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The staff of IASS wishes to thank the farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses that responded to the December Crops and Hogs Surveys, the December Mill & Elevator Survey and the December Prices Received Survey. Your responses to these surveys are important to the agricultural community.

DECEMBER 1 GRAIN STOCKS

Corn stocks in Illinois on December 1, 2005 totaled 1.70 billion bushels, two percent more than a year earlier. On-farm stocks, at 940 million bushels, accounted for 55 percent of the total stocks. Off-farm stocks, at 756.7 million bushels, were ten percent more than in 2004. **Soybean stocks** totaled 445.1 million bushels stored in all positions on December 1, 2005, up seven percent from the previous year's total. Of the total stocks, 245 million bushels were stored on farms, four percent above a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 200.1 million bushels, were up ten percent from December 1, 2004. **Wheat stocks in all positions** totaled 22.1 million bushels on December 1, 2005. This was an increase of 17 percent from 2004. Off-farm stocks, at 19.8 million bushels, accounted for 90 percent of the state total. On-farm stocks totaled 2.3 million bushels.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2005 totaled 9.81 billion bushels, up four percent from December 1, 2004. Of the total stocks, 6.33 billion bushels are stored on farms, up three percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.49 billion bushels, are up five percent from a year ago. The September-November 2005 indicated disappearance is 3.41 billion bushels, compared with 3.31 billion bushels during the same period last year. **Soybeans stored in all positions** on December 1, 2005 totaled 2.50 billion bushels, up nine percent from December 1, 2004. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 1.35 billion bushels, up three percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.16 billion bushels, are up 15 percent from last December. Indicated disappearance for September-November 2005 totaled 840 million bushels, down ten percent from the same period a year earlier. **All wheat stored in all positions on December 1, 2005** totaled 1.43 billion bushels, down slightly from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 513 million bushels, down three percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 917 million bushels, are up two percent from a year ago. The September-November 2005 indicated disappearance is 494 million bushels, down three percent from the same period a year earlier.

GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS - DECEMBER 1

Crop and position 1/	Illinois		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousand bushels			
Corn				
On farms	970,000	940,000	6,144,000	6,325,000
Off farms	687,319	756,664	3,308,488	3,487,835
Total	1,657,319	1,696,664	9,452,488	9,812,835
Soybeans				
On farms	235,000	245,000	1,300,000	1,345,000
Off farms	182,603	200,109	1,004,640	1,157,389
Total	417,603	445,109	2,304,640	2,502,389
All Wheat				
On farms	2,400	2,300	531,020	513,000
Off farms	16,512	19,763	899,306	916,531
Total	18,912	22,063	1,430,326	1,429,531
Oats				
On farms	*	*	60,400	60,100
Off farms	470	410	44,513	35,635
Total	*	*	104,913	95,735
Sorghum				
On farms	*	*	78,700	55,000
Off farms	2,745	2,440	203,505	233,891
Total	*	*	282,205	288,891
Barley				
On farms	2/	2/	130,700	103,650
Off farms	*	*	115,276	104,335
Total	*	*	245,976	207,985
Hay 3/				
On farms	1,613	1,260	114,516	105,056

1/ Off farm stocks include stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.
2/ Estimate discontinued.
3/ 1,000 tons
* Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

HOGS AND PIGS

The number of hogs and pigs in Illinois on December 1, 2005, was 4.0 million head, down two percent from December 1, 2004. Breeding hogs on hand December 1, 2005 were estimated at 430 thousand head, up two percent from a year ago. Market hogs, at 3.57 million head, were down three percent from a year earlier.

The pig crop during September, October, and November of 2005 was 1.770 million head, down five percent from the same period in 2004. There were 200 thousand sows that farrowed, down five percent from a year earlier. The litter rate for the quarter averaged 8.85 pigs saved per litter, steady with the rate from the same quarter a year earlier.

Farrowing intentions for the December 2005-February 2006 quarter is 210 thousand, the same as actual farrowings during the same period a year earlier. The first estimate of intentions for the March through May quarter of 2006 is for 210 thousand sows to farrow, the same as actual farrowings in the same quarter in 2005.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004, but down one percent from September 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was up one percent from last year and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year but down one percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 26.1 million head, was up one percent from 2004 and up two percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the September-November 2005 period, compared to 8.96 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the December 2005-February 2006 quarter, up one percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2005 and 2004. Intended farrowings for March-May 2006, at 2.89 million sows, are up slightly from 2005 and up one percent from 2004.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 38 percent last year.

HOGS & PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS, DECEMBER 1, 2004-2005

	Illinois			Iowa			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Breeding	420	430	102	1,070	1,070	100	5,969	6,011	101
Market	3,680	3,570	97	15,230	15,330	101	55,005	55,186	100
Under 60 lbs.	1,410	1,300	92	4,580	4,530	99	19,980	19,955	100
60-119 lbs.	830	860	104	4,130	4,160	101	13,439	13,552	101
120-179 lbs.	770	740	96	3,340	3,500	105	11,186	11,266	101
180 lbs. & over	670	670	100	3,180	3,140	99	10,401	10,414	100
Total	4,100	4,000	98	16,300	16,400	101	60,975	61,197	100

HOGS & PIGS: FARROWINGS & PIG CROP, 2004-2005

	Illinois			Iowa			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Sows Farrowing									
Dec.-Feb. 1/	210	210 2/	100	440	440 2/	100	2,835	2,877 2/	101
Mar.-May 1/	210	210 2/	100	440	440 2/	100	2,882	2,890 2/	100
Jun.-Aug.	210	205	98	440	450	102	2,905	2,899	100
Sep.-Nov.	210	200	95	460	455	99	2,888	2,888	100
Pig Crop									
Jun.-Aug.	1,869	1,825	98	3,916	4,050	103	26,162	26,276	100
Sep.-Nov.	1,859	1,770	95	4,094	4,095	100	25,881	26,080	101
	Number			Number			Number		
Pigs Per Litter									
Jun.-Aug.	8.90	8.90	- -	8.90	9.00	- -	9.01	9.06	- -
Sep.-Nov.	8.85	8.85	- -	8.90	9.00	- -	8.96	9.03	- -

1/ January, February and March through May of following year.
2/ Intentions.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The December index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 107 percent of the base, down one point from the revised November figure and ten points below December 2004. The current year's base was computed by multiplying the average production for the five-year period by the average price for each year. These five years were summed and then divided by five to arrive at an average (base) for the period. The current five-year average production was then multiplied by the current price and divided by the average for the five years to arrive at the current index. The December All Crops index, at 101 percent of the base, was one point above the revised November number and six points below December of last year. All crop prices showed slight increases from last month with the exception of alfalfa hay and other hay which was steady. The All Livestock index was at 127 percent of the base, down one point from the revised November figure but 29 points below December 2004. All livestock and milk prices increased from last month. The hog-corn ratio was at 23.1.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December at 114, based on 1990-92=100, increased one point from November, and is up three points from December 2004. The Crop Index is up four points but the Livestock Index decreased two points. Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, strawberries, and lettuce. Lower prices were received for oranges, broilers, dairy, and grapes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of dairy, wheat, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	Nov. 2004	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Dec. 15, 2005
ILLINOIS	1998-2002=100		1999-2003=100	
All Farm Products	119	117	106 *	107
All Crops	107	107	100 *	101
Food grains	125	119	98 *	99
Feed grains/hay	104	103	92 *	93
Soybeans	110	112	111 *	111
All Livestock	161	151	127 *	127
Meat animals	169	156	128 *	127
Dairy products	122	128	121 *	128
UNITED STATES	1990-92=100			
All Farm Products	115	111	113 *	114
All Crops	112	104	105 *	109
Food grains	114	113	115 *	116
Feed grains/hay	93	93	83 *	89
Oilseeds	97	100	98 *	101
All Livestock	119	120	121 *	119
Meat animals	118	118	120 *	121
Dairy products	124	126	116 *	113
Prices Paid	135	134	143 *	143
Parity Ratio 1/	85	83	79 *	80

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.
* Revised.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois Nov. 2004	Illinois Dec. 2004	Illinois Nov. 2005	Illinois Dec. 15, 2005	United States Nov. 2004	United States Dec. 2004	United States Nov. 2005	United States Dec. 15, 2005
		Dollars							
Corn	Bushels	2.08	2.17	1.87 *	2.00	2.05	2.04	1.77 *	1.88
Soybeans	Bushels	5.37	5.59	5.78 *	5.90	5.36	5.45	5.62 *	5.71
Sorghum	Cwt.	3.27	3.20	3.23	3.50	3.06	2.99	2.82 *	2.94
Wheat, all	Bushels	3.27	3.13	2.85 *	2.90	3.46	3.40	3.47 *	3.47
Oats	Bushels	3/	1.54	3/	3/	1.51	1.60	1.63 *	1.73
Hay, all baled	Tons	86.00	86.00	94.00	95.00	88.70	86.00	91.70 *	92.00
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	93.00	92.00	101.00	101.00	95.20	92.10	97.50 *	97.70
Other hay, bld	Tons	97.00	70.00	77.00	77.00	73.50	72.40	76.30 *	78.00
Hogs, all	Cwt.	56.70	53.10	44.20 *	46.10	55.60	52.40	43.60 *	45.50
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	58.00	54.00	45.00	47.00	56.10	52.70	43.90 *	45.80
Sows	Cwt.	43.50	43.20	35.50 *	36.00	45.20	44.80	37.00 *	38.20
Beef cattle	Cwt.	84.30	82.30	87.20	87.70	85.40	86.80	91.30 *	92.70
Cows	Cwt.	49.40	48.60	48.00	49.00	48.70	48.60	46.00 *	46.60
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	85.00	83.00	88.00	88.50	90.20	91.90	97.30 *	99.10
Calves	Cwt.	114.00	112.00	124.00 *	125.00	123.00	122.00	133.00 *	135.00
Milk cows	Head	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Milk, all	Cwt.	16.20	16.40	15.90 *	15.80	16.20	16.40	15.10 *	14.70
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	16.30	16.40	15.90	3/	16.20	16.40	15.10 *	14.80
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	16.50	17.30	15.40	3/	15.90	16.10	14.40 *	14.40
Hog-corn ratio		27.3	24.5	23.6 *	23.1	27.1	25.7	24.6 *	24.2

1/ Prices received represents the average of all grades or classes at point of first sale and should not be confused with market quotations.
2/ Estimated in January, April, July and October.
3/ State prices not published.
* Revised.

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WINTER WHEAT - FALL SEEDINGS

In Illinois, an estimated 860 thousand acres of winter wheat were seeded in the fall of 2005, 37 percent more than in 2004. With ideal conditions, this year's planting was completed two weeks earlier than the five-year average. As of January 1, the wheat crop was rated 10 percent excellent, 67 percent good, 21 percent fair, 1 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

U.S. winter wheat seeded area for 2006 is expected to total 41.4 million acres, up two percent from 2005. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.9 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.3 million; and White Winter, 4.2 million.

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