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CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,335,000 on December 1, 2013 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office. The inventory is up 6 percent from November 1, 2013 and up 5 percent from December 1, 2012. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 610,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 725,000 head on feed, up 8 percent from last month and up 10 percent from last year.

Placements during November totaled 276,000 head, a decrease of 5 percent from last month but up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 122,000 head, down 5 percent from last month and down 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 154,000 head. This is down 6 percent from last month but up 12 percent from last year.

Marketings for November were 195,000 head, up 4 percent from last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 100,000 head, up 4 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 95,000 head, up 4 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head.

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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, November 1, 2013	590	670	1,260
November Placements	122	154	276
November Marketings	100	95	195
November Other Disappearance	2	4	6
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2013	610	725	1,335

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other 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 December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2012 (1,000 Head)	2013 (1,000 Head)	'13 as % of '12 (Percent)	2012 (1,000 Head)	2013 (1,000 Head)	'13 as % of '12 (Percent)	2012 (1,000 Head)	2013 (1,000 Head)	'13 as % of '12 (Percent)	2012 (1,000 Head)	2013 (1,000 Head)	'13 as % of '12 (Percent)
Arizona	267	275	103	28	30	107	25	24	96	1	1	100
California	490	505	103	65	64	98	51	52	102	4	2	50
Colorado	1,020	970	95	150	170	113	155	145	94	5	5	100
Idaho	245	225	92	40	42	105	34	36	106	1	1	100
Iowa	610	610	100	123	122	99	100	100	100	3	2	67
Kansas	2,190	2,050	94	375	370	99	390	350	90	15	20	133
Nebraska	2,530	2,430	96	465	475	102	400	400	100	15	15	100
Oklahoma	345	265	77	56	42	75	54	45	83	2	2	100
South Dakota ...	230	220	96	57	63	111	45	41	91	2	2	100
Texas	2,700	2,510	93	465	405	87	415	405	98	20	20	100
Washington	261	207	79	57	44	77	43	39	91	1	1	100
Other States	460	458	100	62	55	89	49	44	90	19	2	11
United States ...	11,348	10,725	95	1,943	1,882	97	1,761	1,681	95	88	73	83

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

HOGS AND PIGS

On December 1, 2013 there were 20.5 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms according to the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service *Hogs and Pigs* report. The December 1 inventory was down 2 percent from September 2013 and less than 1 percent from a year ago.

The September 2013-November 2013 pig crop was 5.09 million head. A total of 480,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 10.6 pigs per sow.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 460,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2013-February 2014 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March-May 2014 period were estimated at 465,000 as of December 1, 2013.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, December 1, 2012-2013 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2012	2013	'13 as % of '12	2012	2013	'13 as % of '12	2012	2013	'13 as % of '12
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Illinois	490	500	102	4,110	4,150	101	4,600	4,650	101
Iowa	1,030	970	94	19,570	19,530	100	20,600	20,500	100
Minnesota	560	550	98	7,090	7,450	105	7,650	8,000	105
Missouri	350	345	99	2,400	2,505	104	2,750	2,850	104
Nebraska	380	390	103	2,620	2,710	103	3,000	3,100	103
North Carolina	860	870	101	8,140	7,830	96	9,000	8,700	97
United States	5,819	5,757	99	60,555	60,183	99	66,374	65,940	99

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2012-2013 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(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	1,290	1,320	1,200	1,240	750	730	870	860
Iowa	5,120	4,950	6,030	6,130	4,750	4,850	3,670	3,600
Minnesota	2,430	2,750	2,150	2,080	1,430	1,440	1,080	1,180
Missouri	1,045	1,200	560	500	370	325	425	480
Nebraska	870	880	720	750	550	560	480	520
North Carolina	3,020	2,700	1,960	1,900	1,615	1,630	1,545	1,600
United States	19,299	19,049	16,752	16,669	12,634	12,626	11,871	11,838

MONTHLY PRICES

The preliminary December 2013 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Iowa is \$4.30 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This is a decrease of \$0.09 from the November price and \$2.62 lower than December 2012.

The preliminary December Iowa average **soybean** price, at \$12.90 per bushel, is up \$0.20 from November, but \$1.40 lower than the previous December.

The preliminary December **oat** price is \$4.25 per bushel, up \$0.01 from November and \$0.10 above December 2012.

All hay prices in Iowa averaged \$176.00 per ton in December, down \$8.00 from November and \$22.00 per ton less than December 2012. **Alfalfa hay** prices fell \$25.00 per ton from one year ago, to \$195.00 and **other hay** prices were \$15.00 per ton lower than last year, at \$130.00.

Iowa dairy farmers received an average of \$22.40 per cwt for **milk** sold in December, up \$0.20 from November, and \$0.70 per cwt above one year ago.

Prices Received by Farmers

IOWA	Dec 2012	Nov 2013	Dec ¹ 2013
-----Dollars-----			
Corn	6.92	4.39	4.30
Soybeans	14.30	12.70	12.90
Oats	4.15	4.24	4.25
All Hay, baled	198.00	184.00	176.00
Alfalfa Hay, baled	220.00	193.00	195.00
Other Hay, baled	145.00	130.00	130.00
Milk Cows ²	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Milk (whls)	21.70	22.20	22.40
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UNITED STATES	Dec 2012	Nov 2013	Dec ¹ 2013
-----Dollars-----			
Corn	6.87	4.35	4.31
Soybeans	14.30	12.70	13.00
Oats	3.90	3.40	3.44
All Hay, baled	189.00	171.00	168.00
Alfalfa Hay, baled	217.00	188.00	187.00
Other hay, baled	142.00	135.00	130.00
Hogs, all	62.40	63.60	62.10
Brw & Gilts	62.70	63.30	61.80
Sows	54.80	71.00	70.20
Beef Cattle	124.00	130.00	130.00
Cows	77.30	80.70	81.80
Strs & Hfrs	128.00	132.00	132.00
Calves	163.00	192.00	194.00
Milk Cows ²	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Milk (all)	20.80	21.60	21.80
Eggs (all) ³	1.130	1.330	1.360

(NA) Not available.

¹ Preliminary

² Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices estimated in January, April, July, and October.

³ Eggs are mid-month prices.

Prices Index Summary, United States

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX	Dec 2012	Nov 2013	Dec 2013	Dec 2012	Nov 2013	Dec 2013
			1910-14=100		1990-92=100	
All Products	1261	1166	1142	199	184	180
Crops	1118	952	924	226	192	186
Food grains	846	722	706	267	228	223
Feed grains & hay	1048	689	685	294	193	192
Oilseeds	1393	1241	1259	254	226	230
Lvstk	1268	1323	1316	165	173	172
Meat Animals	1627	1732	1696	160	170	167
Dairy Prod.	1280	1329	1341	159	165	167
Poultry & eggs	508	518	520	181	184	185
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PRICES PAID INDEX	Dec 2012	Nov 2013	Dec 2013	Dec 2012	Nov 2013	Dec 2013
			1910-14=100		1990-92=100	
Prices Paid	2883	2846	2834	217	214	213
Production	2238	2184	2173	231	225	224
Feed	1344	1091	1047	275	223	214
Livestock & pltry	2188	2467	2482	171	193	194
Seeds	3606	3776	3776	364	381	381
Fertilizer	1184	1027	1024	323	280	279
Chemicals	966	973	961	156	157	155
Fuels	2670	2749	2807	346	356	364
Ratio	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	92	86	85
Parity Ratio ¹	44	41	40	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Ratio of index of prices received to index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates.

MILK COWS

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, November 2012 and 2013

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	Change from 2012
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona	185	190	1,890	1,860	350	353	0.9
California	1,779	1,780	1,835	1,845	3,264	3,284	0.6
Colorado	135	137	1,940	1,975	262	271	3.4
Florida	122	122	1,460	1,485	178	181	1.7
Idaho	578	570	1,890	1,880	1,092	1,072	-1.8
Illinois	100	98	1,570	1,560	157	153	-2.5
Indiana	173	178	1,730	1,730	299	308	3.0
Iowa	205	206	1,790	1,775	367	366	-0.3
Kansas	128	135	1,770	1,810	227	244	7.5
Michigan	375	381	1,945	1,925	729	733	0.5
Minnesota	465	465	1,590	1,560	739	725	-1.9
Missouri	93	90	1,180	1,160	110	104	-5.5
New Mexico	323	322	2,000	1,990	646	641	-0.8
New York	610	610	1,735	1,770	1,058	1,080	2.1
Ohio	270	269	1,610	1,580	435	425	-2.3
Oregon	123	123	1,600	1,595	197	196	-0.5
Pennsylvania	533	530	1,590	1,595	847	845	-0.2
Texas	430	440	1,770	1,770	761	779	2.4
Utah	89	92	1,750	1,790	156	165	5.8
Vermont	134	132	1,545	1,570	207	207	-
Virginia	95	94	1,445	1,490	137	140	2.2
Washington	262	265	1,880	1,895	493	502	1.8
Wisconsin	1,271	1,271	1,745	1,735	2,218	2,205	-0.6
23-State Total ³	8,478	8,500	1,761	1,762	14,929	14,979	0.3

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves

CHICKEN & EGGS

All Layers and Egg Production: Selected States, November 2012 and 2013

[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	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Number)	(Number)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)
Indiana	25,237	26,110	26,039	27,056	2,235	2,354	582	637	568	619
Iowa	51,576	52,135	52,511	53,060	2,348	2,280	1,233	1,210	1,219	1,196
Minnesota	9,547	9,954	9,972	10,404	2,337	2,297	233	239	226	232
Missouri	6,651	6,419	8,185	7,979	2,285	2,294	187	183	(D)	(D)
Ohio	28,101	28,160	28,521	28,690	2,374	2,370	677	680	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,744	4,793	5,350	5,374	2,280	2,419	122	130	(D)	(D)
United States	287,801	290,205	344,875	349,419	2,275	2,282	7,847	7,972	6,850	6,946