
<b><u>2009</u></b>						
January	595	38.3	9.96	10.27	10.08	10.93
April	680	40.1	9.99	10.25	10.07	10.84
July	875	39.7	10.04	10.05	10.04	10.66
October	829	39.0	10.22	10.28	10.24	10.93
<b><u>2010</u></b>						
January	602	37.2	10.09	10.28	10.17	11.05
April	737	39.8	10.04	10.30	10.12	10.82
July	885	40.7	10.09	10.15	10.11	10.79
October	826	41.7	10.49	10.27	10.43	11.13

<sup>1</sup> Includes all workers and methods of pay except those workers paid by piece rate. <sup>2</sup> Corn Belt II Region: Iowa, Missouri

## Average Prices Received by Farmers for Farm Products

Item	IOWA			U.S.	
	November <sup>1</sup> 2009	October <sup>1</sup> 2010	November <sup>2</sup> 2010	October <sup>1</sup> 2010	November <sup>2</sup> 2010
	-----Dollars-----				
Corn .....Bu	3.72	4.28	4.60	4.32	4.59
Oats .....Bu	1.85	2.27	2.40	2.37	2.57
Soybeans .....Bu	9.53	9.99	10.80	10.20	11.20
Alfalfa, baled .....Ton	108.00	112.00	120.00	118.00	117.00
All Hay, baled .....Ton	104.00	104.00	111.00	113.00	111.00
Hogs, all .....Cwt	40.50	54.90	48.00	53.30	47.20
Sows .....Cwt	37.00	50.50	45.00	49.10	42.70
Brw & Gilts .....Cwt	40.50	55.00	48.00	53.50	47.40
Beef Cattle .....Cwt	82.70	97.10	98.10	93.10	94.10
Cows .....Cwt	42.50	55.00	54.00	52.70	51.90
Strs & Hfrs .....Cwt	83.50	98.00	99.00	98.80	100.00
Calves .....Cwt	99.50	115.00	116.00	120.00	122.00
Milk Cows <sup>3</sup> .....Hd	NA	1,250.00	NA	1,330.00	NA
Milk (whls) .....Cwt	15.80	19.10	18.90	18.50	17.90
Sheep .....Cwt	32.00	51.00	NA	48.50	NA
Lambs .....Cwt	92.50	140.00	NA	138.00	NA
Eggs (mkt) <sup>4</sup> .....Doz	0.850	NA	NA	0.654	1.020

<sup>1</sup> Corn, oats, soybeans, all hogs, all cattle, all sheep, and milk are whole-month prices. All hay and eggs are mid-month prices. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary <sup>3</sup> Prices published January, April, July, and October. <sup>4</sup> State level egg prices were discontinued in January 2010.

### Prices Received Index Summary

Prices Received	IOWA			UNITED STATES		
	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov <sup>1</sup> 2010	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov <sup>1</sup> 2010
	1990-92=100					
All Farm Products	136	158	162	136	155	159
Crops .....	167	185	200	154	168	177
Oilseeds .....	171	179	194	165	176	193
Feed Grains .....	164	189	203	157	185	195
Lvstk .....	102	122	113	115	134	135
Meat Animals ...	93	119	110	104	124	123
Dairy Prod. ....	124	150	148	118	142	137
	1910-14=100					
All Farm Products	NA	NA	NA	861	985	1011
Crops .....	NA	NA	NA	762	833	877
Oilseeds .....	NA	NA	NA	905	963	1057
Feed Grains .....	NA	NA	NA	560	661	697
Lvstk .....	NA	NA	NA	881	1029	1039
Meat Animals ...	NA	NA	NA	1063	1266	1250
Dairy Prod. ....	NA	NA	NA	948	1138	1101

NA = Information not available <sup>1</sup> Preliminary

### U.S. Prices Paid Index Summary

Prices Paid	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010
		1910-14=100			1990-92=100	
Prices Paid <sup>1</sup> .....	2369	2475	2501	178	186	188
Feed .....	894	947	993	183	194	203
Fertilizer .....	847	922	961	231	251	262
Fuels .....	2041	2234	2288	264	289	297
Chemicals .....	947	897	903	153	145	146
Lvstk/Poultry ..	1444	1682	1698	113	132	133
Ratio <sup>2</sup> .....	--	--	--	76	83	85
Parity Ratio <sup>3</sup> ..	36	40	40	--	--	--

NA = Information not available. <sup>1</sup> Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates. <sup>2</sup> Received/Paid <sup>3</sup> Ratio of index of prices received to index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates.

## TENTATIVE RELEASE DATES FOR 2010 COUNTY ESTIMATES

**February 18, 2011**

Oats

**February 25, 2011**

Corn  
Soybeans

County Estimates will be available on our website at [www.nass.usda.gov/ia](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ia)

## Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, October 2009 and 2010

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	Change from 2009
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Illinois .....	101	98	1,550	1,560	157	153	-2.5
Indiana .....	168	169	1,680	1,710	282	289	2.5
Iowa .....	<b>215</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
Kansas .....	112	121	1,750	1,750	196	212	8.2
Michigan .....	355	360	1,860	1,895	660	682	3.3
Minnesota .....	469	470	1,580	1,575	741	740	-0.1
Missouri .....	105	97	1,170	1,180	123	114	-7.3
Ohio .....	276	270	1,540	1,580	425	427	0.5
Wisconsin .....	1,258	1,264	1,675	1,680	2,107	2,124	0.8
23-State Total <sup>3</sup> .....	8,316	8,368	1,720	1,767	14,306	14,784	3.3

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup> 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, October 2009 and 2010

[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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Number)	(Number)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)
Indiana .....	22,515	22,277	23,198	23,002	2,354	2,322	546	534	533	522
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>53,303</b>	<b>52,061</b>	<b>54,200</b>	<b>52,947</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>1,191</b>
Minnesota .....	9,838	10,031	10,301	10,551	2,310	2,379	238	251	230	242
Nebraska .....	9,470	9,447	9,520	9,497	2,447	2,506	233	238	233	238
North Carolina .....	5,591	5,825	12,648	13,060	2,079	2,060	263	269	136	141
Ohio .....	27,010	27,798	27,464	28,265	2,367	2,300	650	650	(D)	(D)
United States .....	276,105	274,520	335,819	335,846	2,292	2,285	7,696	7,675	6,638	6,595

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available.