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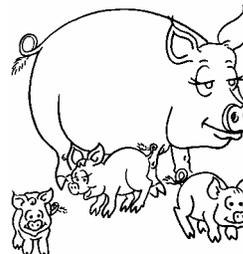
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September 1 Hogs and Pigs

On September 1, there were 15.7 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The September 1 inventory was up 1 percent from a year ago, and up 1 percent from June 1, 2003.

The June-August Iowa pig crop this year was 3.74 million head. A total of 430,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 8.7 pigs per litter.

As of September 1, Iowa producers planned to farrow 430,000 head of sows and gilts in the September-November 2003 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the December-February 2004 period were estimated at 425,000 as of September 1, 2003. If realized, this would be 4 percent more sows farrowed than the same period in 2003.

This report is a result of the voluntary response of Iowa farmers to our September 1, 2003, Agricultural Survey. We sincerely thank those producers for their cooperation.

Hogs and Pigs on Farms, September 1, 2002-03

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	---- 1,000 head ----		%	---- 1,000 head ----		%	---- 1,000 head ----		%
Illinois	430	420	98	3,820	3,430	90	4,250	3,850	91
Iowa	1,100	1,020	93	14,500	14,680	101	15,600	15,700	101
Minnesota	580	590	102	5,520	5,710	103	6,100	6,300	103
Missouri	350	330	94	2,600	2,570	99	2,950	2,900	98
Nebraska	360	375	104	2,540	2,625	103	2,900	3,000	103
North Carolina	1,000	1,000	100	9,200	8,900	97	10,200	9,900	97
U.S.	6,054	5,882	97	54,670	53,741	98	60,725	59,623	98

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number, By Weight Groups, September 1, 2002-03

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	----- 1,000 head -----							
Illinois	1,390	1,270	960	860	790	720	680	580
Iowa	4,490	4,560	4,040	4,100	3,160	3,210	2,810	2,810
Minnesota	2,170	2,230	1,410	1,510	1,140	1,180	800	790
Missouri	1,190	1,220	550	550	470	480	390	320
Nebraska	1,000	1,030	650	690	500	500	390	405
North Carolina	3,600	3,550	2,300	2,250	1,800	1,750	1,500	1,350
U.S.	20,070	19,862	13,655	13,570	11,019	10,848	9,926	9,461

Annual Small Grain Summary

IOWA: Oats: Iowa's 2003 planted oat acreage, at 220,000 acres, is 24 percent lower compared to last year. Oat acreage harvested for grain, at 130,000 acres, is 26 percent lower compared to last year, but 13 percent less than the August forecast. Iowa's 2003 oat yield, at 83 bushels per acre, is the highest yield on record and nine percent above 2002 and four percent higher than earlier estimated in August. Iowa's oat

grain production, at 10,790,000 bushels, is 19 percent lower than last year.

Winter Wheat: Iowa's 2003 winter wheat acreage harvested for grain, at 19,000 acres, is 19 percent higher compared to last year. The yield, at 61 bushels per acre, is the highest recorded yield, 22 percent above last year's level and 13 percent above the second highest yield in 2001. The state's production, at 1,159,000 bushels, is 45 percent greater than the previous year.

Summary – Acreage, Yield and Production, 2002-2003

Crop	For harvest, Grain		Yield per acre		Production	
	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹
IOWA	Thousand acres		Bushels		Thousand bushels	
Oats for grain	175	130	76.0	83.0	13,300	10,790
Winter Wheat for grain	16	19	50.0	61.0	800	1,159
UNITED STATES						
Oats for grain	2,093	2,224	56.7	65.0	118,628	144,649
Wheat, all	45,917	52,839	35.3	44.2	1,619,001	2,336,526
Winter	29,751	36,541	38.5	46.7	1,145,602	1,707,069
Durum	2,703	2,869	29.4	33.7	79,450	96,637
Other spring	13,463	13,429	29.3	39.7	393,949	532,820

¹ Preliminary.

Grain Stocks

IOWA: On September 1, 2003, indicated carryover stocks of corn in all positions were down 20 percent, soybean stocks were down 18 percent, and oat stocks were up 16 percent compared to the previous year.

Corn: Stocks of corn in all positions on September 1 totaled 287.8 million bushels. Forty-three percent of all corn stocks were stored on the farm. Disappearance of corn during the June-August period totaled 474.1 million bushels, up 3 percent from last year. Total disappearance for the 2002-2003 marketing year was 1.44 billion bushels, 14 percent more compared to the previous year.

Soybeans: Soybean stocks in all positions totaled 45.2 million bushels. Forty-two percent of the soybean stocks were stored on the farm. Disappearance of soybean stocks for the June-August period was 106.4 million bushels, three percent above the previous year. Total disappearance for the 2002-2003 marketing year was 378.1 million bushels, down 3 percent compared to a year ago.

Oats: Oat stocks in all positions on September 1, 2003, were 10.8 million bushels. Forty-six percent of the oat stocks were stored on farm.

Stocks of Grain, September 1, Iowa and United States

Position and grain	Iowa			United States		
	September 1 2002	September 1 2003	2003 as % of 2002	September 1 2002	September 1 2003	2003 as % of 2002
	-- Thousand bushels --			-- Thousand bushels --		
On-Farm Stocks						
Corn	120,000	124,000	103	586,800	484,900	83
Soybeans	16,500	19,000	115	62,700	58,000	93
Oats	5,500	5,000	91	70,500	82,100	116
Wheat, all	--1	--1	--	580,200	689,970	119
Off-Farm Stocks²						
Corn	241,071	163,786	68	1,009,626	600,869	60
Soybeans	38,912	26,237	67	145,320	111,431	77
Oats	3,767	5,785	154	41,212	49,421	120
Wheat, all	1,919	1,561	81	1,170,787	1,345,635	115
Total Stocks						
Corn	361,071	287,786	80	1,596,426	1,085,769	68
Soybeans	55,412	45,237	82	208,020	169,431	81
Oats	9,267	10,785	116	111,712	131,521	118
Wheat, all	--1	--1	--	1,750,987	2,035,605	116

¹ Not published to avoid disclosure. ² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, terminals, warehouses, and processors.

August Livestock Slaughter

IOWA: Commercial red meat production in Iowa during August 2003 totaled 514.2 million pounds, below August 2002. Cattle slaughter was 74,200 head compared with 59,900 in August 2002. The average live weight for cattle slaughtered was 1,200 pounds, down 48 pounds from a year ago.

There were 2.36 million hogs slaughtered in August 2003, 5 percent below the same month last year. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 260 pounds, down 2 pounds from August 2002.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States¹

Kind	Million pounds		Aug. 2003 as % of		Jan. - Aug. ²		2003 as % of 2002	
	Aug. 2002	July 2003	Aug. 2003	Aug. 2002	July 2003	2002		2003
	----- Million pounds -----		Percent		----- Million pounds -----		Percent	
Beef	2,469	2,438	2,328	94	95	18,107	17,960	99
Veal	16.7	14.8	14.2	85	96	126.0	126.0	100
Pork	1,637	1,577	1,555	95	99	12,771	12,756	100
Lamb & mutton	16.6	15.7	15.7	94	100	144.4	130.2	90
Total red meat	4,140	4,046	3,913	95	97	31,148	30,973	99

¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Farm Computer Usage and Ownership

A total of 48 percent of U.S. farms now have Internet access, compared to 43 percent with Internet access in 2001. Fifty-eight percent of farms have access to a computer in 2003, compared to the 2001 level of 55 percent. Fifty-four percent of all U.S. farms own or lease a computer, up from 50 percent in 2001. Farms using computers for their farm business increased from 29 percent in 2001 to 30 percent in 2003. It appears that computer usage, ownership and Internet access on farms have begun to level off.

In 2003, 82 percent of U.S. farms with sales and government payments of \$250,000 or more have access to a computer, 79 percent own or lease a computer, 67 percent are using a

computer for their farm business, and 72 percent have Internet access. For farms with sales and government payments between \$100,000 and \$249,999, the figures are: 70 percent have access to a computer, 66 percent own or lease a computer, 49 percent are using a computer for their farm business, and 54 percent have Internet access. For farms with sales and government payments between \$10,000 and \$99,999, there were 57 percent that reported having computer access, 52 percent own or lease a computer, 32 percent use a computer for their farm business, and 47 percent have Internet access.

Farm Computer Usage: 2001 and 2003

State	Farms with Computer Access		Farms that Own or Lease Computers		Farms Using Computers for Farm Business		Farms with Internet Access	
	2001	2003	2001	2003	2001	2003	2001	2003
	----- Percent -----							
<u>Iowa</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>49</u>
Illinois	61	63	57	59	37	39	48	53
Minnesota	55	64	50	60	34	34	40	52
Missouri	55	56	49	51	30	30	44	48
Nebraska	58	61	54	59	36	38	40	48
South Dakota	56	61	48	54	31	33	43	45
United States	55	58	50	54	29	30	43	48

August Layers and Egg Production

IOWA: Egg production in Iowa for August 2003 was 869 million eggs, up 1 percent from the same period a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during August 2003 was 38.9 million, up 3 percent from 37.7 million in August 2002. Eggs per 100 layers for month of August was 2,233, down from 2,292 eggs the previous year.

UNITED STATES: U.S. egg production totaled 7.31 billion during August 2003, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.24 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion

hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2003 averaged 332 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,201 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2002.

August 2003 contained 21 weekdays, and five Saturdays, compared to August 2002, with 22 weekdays and five Saturdays.

All Layers and Egg Production, August 2002 and 2003¹

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All layers on hand ²		Eggs per 100 layers ²		Egg production by type					
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	Total production		Table eggs ³		Hatching eggs ³	
	-----Thousands-----				----Number----		-----Million eggs-----					
AR	4,315	4,392	14,396	14,824	1,945	1,916	280	284	97	101	183	183
CA	22,687	19,022	23,269	19,465	2,205	2,225	513	433				
GA	10,604	10,958	20,005	20,230	2,039	2,101	408	425	230	252	178	173
IN	21,789	21,709	22,468	22,328	2,288	2,244	514	501	502	490	12	11
IA	36,840	38,129	37,657	38,918	2,292	2,233	863	869				
MN	10,653	10,463	11,396	11,061	2,264	2,251	258	249	248	240	10	9
NE	11,537	11,708	11,637	11,808	2,243	2,304	261	272	261	272	0	0
NC	3,390	3,372	11,001	10,500	1,927	1,990	212	209	81	83	131	126
OH	30,349	28,376	30,861	28,873	2,236	2,265	690	654				
PA	22,377	22,219	23,717	23,583	2,319	2,345	550	553	534	537	16	16
TX	13,913	13,960	18,276	18,196	2,172	2,171	397	395				
30 Sts ⁴	255,984	252,037	314,748	309,615	2,190	2,203	6,893	6,821	5,886	5,842	1,007	979
U.S.	271,512	268,511	336,159	332,003	2,188	2,201	7,356	7,308	6,263	6,238	1,093	1,069

¹2003 preliminary, 2002 revised. ²Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. ³Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations. ⁴The 30 States are those listed as well as AL, CO, CT, FL, HI, IL, ME, MD, MI, MS, MO, NY, OK, OR, SC, SD, VA, WA, and WI.

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