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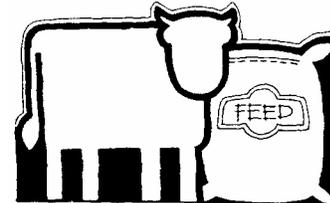
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## HIGHLIGHTS

September 1 Cattle on Feed  
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## September 1 Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 720,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on September 1, down 3 percent from August 1, 2003 and down 16 percent from September 1, 2002. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 300,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 420,000 head on feed, down 7 percent and 23 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Placements during August totaled 129,000 head, up 59 percent and 7 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 79,000 head, up 41 percent from both last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 50,000 head, up 100 percent from last month but down 23 percent from last year.

Marketings for August were 151,000 head, down 5 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 73,000 head, up 4 percent and 12 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 78,000 head, down

12 percent and 1 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 head.

**United States:** Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.83 million head on September 1, 2003. The inventory was 3 percent below September 1, 2002 and 9 percent below September 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.37 million, 7 percent above 2002 and 8 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.31 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 592,000, 600-699 pounds were 529,000, 700-799 pounds were 659,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 594,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 3 percent below 2002 and 5 percent below 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during August, 40 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001.

## All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	----- Thousand head -----		
Cattle on Feed, August 1, 2003	295	450	745
August Placements	79	50	129
August Marketings	73	78	151
August Other Disappearance	1	2	3
Cattle on Feed, September 1, 2003	300	420	720

# Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1</sup>

State	Cattle on feed September 1			Placements during August			Marketings During August			August disappearance other than slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002
	1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent	
Arizona	285	274	96	30	28	93	29	23	79	1	2	200
California	490	485	99	60	60	100	52	57	110	3	3	100
Colorado	1,000	900	90	245	240	98	230	195	85	5	5	100
Idaho	275	245	89	58	58	100	67	52	78	1	1	100
<u>Iowa</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>100</u>
Kansas	2,230	2,250	101	570	580	102	470	500	106	10	10	100
Nebraska	1,850	1,660	90	445	470	106	380	370	97	5	10	200
New Mexico	114	121	106	22	23	105	15	15	100	2	3	150
Oklahoma	305	345	113	74	84	114	78	72	92	1	2	200
S. Dakota	145	134	92	24	30	125	38	43	113	1	1	100
Texas	2,680	2,700	101	530	610	115	580	580	100	10	20	200
Washington	155	180	116	40	46	115	49	35	71	1	1	100
Other States	290	235	81	64	66	103	82	60	73	2	1	50
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>10,129</b>	<b>9,829</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2,218</b>	<b>2,374</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>140</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## Government Payments by Program, Selected States, 2002<sup>1</sup>

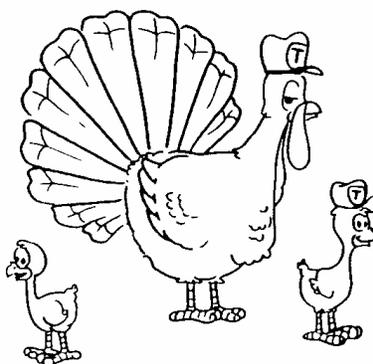
State	Current Programs							Total Government Payments	Pre-1996 Commodity Programs included in Misc. <sup>8</sup>	
	Production Flexibility Contracts <sup>2</sup>	Fixed Direct Payments <sup>3</sup>	Loan Deficiency Payments	Marketing Loan Gains	Milk Income Loss Payments <sup>4</sup>	Conservation Programs <sup>5</sup>	Ad Hoc and Emergency Programs <sup>6</sup>			Misc. Programs <sup>7</sup>
-- Thousand Dollars --										
IL	296,802	28,256	108,549	26,692	15,059	126,588	10,686	75	612,706	(21)
IN	144,953	13,875	76,710	22,605	13,814	49,938	10,858	28	332,782	(17)
<u>IA</u>	<u>324,412</u>	<u>32,246</u>	<u>49,692</u>	<u>60,462</u>	<u>28,577</u>	<u>222,561</u>	<u>19,124</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>737,107</u>	<u>(29)</u>
KS	232,379	21,672	19,433	4,850	7,595	108,044	58,740	(37)	452,680	(9)
MI	59,438	1,684	24,332	4,305	37,215	28,193	29,213	4,133	188,513	(2)
MN	198,794	9,313	26,858	40,521	64,983	116,690	8,176	15,147	480,483	(4)
NE	243,309	17,621	55,368	19,598	7,306	72,423	68,461	1,005	485,091	(14)
ND	160,580	4,826	8,909	2,550	4,090	114,358	78,714	7,629	381,658	(2)
OH	99,092	9,012	68,462	12,688	32,051	36,062	21,398	202	278,967	(5)
SD	104,138	3,724	19,119	13,384	10,076	75,186	55,607	22	281,256	(11)
WI	77,400	3,412	16,948	3,464	174,225	49,936	5,194	25	330,604	(4)
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>3,479,371</b>	<b>363,941</b>	<b>1,282,338</b>	<b>451,088</b>	<b>868,859</b>	<b>1,992,748</b>	<b>1,302,335</b>	<b>48,908</b>	<b>10,961,465</b>	<b>(447)</b>

<sup>1</sup> Amounts include only cash payments made directly to farmers, not including Farmer-owned Reserve Payments as these data are not available by State. <sup>2</sup> Production Flexibility Contract Payments were authorized by the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 for 1996 through 2002 crops. These are also known as AMTA payments. <sup>3</sup> Direct Payments are authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 for 2002 through 2007 crops. Direct Payments for the 2002 crops are reduced by the amount of fiscal year 2002 payment received under Production Flexibility Contracts. The Act also increases the number of crops authorized to receive Direct Payments. <sup>4</sup> Programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. <sup>5</sup> Conservation programs include Agricultural Conservation Program, Auto Agricultural Conservation Program--Environment Long Term, Auto ANA Conservation Program--Annual, Auto Conservation Reserve Program--Cost Shares, Auto Environment Quality Incentives Program, Auto LTA Conservation Program--Long Term, Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program, Conservation Reserve Program--Annual Rental, Conservation Reserve Program--Cost Share, Conservation Reserve Program--Incentives, Emergency Conservation Program, Environment Quality Incentives Program, Environment Quality Incentives Program--NRCS, Farmland Protection Program, Forestry Incentives Program--NRCS, Great Plains Program, Kalamath Basin Water Program, Soil and Water Conservation Assistance Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, Wetlands Reserve Program--NRCS, Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program. <sup>6</sup> Ad Hoc and emergency programs includes all programs providing disaster and emergency assistance payments to growers. Programs include Apple and Potato Quality Loss Assistance Program, Apple Market Loss Assistance Payments, Avian Influenza Indemnity Programs, Crop Disaster Program, Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program, Dairy Indemnity Program, Dairy Market Loss Program, Disaster Program, Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, Idaho OUST Program, Karnal Bunt Fungus Program, Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program, Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Emergency Assistance Program, Livestock Indemnity Program, Loan Deficiency Payments for Non-contract Production Flexibility Contract Growers, Marketing Loss Assistance Program, Noninsured Assistance Program, Nursery Market Losses Assistance Program--Florida, Oilseeds Payment Program, Pasture Flood Compensation Program, Pasture Recovery Program, Peanut Marketing Assistance Program, Quality Losses Program, Supplemental Oilseed Payment Program, Supplemental Tobacco Marketing Loss Assistance Program, Tobacco Marketing Loss Assistance Program, TRI Valley Growers Program, Wool and Mohair Marketing Loss Assistance Program II--Apportioned, Wool and Mohair Marketing Loss Assistance Program III--Apportioned, and Wool and Mohair Marketing Loss Assistance Program. <sup>7</sup> Miscellaneous programs include Acreage Grazing Payments, Additional Interest Payments, Agricultural Management Assistance Payments, American Indian Livestock Feed Program--Apportioned, Cotton Deficiency Program, Feed Grain Deficiency Program, Finality Rule, Interest Payments, National Wool Act, Payment Limitation Refund, Rice Deficiency Program, Small Hog Operation Program, Sugar PIK Diversion Program, and Wheat Deficiency Program. <sup>8</sup> Commodity programs in effect prior to the 1996 Farm Bill include Cotton Deficiency Program, Feed Grain Deficiency Program, Rice Deficiency Program, Wheat Deficiency Program, and National Wool Act Program. The negative numbers are repayments by producers of unanticipated over payments under earlier programs.

# Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, U.S.<sup>1</sup> and Corn Belt II<sup>2</sup> July 6-12, 2003, with Comparisons

Farm Employment	July 7-13, 2002		April 6-12, 2003		July 6-12, 2003	
	Corn Belt II	U.S.	Corn Belt II	U.S.	Corn Belt II	U.S.
----- Thousands -----						
Hired Workers						
Expected to be Employed	30	1,006	24	781	23	953
150 Days or More	18	723	20	619	17	678
149 Days or Less	12	283	4	162	6	275
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	NA	256	NA	157	NA	320
Hired Farm & Service Workers	NA	1,262	NA	938	NA	1,273
Hours per Week						
Hours Worked						
Hired	32.1	40.0	36.6	40.1	36.7	40.0
Dollars per Hour						
Wage Rates for						
All Hired Workers <sup>3,4</sup>	9.20	8.57	10.71	9.16	9.51	8.88
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock Combined	8.94	8.02	9.97	8.49	9.31	8.28
Field	8.42	7.90	9.94	8.40	9.60	8.18
Livestock	10.72	8.38	10.00	8.75	8.87	8.62

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Alaska. <sup>2</sup> Consists of Iowa and Missouri. <sup>3</sup> Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. <sup>4</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.



## Turkeys: Number Raised, Selected States, 2002-03

State	Number		2003 as % of 2002
	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	
----- 1,000 head -----			
Arkansas	29,500	24,000	81
California	17,700	16,500	93
Illinois	2,900	2,900	100
Indiana	13,000	12,800	98
Iowa	6,800	6,500	96
Minnesota	44,000	45,500	103
Missouri	25,500	27,500	108
North Carolina	45,500	45,000	99
Pennsylvania	9,900	9,500	96
South Carolina	9,900	9,900	100
Virginia	20,000	23,000	115
United States	272,429	269,200	99

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

# August Milk Production

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in August totaled 306 million pounds, down 1.6 percent from August 2002. The average number of milk cows, 200 thousand head, was 10,000 head below August 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,530 pounds, fifty pounds higher than production levels one year ago.

**United States:** Milk production in the 20 major States during August totaled 12.1 billion pounds, down 0.8 percent from August 2002. July revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up

0.5 percent from July 2002. The July revision represented a decrease of 5.0 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,563 pounds for August, 7 pounds below August 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 26,000 head less than August 2002, and 6,000 head less than July 2003.

## August Milk Cows and Milk Production

State	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
California	1,651	1,696	1,810	1,740	2,988	2,951	-1.2
Illinois	115	108	1,395	1,450	160	157	-1.9
Iowa	210	200	1,480	1,530	311	306	-1.6
Minnesota	485	475	1,410	1,445	684	686	0.3
Missouri	136	128	1,090	1,125	148	144	-2.7
Wisconsin	1,265	1,254	1,470	1,480	1,860	1,856	-0.2
20-State Total <sup>3</sup>	7,785	7,759	1,570	1,563	12,223	12,127	-0.8

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup> The 20 states are Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.



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