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The staff of the Illinois Field Office wishes to thank the farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses that responded to the September Crops and Hogs Surveys, the September Milk Production Survey, the September Prices Received Survey and the August and September Layers & Egg Production Surveys. Your responses to these surveys are important to the agricultural community.

SEPTEMBER 1 GRAIN STOCKS

Corn stocks in all positions in Illinois on September 1, 2006 totaled 296.6 million bushels, 82 percent of last year's stocks of 362.6 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, at 234.6 million bushels, accounted for 79 percent of the total stocks. The indicated disappearance from all positions for the June-August quarter was 470 million bushels, 37 percent more than a year ago. **Stocks of soybeans on September 1, 2006** totaled 73.4 million bushels, 43 percent above last year's level of 51.4 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, at 54.4 million bushels, accounted for 74 percent of the total stocks. The indicated disappearance from all positions for the June-August quarter was 97.0 million bushels, 38 percent more than at this time last year. **Wheat stocks on September 1, 2006** totaled 45.2 million bushels, 63 percent above September 2005. Off-farm stocks of 36.9 million bushels accounted for 82 percent of the total stocks and was up 53 percent from last year.

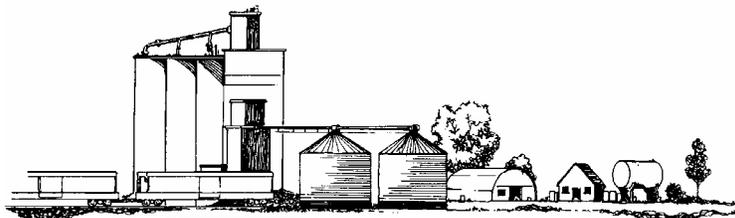
U.S. corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2006 totaled 1.97 billion bushels, down seven percent from September 1, 2005. Of the total stocks, 750 million bushels are stored on farms, down nine percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.22 billion bushels, are down six percent from a year ago. The June-August 2006 indicated disappearance is 2.39 billion bushels, compared with 2.21 billion bushels during the same period last year. **Old crop soybeans stored in all positions on September 1, 2006** totaled 449 million bushels, up 75 percent from September 1, 2005. This is the largest September 1 stocks level since 1986. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 176 million bushels, up 77 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 272 million bushels, are up 75 percent from last September. Indicated disappearance for June-August 2006 totaled 542 million bushels, up 22 percent from the same period a year earlier. **All wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2006** totaled 1.74 billion bushels, down nine percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 572 million bushels, down 21 percent from last September. Off-farm stocks, at 1.17 billion bushels, are down three percent from a year ago. The June-August 2006 indicated disappearance is 640 million bushels, down 11 percent from the same period a year earlier.

GRAIN STOCKS - SEPTEMBER 1, 2005-2006

Crop and position ^{1/}	Illinois		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousand bushels			
<u>Corn</u>				
On farms	92,000	62,000	820,500	749,500
Off farms	270,575	234,589	1,293,472	1,221,072
Total	362,575	296,589	2,113,972	1,970,572
<u>Soybeans</u>				
On farms	16,000	19,000	99,700	176,300
Off farms	35,422	54,412	156,038	272,488
Total	51,422	73,412	255,738	448,788
<u>All Wheat</u>				
On farms	3,500	8,300	721,360	572,020
Off farms	24,130	36,868	1,201,931	1,171,021
Total	27,630	45,168	1,923,291	1,743,041
<u>Oats</u>				
On farms	2/	2/	71,700	59,900
Off farms	554	676	41,803	39,328
Total	2/	2/	113,503	99,228
<u>Sorghum</u>				
On farms	2/	2/	5,900	5,250
Off farms	2/	2/	51,041	59,919
Total	2/	2/	56,941	65,169

^{1/} Off farm stocks include stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

2/ Data not published.



HOGS AND PIGS

Total inventory of all Illinois hogs and pigs on hand September 1, 2006 was 4.35 million head, up seven percent from last year. Market hogs, at 3.91 million head, were up eight percent from a year ago, while breeding hogs, at 440 thousand head, were up five percent. **The June-August pig crop** of 1.855 million pigs was up two percent from last year. There were 205 thousand sows that farrowed, unchanged from last year. The average number of pigs per litter was 9.05, up from 8.90 during the same period last year. **Hog producers intend to farrow** 215 thousand sows during the September-November quarter, up eight percent from the same period a year ago. The first intentions estimate for the December 2006-February 2007 quarter is for 210 thousand sows to farrow, up eight percent from the previous year.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2006 was 62.7 million head. This was up one percent from September 1, 2005 and up two percent from June 1, 2006. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.08 million head, was up two percent from last year and up slightly from the previous

quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 56.6 million head, was up one percent from last year and up two percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2006 pig crop, at 26.7 million head, was up one percent from 2005 and up two percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.92 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up one percent from 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.14 for the June-August 2006 period, compared to 9.06 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the September-November 2006 quarter, up one percent from the actual farrowings in both 2005 and 2004. Intended farrowings for December 2006-February 2007, at 2.90 million sows, are up two percent from both 2006 and 2005. 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, unchanged from last year.

HOGS & PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS, SEPTEMBER 1, 2005-2006

	Illinois			Iowa			United States		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Breeding	420	440	105	1,080	1,080	100	5,972	6,079	102
Market	3,630	3,910	108	15,520	15,820	102	55,873	56,625	101
Under 60 lbs.	1,380	1,370	99	4,780	4,850	101	20,764	20,998	101
60-119 lbs.	890	980	110	4,400	4,470	102	13,876	13,991	101
120-179 lbs.	800	850	106	3,450	3,520	102	11,404	11,555	101
180 lbs. & over	560	710	127	2,890	2,980	103	9,830	10,082	103
Total	4,050	4,350	107	16,600	16,900	102	61,846	62,704	101

HOGS & PIGS: FARROWINGS & PIG CROP, 2005-2006

	Illinois			Iowa			United States		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Sows Farrowing									
Dec.-Feb. 1/	195	210 2/	108	455	450 2/	99	2,840	2,902 2/	102
March-May	210	205	98	440	455	103	2,882	2,897	101
June-Aug.	205	205	100	460	455	99	2,918	2,924	100
Sep.-Nov.	200	215 2/	108	455	460 2/	101	2,900	2,925 2/	101
Pig Crop									
March-May	1,880	1,855	99	3,982	4,072	102	25,986	26,301	101
June-Aug.	1,825	1,855	102	4,140	4,141	100	26,449	26,727	101
Pigs Per Litter									
March-May	8.95	9.05	-	9.05	8.95	-	9.02	9.08	-
June-Aug.	8.90	9.05	-	9.00	9.10	-	9.06	9.14	-

1/ January and February of following year.

2/ Intentions.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The September index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 105 percent of the base, up one point from the revised August figure but three points below September 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 September All Crops index, at 102 percent of the base, was one point above the revised August number but one point below September 2005. All crop prices either remained steady or increased from last month except for soybeans which decreased. The All Livestock index was at 118 percent of the base, up five points from the revised August number but seven points below September 2005. All hog and barrow and gilt prices fell slightly while the prices for all other livestock categories increased from last month. The hog-corn ratio was at 23.7.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 118 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased two points from August. The Crop Index was down seven points but the Livestock Index increased one point. Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, potatoes, hogs, and broccoli. Higher prices were received for cattle, milk, tomatoes, and turkeys. The overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Decreased average marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat, and grapes offset increased marketings of soybeans, apples, corn, and potatoes.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Aug. 2006	Sept. 15, 2006
ILLINOIS			1999-2003=100	2000-2004=100
All Farm Products	114	108	104 *	105
All Crops	111	103	101 *	102
Food grains	121	108	116 *	120
Feed grains/hay	102	95	102 *	103
Soybeans	122	113	98 *	99
All Livestock	123	125	113 *	118
Meat animals	125	127	116 *	122
Dairy products	115	113	95 *	95
UNITED STATES			1990-92=100	
All Farm Products	116	116	120 *	118
All Crops	115	111	126 *	119
Food grains	108	111	131 *	133
Feed grains/hay	100	94	107 *	103
Oilseeds	109	93	93 *	85
All Livestock	117	122	115 *	116
Meat animals	116	119	119 *	121
Dairy products	113	117	92 *	96
Prices Paid	141	142	148 *	147
Parity Ratio <u>1/</u>	82	82	81 *	80

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.

* Revised.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Aug. 2006	Sept. 15, 2006	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Aug. 2006	Sept. 15, 2006
Dollars									
Corn	Bushels	2.03	1.92	2.15 *	2.15	1.95	1.90	2.09 *	2.11
Soybeans	Bushels	6.20	5.76	5.37 *	5.30	6.15	5.77	5.23 *	5.12
Sorghum	Cwt.	4.05	3.13	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	3.69	3.41	4.35 *	3.99
Wheat, all	Bushels	3.16	2.93	3.25 *	3.40	3.24	3.36	3.91 *	3.98
Oats	Bushels	1.84	1.60	1.75 *	1.75	1.49	1.54	1.67 *	1.68
Hay, all baled	Tons	94.00	94.00	89.00	90.00	99.70	99.00	106.00 *	107.00
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	98.00	101.00	93.00	97.00	108.00	106.00	110.00 *	112.00
Other hay, bld	Tons	75.00	78.00	71.00	73.00	77.00	78.90	91.50 *	93.00
Hogs, all	Cwt.	51.60	48.90	51.30 *	50.90	51.00	49.40	51.60 *	50.00
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	53.00	50.00	53.00 *	52.50	51.60	49.90	52.50 *	50.70
Sows	Cwt.	37.00	37.50	32.20 *	32.70	38.60	39.10	34.80 *	34.80
Beef cattle	Cwt.	80.90	82.90	84.20 *	88.70	84.40	88.00	87.70 *	90.30
Cows	Cwt.	52.00	51.00	47.00 *	48.00	51.40	49.80	47.00 *	47.30
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	81.50	83.50	85.00 *	89.50	87.70	92.10	91.90 *	95.20
Calves	Cwt.	116.00	118.00	122.00 *	125.00	133.00	135.00	134.00 *	135.00
Milk cows	Head	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Milk, all	Cwt.	15.20	15.30	13.10 *	13.50	14.80	15.30	12.00 *	12.60
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	15.20	15.30	13.10	<u>2/</u>	14.80	15.30	12.10 *	12.60
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	13.90	14.90	12.20	<u>2/</u>	13.80	14.70	11.10 *	11.90
Hog-corn ratio		25.4	25.5	23.9 *	23.7	26.2	26.0	24.7 *	23.7

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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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Illinois during August 2006 totaled 160 million pounds, up one percent from August 2005. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 103,000 head, down one percent from August of last year. Milk per cow was up two percent from last year at 1,550 pounds.

Estimated milk production in the U.S. during August 2006 totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up two percent from August 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,658 pounds, up 15 pounds from last year. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. was 9.13 million head in August, up one percent from a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION: ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, AUGUST 2005-2006

		August					
		Illinois			United States		
		2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
Milk Production:							
Number of milk cows	Head (000)	104	103	99	9,060	9,125	101
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	1,515	1,550	102	1,643	1,658	101
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	158	160	101	14,896	15,126	102

LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION

In Illinois, the average number of layers on hand was up seven percent in June, up 11 percent in July, and up 15 percent in August compared to the same months last year. The number of eggs produced was up four percent in June, up ten percent in July, and up ten percent in August from a year ago.

In the United States, the average number of layers on hand was up one percent for June and July, and less than one percent for August compared to a year ago. The number of eggs produced for June was up less than one percent, and up one percent for July and August compared to a year ago.

LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION, ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, JUNE-AUGUST, 2005-2006

		Illinois					
		June		July		August 1/	
		2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Average Number of Layers on hand (thousand)		4,532	4,849	4,453	5,028	4,372	5,122
Eggs produced (million)		103	107	104	115	103	114
		United States					
Average Number of Layers on hand (thousand)		339,856	342,175	338,573	340,743	339,351	341,007
Eggs produced (million)		7,346	7,393	7,563	7,636	7,528	7,635

1/ Preliminary.

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