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November 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 815,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on November 1, 2007, up 5 percent from October 1, 2007, but down 2 percent from November 1, 2006. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 550,000 head on feed, up 8 percent from last month and up 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 265,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month, but down 22 percent from last year.

Placements during October totaled 172,000 head, an increase of 26 percent from last month and 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 120,000 head, up 20 percent from last month and 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 52,000 head. This is up 44 percent from last month and 11 percent from last year.

Marketings for October were 129,000 head, up 19 percent from last month and 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 79,000 head, unchanged from last month but up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed

50,000 head, up 72 percent from last month and 9 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 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 11.8 million head on November 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below November 1, 2006 but 3 percent above November 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.72 million, 12 percent above 2006 but 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 2.67 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 855,000, 600-699 pounds were 745,000, 700-799 pounds were 556,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.88 million, 6 percent above 2006 and 8 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during October, 42 percent below 2006 and 19 percent below 2005.

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, October 1, 2007	510	265	775
October Placements	120	52	172
October Marketings	79	50	129
October Other Disappearance	1	2	3
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2007	550	265	815

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		
	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06
	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
AZ	342	360	105	34	39	115	27	27	100	1	2	200
CA	530	545	103	71	67	94	62	60	97	4	2	50
CO	1,130	1,030	91	215	260	121	135	165	122	10	5	50
ID	285	235	82	71	69	97	50	43	86	1	1	100
IA	490	550	112	109	120	110	78	79	101	1	1	100
KS	2,550	2,420	95	520	530	102	395	410	104	25	10	40
NE	2,440	2,400	98	560	620	111	330	350	106	10	10	100
NM	141	134	95	14	22	157	13	19	146	3	2	67
OK	360	335	93	65	74	114	58	63	109	2	1	50
SD	190	205	108	64	71	111	43	45	105	1	1	100
TX	2,990	3,000	100	590	700	119	510	530	104	20	10	50
WA	181	166	92	34	42	124	23	29	126	1	1	100
Oth Sts	340	380	112	83	102	123	41	56	137	2	1	50
US	11,969	11,760	98	2,430	2,716	112	1,765	1,876	106	81	47	58

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, Regional and U.S.

Year and Month	Number of Workers		Hired Workers ¹			
	Hired	Hours Worked	Wage Rates per Type of Work			Wage Rates for all Hired Workers
			Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>----- Dollars per Hour -----</i>			
<u>REGIONAL</u>²						
<u>2003</u>						
January	20	27.2	9.24	9.01	9.08	9.50
April	24	36.6	9.94	10.00	9.97	10.71
July	23	36.7	9.60	8.87	9.31	9.51
October	26	42.6	8.62	9.83	8.87	9.30
<u>2004</u>						
January	19	33.0	9.12	9.79	9.50	10.15
April	28	33.7	9.04	9.03	9.04	9.48
July	24	38.3	8.08	8.61	8.35	8.70
October	22	38.4	9.00	9.38	9.16	9.72
<u>2005</u>						
January	21	35.1	9.16	10.28	10.07	10.63
April	27	34.2	8.85	9.27	9.06	9.38
July	31	40.4	8.86	9.14	9.05	9.56
October	29	40.1	9.21	10.89	10.02	11.16
<u>2006</u>						
January	25	36.5	9.61	10.69	10.52	11.50
April	27	38.3	8.45	10.38	9.46	10.12
July	23	41.8	9.85	10.15	10.00	10.40
October	25	43.1	9.70	10.26	9.95	10.65
<u>2007</u>						
January ³	--	--	--	--	--	--
April	21	38.8	9.60	10.46	10.00	10.63
July	24	38.0	9.44	11.37	10.40	10.90
October	23	41.0	10.69	10.90	10.80	11.25
<u>UNITED STATES</u>						
<u>2003</u>						
January	729	37.7	8.30	8.90	8.50	9.34
April	781	40.1	8.40	8.75	8.49	9.16
July	943	39.8	8.17	8.57	8.26	8.88
October	891	40.2	8.42	8.64	8.47	9.05
<u>2004</u>						
January	662	38.1	8.39	8.83	8.55	9.41
April	827	40.6	8.47	8.95	8.59	9.23
July	961	39.2	8.34	8.74	8.43	9.04
October	851	40.5	8.62	8.91	8.69	9.32
<u>2005</u>						
January	589	37.0	8.71	9.20	8.90	9.78
April	753	39.9	8.56	9.14	8.72	9.35
July	936	40.6	8.61	9.26	8.78	9.38
October	842	42.0	8.90	9.15	8.96	9.61
<u>2006</u>						
January	614	38.2	9.11	9.26	9.17	10.10
April	720	40.8	8.95	9.31	9.06	9.78
July	876	41.0	8.93	9.49	9.07	9.72
October ⁴	800	41.9	9.26	9.42	9.30	9.96
<u>2007</u>						
January ³	--	--	--	--	--	--
April	736	40.7	9.35	9.59	9.42	10.20
July ⁴	843	41.4	9.24	9.73	9.37	9.99
October	806	42.1	9.62	9.98	9.72	10.33

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. ⁴ Revised.

Iowa Crops & Weather

November 25, 2007

Agricultural Summary: The corn harvest is virtually complete across most of the State. Only the South-central district has significant acreage remaining in the field. Other fall field activities, such as applying fertilizer, spreading manure, field tillage, and repairing waterways and tile lines continued with few delays.

For the week, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork, on average, across the State. For comparison, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the same week last year. Topsoil moisture rated 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus across the State. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

Grain movement from farm to elevator rated 3 percent heavy, 23 percent moderate, 35 percent light, and 39 percent no movement. Availability of off-farm grain storage rated 24 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. On-farm grain storage availability rated 30 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Field Crops Report: Ninety-nine percent of the corn has been harvested, 1 percentage point ahead of last year and the five-year average. Reporters rated fall fertilizer application at 64 percent complete for the State.

Livestock and Pasture Report: Use of stubble fields rated 39 percent none, 26 percent light, 28 percent moderate, and 7 percent heavy. Hay and roughage availability rated 13 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus with a rated quality of 7 percent poor, 33 percent fair, and 60 percent good.

State Post-Harvest Conditions as of November 25, 2007

Item	None	Light	Moderate	Heavy
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Grain movement	39	35	23	3
Grazing on stubble fields	39	26	28	7

Statewide Hay/Roughage Quality as of November 25, 2007

Item	Poor	Fair	Good
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Hay/Roughage	7	33	60

Statewide Hay/Roughage Availability as of November 25, 2007

Item	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Hay/Roughage	13	80	7

Statewide Grain Storage Availability as of November 25, 2007

Item	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On-farm, grain storage	30	68	2
Off-farm, grain storage	24	74	2

Average Prices Received by Farmers for Farm Products

Item	Unit	IOWA			U.S.	
		Nov ¹ 2006	Oct ¹ 2007	Nov ² 2007	Oct ¹ 2007	Nov ² 2007
		-----Dollars-----				
Corn	Bu	2.84	3.25	3.40	3.29	3.49
Oats	Bu	2.17	2.50	2.55	2.44	2.35
Soybeans	Bu	6.09	8.37	9.40	8.36	9.48
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	86.00	99.00	103.00	137.00	135.00
All Hay, baled	Ton	85.00	95.00	101.00	133.00	131.00
All Hogs	Cwt	46.50	43.90	39.90	42.10	38.50
Sows	Cwt	36.30	26.00	25.50	27.50	26.50
Brw & Gilts	Cwt	46.60	44.50	40.00	42.80	39.00
Beef Cattle	Cwt	84.90	89.60	89.10	90.60	89.30
Cows	Cwt	46.40	47.90	45.00	46.60	43.60
Strs & Hfrs	Cwt	85.70	90.40	90.00	96.40	95.40
Calves	Cwt	104.00	116.00	113.00	122.00	118.00
Milk Cows ³	Hd	-	1,970.00	-	2,020.00	-
Milk (whls)	Cwt	14.40	21.50	21.20	21.40	21.60
Sheep	Cwt	35.90	31.50	-	25.30	-
Lambs	Cwt	89.90	96.00	-	97.00	-
Eggs (mkt)	Doz	0.610	0.753	1.400	0.802	1.180

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 2006	Oct 2007	Nov ¹ 2007	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov ¹ 2007
	1990-92=100 ²					
Prices rec'd	112	128	131	119	141	143
Crops	119	147	158	122	148	150
Oil Bearing	109	150	169	108	144	165
Feed Grains	126	144	151	129	149	156
Lvstk	105	110	105	116	132	135
Meat Anim	102	101	95	112	118	115
Poult & Eggs	123	144	144	133	141	155
	1910-14=100 ³					
Prices rec'd	-	-	-	756	898	906
Crops	-	-	-	600	732	738
Oil Bearing	-	-	-	589	786	904
Feed Grains	-	-	-	461	532	558
Lvstk	-	-	-	890	1,013	1,035
Meat Anim	-	-	-	1,144	1,196	1,165
Poult & Eggs	-	-	-	374	396	437

¹ Preliminary ² 1990-92=100 reference replaced 1997=100 in January 1995.

³ Iowa figures for 1910-14=100 base not available.

U.S. Prices Paid Index Summary

Prices Paid	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007
	1990-92=100			1910-14=100		
	Prices Paid ¹	148	160	161	1,977	2,129
Feed	133	155	161	650	759	786
Fertilizer	170	213	212	623	781	777
Fuels	221	281	308	1,706	2,169	2,378
Chemicals	131	133	135	807	820	835
Lvstk/Poultry	124	132	130	1,583	1,687	1,656
Ratio ²	80	88	89	-	-	-
Parity Ratio ³	-	-	-	38	42	42

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 Up 2.6 Percent

Milk production in Iowa in October totaled 350 million pounds, up 2.6 percent from October 2006. The average number of milk cows, 215,000 head, was 7,000 head higher than October 2006. Production per cow averaged 1,630 pounds, down 10 pounds from last year.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, October 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	Change from 2006
	<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	103	103	1,550	1,490	160	153	-4.4
IN	165	166	1,640	1,685	271	280	3.3
IA	208	215	1,640	1,630	341	350	2.6
KS	112	109	1,680	1,740	188	190	1.1
MI	321	341	1,840	1,865	591	636	7.6
MN	450	463	1,515	1,525	682	706	3.5
MO	115	109	1,240	1,190	143	130	-9.1
OH	274	277	1,440	1,460	395	404	2.3
WI	1,244	1,249	1,555	1,615	1,934	2,017	4.3
23-State Total ³	8,255	8,353	1,652	1,699	13,637	14,190	4.1

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.

Egg Production Up From Last Year

Egg production in Iowa for October 2007 was 1.19 billion eggs, up 2.1 percent from October 2006. The total number of layers on hand during October 2007 was 52.7 million, up from 52.0 million layers in October 2006. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of October was 2,264, up from 2,247 eggs the previous year.

All Layers and Egg Production, October 2006 and 2007 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	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<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	23,633	23,638	24,322	24,313	2,286	2,307	556	561	544	549	12	12
IA	51,217	51,751	51,981	52,686	2,247	2,264	1,168	1,193	1,155	1,177	13	16
MN	10,657	9,877	11,118	10,364	2,204	2,325	245	241	237	232	8	9
NE	11,531	10,254	11,606	10,329	2,292	2,372	266	245	266	245	0	0
NC	3,688	4,915	11,205	12,467	2,008	2,134	225	266	88	124	137	142
OH	27,058	25,612	27,566	26,204	2,231	2,274	615	596				
29 Sts ⁴	266,581	261,592	320,918	318,309	2,231	2,254	7,160	7,176	6,208	6,179	952	997
US	282,245	276,668	344,538	341,490	2,228	2,253	7,678	7,695	6,600	6,565	1,078	1,130

¹ 2007 preliminary, 2006 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, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, ME, MD, MI, MS, MO, NY, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, and WI.

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