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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 1,235,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on November 1, 2009, up 3 percent from October 1, 2009 and up 2 percent from November 1, 2008. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 540,000 head on feed, up 4 percent from last month and up 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 695,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month, but down 5 percent from last year.

Placements during October totaled 253,000 head, up 10 percent from last month and up 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 123,000 head, up 17 percent from last month and up 18 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 130,000 head. This is up 5 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from last year.

Marketings for October were 215,000 head, virtually unchanged from last month, but up 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 100,000 head, up 6 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year.

Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 115,000 head, down 4 percent from last month, but up 20 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 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 11.1 million head on November 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.47 million, 1 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.42 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 615,000, 600-699 pounds were 645,000, 700-799 pounds were 579,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 635,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.76 million, 3 percent below 2008.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during October, 12 percent below 2008.

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, 2009	520	683	1,203
October Placements	123	130	253
October Marketings	100	115	215
October Other Disappearance	3	3	6
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2009	540	695	1,235

**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		
	2008	2009	'09 as % of '08	2008	2009	'09 as % of '08	2008	2009	'09 as % of '08	2008	2009	'09 as % of '08
	<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	362	279	77	31	29	94	28	24	86	1	1	100
CA	500	470	94	54	57	106	57	50	88	2	2	100
CO	960	1,040	108	245	245	100	150	160	107	5	5	100
ID	210	210	100	55	50	91	39	44	113	1	1	100
IA	485	540	111	104	123	118	93	100	108	1	3	300
KS	2,230	2,330	104	450	465	103	360	340	94	20	15	75
NE	2,310	2,400	104	590	620	105	375	380	101	15	10	67
NM	172	(D)	(D)	17	(D)	(D)	17	(D)	(D)	1	(D)	(D)
OK	320	375	117	75	83	111	68	60	88	2	3	150
SD	200	205	103	70	65	93	43	54	126	2	1	50
TX	2,710	2,730	101	630	610	97	495	465	94	15	15	100
WA	163	155	95	38	38	100	31	29	94	1	1	100
Oth Sts	350	400	(X)	79	89	(X)	58	49	(X)	1	2	(X)
US	10,972	11,134	101	2,438	2,474	101	1,814	1,755	97	67	59	88

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

(X) Comparison to 2008 is not applicable.

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, Wage Rates, and Hired Workers, Regional and U.S.

Year and Month			Hired Workers ¹			
	Hired Workers	Hours Worked	Wage Rates for Type of Worker			
			Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock	All Hired Workers
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>----- Dollars per Hour -----</i>			

CORN BELT II REGION²

2008

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

2009

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	10.46	11.23	10.75	10.83

UNITED STATES

2008

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

2009

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	807	39.0	10.25	10.23	10.24	10.91

¹ Includes all workers and methods of pay except those workers paid by piece rate. ² Corn Belt II Region: Iowa, Missouri ³ Because of budget constraints, NASS did not conduct the January Agricultural Labor Survey, which provides the data for the report.

Iowa Crops & Weather

For the Week Ending November 29, 2009

While most families gathered Thanksgiving Day, many Iowa farmers spent their holiday harvesting corn and trying to complete field work. With seemingly weekly rain showers, harvest progress continued its painfully slow pace. As winter fast approaches, producers are ready to have this harvest season behind them. Driers continue to run at capacity with some shortages of propane being reported. Cattle producers now have ample stubble fields available for post harvest gleaning.

There were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week, compared to 5.1 days last year. Topsoil moisture rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus across the state. Subsoil moisture rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus.

Grain movement was reported at 22 percent none, 30 percent light, 32 percent moderate, and 16 percent heavy. On farm storage availability rated 29 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, while off farm storage availability rated 20 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Reporters estimated 49 percent of cropland had fall applications of fertilizer complete, 8 percentage points ahead of last year, but 11 percentage points behind the five year average.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested for grain reached 87 percent, remaining 6 percentage points behind last year and 15 days behind the five year average. Nearly all the soybean crop was reported harvested with southern Iowa the primary area with acreage still to be harvested.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Use of stubble fields was reported 46 percent none, 30 percent limited, 20 percent moderate, and 4 percent heavy. Hay and roughage availability is currently rated 7 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. The quality of hay and roughage is currently rated 9 percent poor, 52 percent fair, and 39 percent good.

Average Prices Received by Farmers for Farm Products

Item	Unit	IOWA			U.S.	
		Nov ¹ 2008	Oct ¹ 2009	Nov ² 2009	Oct ¹ 2009	Nov ² 2009
-----Dollars-----						
Corn	Bu	4.35	3.68	3.70	3.61	3.64
Oats	Bu	2.58	1.90	2.00	2.03	2.00
Soybeans	Bu	9.91	9.36	9.45	9.44	9.48
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	130.00	108.00	108.00	109.00	110.00
All Hay, baled	Ton	125.00	99.00	101.00	106.00	107.00
Hogs, all	Cwt	41.90	38.50	40.10	37.80	40.00
Sows	Cwt	35.50	28.00	35.20	27.60	35.80
Brw & Gilts	Cwt	42.00	38.70	40.10	38.30	40.20
Beef Cattle	Cwt	88.10	80.30	83.20	79.20	79.80
Cows	Cwt	44.00	44.50	43.50	43.60	42.00
Strs & Hfirs	Cwt	89.00	81.00	84.00	84.40	85.60
Calves	Cwt	95.00	98.00	98.00	104.00	105.00
Milk Cows ³	Hd	-	1,250.00	-	1,240.00	-
Milk (whls)	Cwt	17.50	14.80	15.50	14.20	15.00
Sheep	Cwt	25.00	30.50	-	30.00	-
Lambs	Cwt	97.00	92.50	-	97.00	-
Eggs (mkt)	Doz	0.843	0.600	0.850	0.635	0.879

¹ Corn, oats, soybeans, all hogs, all cattle, all sheep, and milk are whole-month prices. All hay and eggs are mid-month prices. ² All prices are mid-month. ³ Prices published January, April, July, and October.

Prices Received Index Summary Table

Prices Received	IOWA			UNITED STATES		
	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov ¹ 2009	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov ¹ 2009
1990-92=100						
Prices rec'd	147	131	135	142	134	134
Crops	187	165	166	158	152	151
Oil Bearing	178	168	170	173	162	165
Feed Grains	193	163	164	187	155	157
Lvstk	106	94	101	123	110	114
Meat Anim	97	89	92	109	103	105
Poult & Eggs	171	122	173	149	127	137
1910-14=100 ²						
Prices rec'd	-	-	-	898	852	851
Crops	-	-	-	782	753	750
Oil Bearing	-	-	-	949	887	903
Feed Grains	-	-	-	668	554	559
Lvstk	-	-	-	944	842	877
Meat Anim	-	-	-	1,114	1,048	1,065
Poult & Eggs	-	-	-	418	358	384

¹ Preliminary ² Iowa figures for 1910-14=100 base not available.

U.S. Prices Paid Index Summary

Prices Paid	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009
	1910-14=100			1990-92=100		
Prices Paid ¹	1,830	1,714	1,717	182	176	176
Feed	934	880	877	189	177	177
Fertilizer	1,622	929	904	443	253	247
Fuels	1,903	1,946	2,047	247	252	265
Chemicals	903	883	888	146	143	144
Lvstk/Poultry	1,511	1,406	1,438	118	110	113
Ratio ²	-	-	-	78	76	76
Parity Ratio ³	37	36	36	-	-	-

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.

Iowa Milk Production

Milk production in Iowa in October 2009 totaled 363 million pounds, unchanged from October 2008. The average number of milk cows, 215,000 head, was unchanged from October 2008. Production per cow averaged 1,690 pounds, also unchanged from October 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, October 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Change from 2008
	<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>
IL	102	101	1,490	1,550	152	157	3.3
IN	166	168	1,625	1,680	270	282	4.4
IA	215	215	1,690	1,690	363	363	
KS	118	112	1,720	1,750	203	196	-3.4
MI	353	355	1,845	1,860	651	660	1.4
MN	466	469	1,555	1,585	725	743	2.5
MO	110	105	1,180	1,170	130	123	-5.4
OH	278	276	1,510	1,570	420	433	3.1
WI	1,253	1,258	1,625	1,675	2,036	2,107	3.5
23-State Total ³	8,512	8,316	1,700	1,721	14,469	14,313	-1.1

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.

Egg Production

Egg production in Iowa for October 2009 was 1.24 billion eggs, up slightly from October 2008. The total number of layers on hand during October 2009 was 54.2 million, up from 53.1 million layers in October 2008. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of October was 2,292 eggs, down from 2,332 eggs the previous year.

All Layers and Egg Production, October 2008 and 2009 ¹

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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<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>
IN	23,064	22,515	23,802	23,198	2,281	2,354	543	546	530	533	13	13
IA	52,132	53,303	53,081	54,200	2,332	2,292	1,238	1,242	1,221	1,228	17	14
MN	9,453	9,838	9,915	10,294	2,380	2,312	236	238	228	230	8	8
NE	9,495	9,470	9,545	9,520	2,441	2,447	233	233	233	233	0	0
NC	4,853	5,623	11,940	12,680	2,085	2,082	249	264	120	137	129	127
OH	25,979	26,617	26,417	27,071	2,328	2,364	615	640				
Oth Sts ¹	14,651	14,555	23,018	22,755	2,198	2,171	506	494	370	367	137	128
US	274,023	275,968	334,937	335,674	2,277	2,292	7,625	7,692	6,538	6,633	1,088	1,060

¹ 2009 preliminary, 2008 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