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The staff of the Illinois Field Office wishes to thank the farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses that responded to the January Cattle Report, the January Sheep & Goats Survey, the January Milk Production Survey and the January Prices Received Survey. Your responses to these surveys are important to the agricultural community.

CATTLE & CALVES

The inventory of cattle and calves in Illinois on January 1, 2006 was 1,340,000 head, down two percent from the January 1, 2005 inventory. Beef cow numbers decreased three percent to 446,000 head, whereas milk cows decreased by 1,000 to 104,000 head. All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 280,000, were up four percent from 2005. The number of heifers for beef cow replacement increased 5,000 head from January 1, 2005 to 70,000 head and the inventory of milk cow replacement heifers decreased 3,000 to 52,000 head. Other heifers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 158,000 head, up five percent from 2005. Steers decreased to 255,000 head and bulls remained unchanged at 25,000 head. Cattle and calves on feed were down two percent to 205,000 head. A total of 500,000 calves were born on Illinois farms in 2005, with 230,000 head under 500 pounds still on hand January 1, 2006.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, two percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005. All cows that have calved, at 42.3 million, were one percent above the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005. Beef cows, at 33.3 million, were up one percent from January 1, 2005. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were also up one percent from 2005. All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 20.0 million, were up two percent from 2005. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.9 million, were up four percent from a year earlier. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.3 million, were also up four percent from last year. Total inventory for other heifers was 9.8 million head, up slightly from 2005. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 16.9 million, were up three percent from 2005. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, at 2.3 million, were up two percent from a year earlier. Total cattle and calves on feed were also up three percent from 2005 to 14.1 million head. Calves under 500 pounds, at 15.6 million, were up two percent from 2005. The 2005 calf crop was estimated at 37.8 million head, up one percent from the 2004 calf crop.

CATTLE AND CALVES: INVENTORY & CALF CROP, ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES

Class	Illinois			United States		
	Jan. 1, 2005	Jan. 1, 2006	2006 as % of 2005	Jan. 1, 2005	Jan. 1, 2006	2006 as % of 2005
	1,000 head			1,000 head		
Cattle and calves	1,370	1,340	98	95,438.0	97,101.5	102
Beef cows that have calved	460	446	97	32,915.4	33,253.0	101
Milk cows that have calved	105	104	99	9,005.0	9,058.4	101
Beef cow replacement heifers 500 lbs. & over	65	70	108	5,690.9	5,904.5	104
Milk cow replacement heifers 500 lbs. & over	55	52	95	4,118.3	4,278.0	104
Other heifers 500 lbs. & over	150	158	105	9,763.4	9,795.4	100
Steers 500 lbs. & over	275	255	93	16,475.8	16,923.1	103
Bulls 500 lbs. & over	25	25	100	2,219.3	2,262.8	102
Heifers, steers & bulls under 500 lbs.	235	230	98	15,249.9	15,626.3	102
Cattle and calves on feed	210	205	98	13,744.7	14,131.9	103
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Calves born	510	500	98	37,505.4	37,780.1	101

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Illinois during December 2005 totaled 163 million pounds, unchanged from December 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,570 pounds for December, 30 pounds above December 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in Illinois was 104,000 head, 2,000 head less than December 2004.

Milk production in the United States during December 2005 totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up four percent from December 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,639 pounds for December, 52 pounds above December 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. was 9.05 million head, 41,000 head more than December 2004.

MILK PRODUCTION: ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 2004-2005

		December					
		Illinois			United States		
		2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Milk Production:							
Number of milk cows	Head (000)	106	104	98	9,013	9,054	100
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	1,540	1,570	102	1,587	1,639	103
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	163	163	100	14,303	14,854	104

SHEEP & LAMBS

The total number of sheep and lambs in Illinois on January 1, 2006 was estimated at 69,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2005. Breeding sheep, at 61,000 head, were up nine percent from a year earlier. The number of market sheep and lambs was down 38 percent to 8,000 head. A breakdown of the market lambs showed 3,500 head were under 65 pounds, 1,000 head were 65-84 pounds, 1,500 head were 85-105 pounds and 1,000 head were over 105 pounds.

The 2005 lamb crop in Illinois was 62,000 head, up seven percent from the previous year. Breeding ewes one year and older on January 1, 2006 increased 5,000 head from a year earlier to 48,000.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 6.23 million head, up two percent from both 2005 and 2004. The inventory began increasing in 2005 and has shown two consecutive year to year increases for the first time since 1987 and 1988. Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006, up two percent from 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.66 million head, were two percent above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2006, totaled 1.59 million head, down one percent from January 1, 2005. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 35 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining five percent of total marketings.

The 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head, was up one percent from 2004. The 2005 lambing rate was 115 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2005, up two percent from 2004.

SHEEP & LAMBS: INVENTORY, ILLINOIS & U.S.

Item	Illinois		U.S.	
	Jan. 1, 2005	Jan. 1, 2006	Jan. 1, 2005	Jan. 1, 2006
All Sheep & Lambs	69.0	69.0	6,135.0	6,230.0
1,000 head				
BREEDING:				
Ewes-1 year+	43.0	48.0	3,572.5	3,657.0
Rams/Wethers-1 year+	3.0	3.0	190.0	196.0
Replacement Lambs	10.0	10.0	770.5	786.0
Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs	56.0	61.0	4,533.0	4,639.0
MARKET:				
Market Lambs				
Under 65 lbs.	3.5	3.5	413.2	416.3
65 - 84 lbs.	1.5	1.0	214.7	210.4
85 - 105 lbs.	1.5	1.5	381.9	362.4
Over 105 lbs.	3.5	1.0	518.1	525.9
Market Sheep	3.0	1.0	74.1	76.0
Total Market Sheep and Lambs	13.0	8.0	1,602.0	1,591.0
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Lamb Crop 1/	58.0	62.0	4,096.0	4,125.0

1/ Includes sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter market but excludes new crop lambs (those born after September 30 of previous year).

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The January index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 105 percent of the base, down three points from the revised December figure and 13 points below January 2005. 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 January All Crops index, at 100 percent of the base, was one point below the revised December number and ten points below January of last year. Corn, wheat, and hay prices increased from last month while soybean prices fell. The All Livestock index was at 119 percent of the base, down nine points from the revised December number and 24 points below January 2005. All hog, calf, and milk prices decreased from last month while beef cattle, cows, and steer and heifer prices remained steady. The hog-corn ratio was at 20.2.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January was 112, based on 1990-92=100, three points below December. The Crop Index was down three points and the Livestock Index also decreased three points. Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, turkeys, eggs, and hogs. Higher prices were received for cattle, oranges, corn, and cotton. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of cattle, soybeans, corn, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of grapes, tomatoes, dairy, and cotton.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan. 15,
	2004	2005	2005	2006
	1998-02=	1999-2003=		2000-04=
	100	100		100
ILLINOIS				
All Farm Products	117	118	108 *	105
All Crops	107	110	101 *	100
Food grains	119	124	104 *	107
Feed grains/hay	103	107	94 *	96
Soybeans	112	114	111 *	106
All Livestock	151	143	128 *	119
Meat animals	156	146	129 *	118
Dairy products	128	125	126 *	126
UNITED STATES				
	1990-92=100			
All Farm Products	111	111	115 *	112
All Crops	104	102	110 *	107
Food grains	113	114	117 *	115
Feed grains/hay	93	95	90 *	90
Oilseeds	100	100	102 *	98
All Livestock	120	121	120 *	117
Meat animals	118	121	121 *	121
Dairy products	126	122	113 *	111
Prices Paid	134	137	143 *	145
Parity Ratio 1/	83	81	80 *	77

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.

* Revised.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 15, 2006	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 15, 2006
Dollars									
Corn	Bushels	2.17	2.23	2.01 *	2.05	2.04	2.12	1.92 *	1.96
Soybeans	Bushels	5.59	5.67	5.89 *	5.65	5.45	5.57	5.77 *	5.51
Sorghum	Cwt.	3.20	3.37	3/	3/	2.99	2.95	2.91 *	3.15
Wheat, all	Bushels	3.13	3.25	3.04 *	3.15	3.40	3.43	3.54 *	3.48
Oats	Bushels	1.54	3/	3/	3/	1.60	1.64	1.73 *	1.67
Hay, all baled	Tons	86.00	85.00	95.00	99.00	86.00	87.80	92.00 *	91.20
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	92.00	89.00	101.00	103.00	92.10	94.50	97.70 *	95.60
Other hay, bld	Tons	70.00	69.00	77.00	82.00	72.40	73.30	78.00 *	79.30
Hogs, all	Cwt.	53.10	54.10	45.20 *	41.50	52.40	53.20	44.30 *	41.60
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	54.00	55.00	46.00 *	42.20	52.70	53.50	44.50 *	41.90
Sows	Cwt.	43.20	44.10	36.50 *	33.90	44.80	45.60	38.10 *	35.70
Beef cattle	Cwt.	82.30	87.30	94.10 *	94.10	86.80	89.40	93.60 *	94.40
Cows	Cwt.	48.60	50.50	50.00 *	50.00	48.60	50.50	47.20 *	46.50
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	83.00	88.00	95.00 *	95.00	91.90	94.40	99.90 *	101.00
Calves	Cwt.	112.00	114.00	123.00 *	120.00	122.00	125.00	134.00 *	137.00
Milk cows	Head	2/	1,610.00	2/	1,780.00	2/	1,620.00	2/	1,840.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	16.40	16.30	15.50 *	15.30	16.40	15.90	14.80 *	14.50
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	16.40	16.30	15.50	3/	16.40	15.90	14.80 *	14.60
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	17.30	15.60	15.40	3/	16.10	14.90	14.40 *	14.10
Hog-corn ratio		24.5	24.3	22.5 *	20.2	25.7	25.1	23.1 *	21.2

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.

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TURKEYS

Turkeys raised in Illinois during 2005 totaled 2.9 million, the same number raised in 2004. Illinois ranks 14th in the nation for turkey production. Illinois turkey growers intend to raise 2.9 million birds in 2006.

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2005 totaled 256 million birds, down three percent from the 263 million raised in 2004. Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 44.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 36.0 million, Arkansas with 29.0 million, Virginia with 21.0 million, Missouri with 20.5 million, California with 14.9 million, and Indiana with 13.4 million. These states accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2005.

TURKEYS: ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, 2004-2005

	Illinois			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Number Raised	2,900	2,900	100	263,207	256,270	97
	1,000 head			1,000 head		

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