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The staff of the Illinois Field Office 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, 2006 totaled 1.65 billion bushels, down three percent from a year earlier. On-farm stocks, at 900 million bushels, accounted for 55 percent of the total stocks. Off-farm stocks, at 746.1 million bushels, were down one percent from 2005. **Soybean stocks** totaled 457.0 million bushels stored in all positions on December 1, 2006, up three percent from the previous year's total. On farm stocks totaled 240 million bushels, 53 percent of the total stocks and two percent below December 1, 2005. Off-farm stocks, at 217.0 million bushels, were up eight percent from a year earlier. **Wheat stocks in all positions** totaled 32.7 million bushels on December 1, 2006. Off-farm stocks, at 29.5 million bushels accounted for 90 percent of the state total. On-farm stocks totaled 3.2 million bushels, up 900,000 bushels from a year earlier.

U.S. corn stored in all positions on December 1, 2006 totaled 8.93 billion bushels, down nine percent from December 1, 2005. Of the total stocks, 5.63 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 11 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.30 billion bushels, are down five percent from a year ago. The September-November 2006 indicated disappearance is 3.57 billion bushels, compared with 3.41 billion bushels during the same period last year. **Soybeans stored in all positions** on December 1, 2006 totaled 2.70 billion bushels, up eight percent from December 1, 2005. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 1.46 billion bushels, up nine percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.24 billion bushels, are up seven percent from last December. Indicated disappearance for September-November 2006 totaled 940 million bushels, up 15 percent from the same period a year earlier. **All wheat stored in all positions** on December 1, 2006 totaled 1.31 billion bushels, down eight percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 403 million bushels, down 21 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 911 million bushels, are down one percent from a year ago. The September-November 2006 indicated disappearance is 436 million bushels, down 12 percent from the same period a year earlier.

GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS - DECEMBER 1

Crop and position ^{1/}	Illinois		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousand bushels			
Corn				
On farms	940,000	900,000	6,325,000	5,627,000
Off farms	756,644	746,054	3,489,957	3,302,820
Total	1,696,664	1,646,054	9,814,957	8,929,820
Soybeans				
On farms	245,000	240,000	1,345,000	1,461,000
Off farms	200,109	216,962	1,156,426	1,236,498
Total	445,109	456,962	2,501,426	2,697,498
All Wheat				
On farms	2,300	3,200	513,010	403,250
Off farms	19,763	29,496	916,414	911,364
Total	22,063	32,696	1,429,424	1,314,614
Oats				
On farms	*	*	60,100	53,000
Off farms	410	541	35,617	43,244
Total	*	*	95,717	96,244
Sorghum				
On farms	*	*	55,000	38,100
Off farms	2,440	1,159	235,376	168,570
Total	*	*	290,376	206,670
Barley				
On farms	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	103,650	83,650
Off farms	*	*	104,335	89,064
Total	*	*	207,985	172,714
Hay ^{3/}				
On farms	1,260	1,690	105,205	96,397

^{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, 2006 was 4.2 million head, up five percent from December 1, 2005. Breeding hogs on hand were estimated at 440 thousand head, up two percent from a year ago. Market hogs, at 3.76 million head, were up five percent from a year ago.

The pig crop during September, October, and November of 2006 was 1.91 million pigs, up eight percent from the same period in 2005. There were 210 thousand sows that farrowed, up five percent from a year earlier. The litter rate for the quarter averaged 9.10 pigs saved, up from 8.85 for the same quarter last year.

Farrowing intentions for the December 2006 through February 2007 quarter is 220 thousand, 13 percent more than during the same period a year ago. The first estimate of intentions for the March through May quarter of 2007 is for 215 thousand sows to farrow, two percent more than the same quarter in 2006.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006 was 62.1 million head. This was up one percent from December 1, 2005, but down one percent from September 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 6.09 million head, was up one percent from last year and up slightly from the previous

quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.1 million head, was up one percent from last year, but down one percent from last quarter.

The September through November 2006 pig crop, at 26.6 million head, was up one percent from 2005 and up three percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 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 9.13 for the September through November 2006 period, compared to 9.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 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 2.90 million sows farrow during the December 2006 through February 2007 quarter, up two percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2006 and 2005. Intended farrowings for March through May 2007, at 2.93 million sows, are up one percent from 2006 and up two percent from 2005. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 38 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, down from 39 percent last year.

HOGS & PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS, DECEMBER 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
Breeding	430	440	102	1,070	1,080	101	6,011	6,088	101
Market	3,570	3,760	105	15,530	16,120	104	55,438	56,061	101
Under 60 lbs.	1,300	1,270	98	4,610	4,870	106	20,055	20,334	101
60-119 lbs.	860	930	108	4,180	4,400	105	13,524	13,603	101
120-179 lbs.	740	820	111	3,520	3,620	103	11,293	11,544	102
180 lbs. & over	670	740	110	3,220	3,230	100	10,567	10,580	100
Total	4,000	4,200	105	16,600	17,200	104	61,449	62,149	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
Sows Farrowing	1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent	
Dec.-Feb. 1/	195	220 2/	113	455	450 2/	99	2,840	2,902 2/	102
Mar.-May 1/	210	215 2/	102	460	470 2/	102	2,916	2,932 2/	101
Jun.-Aug.	205	205	100	460	455	99	2,918	2,924	100
Sep.-Nov.	200	210	105	455	465	102	2,900	2,909	100
Pig Crop									
Jun.-Aug.	1,825	1,855	102	4,140	4,141	100	26,449	26,731	101
Sep.-Nov.	1,770	1,911	108	4,095	4,208	103	26,187	26,551	101
Pigs Per Litter	Number			Number			Number		
Jun.-Aug.	8.90	9.05	--	9.00	9.10	--	9.06	9.14	--
Sep.-Nov.	8.85	9.10	--	9.00	9.05	--	9.03	9.13	--

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 124 percent of the base, down four points from the revised November figure but 16 points above December 2006. 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 128 percent of the base, was three points below the revised November number but 27 points above December 2006. All crop prices increased from last month except for wheat. The All Livestock index was at 111 percent of the base, down four points from the revised November number and 17 points below December 2006. The price for beef cattle, cows, steers and heifers, and all milk remained steady while all other categories declined. The hog-corn ratio was at 14.1.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 121 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased one point from November. The Crop Index was up six points, but the Livestock Index decreased three points. Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, corn, grapes, and broccoli. Lower prices were received for turkeys, cattle, hogs, and tomatoes. The overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of oranges, wheat, milk, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Nov. 2006	Dec. 15, 2006
ILLINOIS			1999-2003=100	
All Farm Products	106	108	128 *	124
All Crops	100	101	131 *	128
Food grains	98	104	142 *	142
Feed grains/hay	92	94	143 *	138
Soybeans	111	111	114 *	112
All Livestock	127	128	115 *	111
Meat animals	128	129	115 *	111
Dairy products	121	126	110 *	112
UNITED STATES			1990-92=100	
All Farm Products	112	115	120 *	121
All Crops	105	111	123 *	129
Food grains	114	117	152 *	153
Feed grains/hay	83	90	128 *	135
Oilseeds	99	102	107 *	110
All Livestock	121	120	116 *	113
Meat animals	120	121	113 *	109
Dairy products	116	113	106 *	109
Prices Paid	142	143	146 *	148
Parity Ratio <u>1/</u>	79	80	82 *	82

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.

* Revised.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Nov. 2006	Dec. 15, 2006	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Nov. 2006	Dec. 15, 2006
Dollars									
Corn	Bushels	1.87	2.01	3.01 *	3.05	1.77	1.92	2.87 *	3.01
Soybeans	Bushels	5.78	5.89	6.11 *	6.15	5.62	5.78	6.07 *	6.14
Sorghum	Cwt.	3.23	<u>3/</u>	5.73 *	5.95	2.82	2.91	5.83 *	6.05
Wheat, all	Bushels	2.85	3.04	4.44 *	4.40	3.45	3.53	4.59 *	4.59
Oats	Bushels	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1.64	1.73	2.02 *	2.06
Hay, all baled	Tons	95.00	94.00	98.00	99.00	91.70	92.00	106.00 *	108.00
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	101.00	101.00	104.00	106.00	98.30	96.90	109.00 *	112.00
Other hay, bld	Tons	77.00	77.00	80.00	82.00	80.00	82.10	98.10 *	99.30
Hogs, all	Cwt.	44.20	45.20	45.20 *	43.10	43.50	44.30	44.80 *	43.20
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	45.00	46.00	46.20 *	44.00	43.80	44.50	45.20 *	43.60
Sows	Cwt.	35.50	36.50	34.00 *	32.20	37.30	38.10	35.40 *	32.80
Beef cattle	Cwt.	87.20	94.10	85.20 *	85.20	90.80	93.30	84.70 *	83.70
Cows	Cwt.	48.00	50.00	46.00	46.00	45.90	47.10	43.40 *	42.90
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	88.00	95.00	86.00 *	86.00	97.10	99.60	90.20 *	89.20
Calves	Cwt.	124.00	123.00	108.00	104.00	137.00	137.00	118.00 *	115.00
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.	15.30	15.00	14.90 *	14.90	15.10	14.80	13.90 *	14.20
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	15.30	15.00	14.90	<u>3/</u>	15.10	14.80	13.90 *	14.20
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	15.00	14.80	14.50	<u>3/</u>	14.30	14.40	13.60 *	13.80
Hog-corn ratio		23.6	22.5	15.0 *	14.1	24.6	23.1	15.6 *	14.4

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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WINTER WHEAT - FALL SEEDINGS

In Illinois, an estimated 970 thousand acres of winter wheat were seeded in the fall of 2006, four percent more than in 2005. October weather conditions were ideal for tillage and planting the first half of the month. The second half of the month was wetter and colder than normal. Last fall's planting was behind the previous year but ahead of the five-year average. As of December 31, the wheat crop was rated seven percent excellent, 62 percent good, 23 percent fair, seven percent poor, and one percent very poor.

U.S. winter wheat seeded area for 2007 is expected to total 44.1 million acres, up nine percent from 2006. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 31.9 million; Soft Red Winter, 8.33 million; and White Winter, 3.91 million.

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