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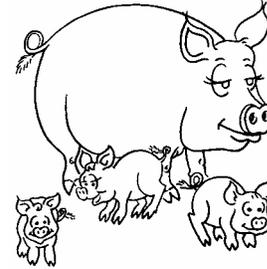
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December 1 Hogs and Pigs

On December 1, there were 16.1 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The December 1 inventory was up 200,000 from a year ago, but down 200,000 from September 1, 2004.

The September-November pig crop this year was 4.01 million head. A total of 450,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 8.9 pigs per sow.

As of December 1, Iowa producers planned to farrow 440,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2004-February 2005 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March-May 2005 period were estimated at 440,000 as of December 1, 2004. If realized, this would be nearly 5 percent more sows than were farrowed during the same period in 2004.

Hogs and Pigs on Farms, December 1, 2003-04¹

| State | Breeding | | | Market | | | Total | | |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 as % of 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 as % of 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 as % of 2003 |
| | (000) | | % | (000) | | % | (000) | | % |
| Illinois | 410 | 420 | 102 | 3,590 | 3,580 | 100 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 100 |
| Iowa | 1,060 | 1,070 | 101 | 14,840 | 15,030 | 101 | 15,900 | 16,100 | 101 |
| Minnesota | 600 | 600 | 100 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 100 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 100 |
| Missouri | 340 | 340 | 100 | 2,610 | 2,560 | 98 | 2,950 | 2,900 | 98 |
| Nebraska | 370 | 355 | 96 | 2,530 | 2,495 | 99 | 2,900 | 2,850 | 98 |
| North Carolina | 1,020 | 1,020 | 100 | 8,980 | 8,780 | 98 | 10,000 | 9,800 | 98 |
| U.S. | 6,009 | 5,969 | 99 | 54,434 | 54,531 | 100 | 60,444 | 60,501 | 100 |

¹ May not add due to rounding.

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number, By Weight Groups, December 1, 2003-04¹

| State | Under 60 lbs. | | 60-119 lbs. | | 120-179 lbs. | | 180 lbs. and over | |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 |
| ----- 1,000 head ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Illinois | 1,280 | 1,360 | 860 | 830 | 770 | 770 | 680 | 620 |
| Iowa | 4,510 | 4,480 | 4,130 | 4,130 | 3,200 | 3,340 | 3,000 | 3,080 |
| Minnesota | 2,210 | 2,250 | 1,420 | 1,420 | 1,250 | 1,250 | 1,020 | 980 |
| Missouri | 1,280 | 1,200 | 530 | 530 | 460 | 480 | 340 | 350 |
| Nebraska | 960 | 970 | 650 | 650 | 490 | 470 | 430 | 405 |
| North Carolina | 3,550 | 3,420 | 2,180 | 2,150 | 1,750 | 1,750 | 1,500 | 1,460 |
| U.S. | 19,778 | 19,636 | 13,238 | 13,439 | 11,109 | 11,286 | 10,311 | 10,171 |

¹ Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.

November Livestock Slaughter

Iowa: Commercial red meat production in Iowa during November 2004 totaled 561.4 million pounds, down 1 percent from November 2003. There were 2.58 million hogs slaughtered in November 2004, up almost 1 percent from the same month last year. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 271 pounds, up 2 pounds from last year.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.77 billion pounds in November, up 7 percent from the 3.53 billion pounds produced in November 2003.

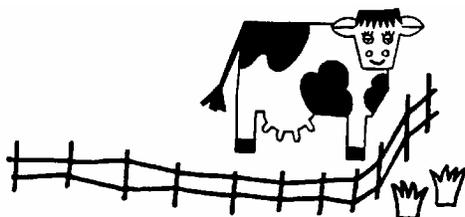
Beef production, at 1.94 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, up 4 percent from November 2003. The average live weight was up 35 pounds from the previous year, at 1,271 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.80 billion pounds, a new monthly record, and was up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.96 million head, 4 percent above November 2003. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States¹

| Kind | Nov. 2004 as % of | | Jan - Nov. ² | | 2004 as % of 2003 | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| | Nov. 2003 | Oct. 2004 | Nov. 2003 | Oct. 2004 | | | | |
| | ----- Million pounds ----- | | Percent | | ----- Million pounds ----- | | Percent | |
| Beef | 1,783 | 2,114 | 1,943 | 109 | 92 | 24,261 | 22,506 | 93 |
| Veal | 15.2 | 12.4 | 13.8 | 91 | 111 | 172.7 | 152.2 | 88 |
| Pork | 1,718 | 1,779 | 1,797 | 105 | 101 | 18,077 | 18,650 | 103 |
| Lamb & mutton | 16.3 | 16.3 | 16.5 | 101 | 101 | 181.7 | 176.8 | 97 |
| Total red meat | 3,533 | 3,921 | 3,771 | 107 | 96 | 42,692 | 41,485 | 97 |

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



November Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in November totaled 289 million pounds, down 3.0 percent from November 2003. The average number of milk cows, 190 thousand head, was 7,000 head below November 2003. Production per cow averaged 1,520 pounds, five pounds above production levels one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from November 2003. October revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from October 2003. The October revision represented an

increase of 0.1 percent or 9 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,526 pounds for November, 9 pounds above November 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 44,000 head more than November 2003, but unchanged from October 2004.

November Milk Cows and Milk Production

| State | Milk cows ¹ | | Milk per cow ² | | Milk production ² | | Change from 2003 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | |
| | 1,000 head | | Pounds | | Million pounds | | Percent |
| California | 1,694 | 1,741 | 1,665 | 1,700 | 2,821 | 2,960 | 4.9 |
| Illinois | 109 | 106 | 1,485 | 1,450 | 162 | 154 | -4.9 |
| Iowa | 197 | 190 | 1,515 | 1,520 | 298 | 289 | -3.0 |
| Minnesota | 465 | 460 | 1,390 | 1,390 | 646 | 639 | -1.1 |
| Missouri | 125 | 120 | 1,190 | 1,215 | 149 | 146 | -2.0 |
| Wisconsin | 1,249 | 1,237 | 1,410 | 1,415 | 1,761 | 1,750 | -0.6 |
| 20 State Total ³ | 7,721 | 7,765 | 1,517 | 1,526 | 11,709 | 11,846 | 1.2 |

¹Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³The 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.

December 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 850,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on December 1, up 4 percent from November 1, 2004, but down 4 percent from December 1, 2003. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 435,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month and up 18 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 450,000 head on feed, up 7 percent from last month, but down 19 percent from last year.

Placements during November totaled 195,000 head, down 13 percent from last month, but up 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 90,000 head, a decrease of 28 percent from last month, but up 17 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 105,000 head, up 6 percent from last month, but down 5 percent from last year.

Marketings for November were 152,000 head, up 13 percent from last month and up 38 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 82,000 head, up 21 percent from last month and up 46 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 70,000 head, up 4 percent from last month and up 30 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 8,000 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 11.3 million head on December 1, 2004. The inventory was slightly above December 1, 2003 and 4 percent above December 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.74 million, 10 percent below 2003 and 12 percent below 2002. This is the lowest placements for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.64 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 590,000; 600-699 pounds were 557,000; 700-799 pounds were 326,000; and 800 pounds and greater were 270,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million, 6 percent above 2003, but 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 108,000 during November, 11 percent above 2003 and 20 percent above 2002.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

| | Lots 1,000+ Head | Lots Less than 1,000 Head | All Lots |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| ----- Thousand head ----- | | | |
| Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2004 | 430 | 420 | 850 |
| November Placements | 90 | 105 | 195 |
| November Marketings | 82 | 70 | 152 |
| November Other Disappearance | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2004 | 435 | 450 | 885 |

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

| State | Cattle on feed December 1 | | | Placements during November | | | Marketings during November | | | November Disappearance other than Slaughter ² | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--|----------|---------------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | <u>2004</u> 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | <u>2004</u> 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | <u>2004</u> 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | <u>2004</u> 2003 |
| | 1,000 head | Percent | | 1,000 head | Percent | | 1,000 head | Percent | | 1,000 head | Percent | |
| Arizona | 284 | 329 | 116 | 26 | 35 | 135 | 19 | 23 | 121 | 1 | 4 | 400 |
| California | 500 | 530 | 106 | 62 | 66 | 106 | 52 | 53 | 102 | 5 | 8 | 160 |
| Colorado | 1,060 | 1,100 | 104 | 185 | 175 | 95 | 165 | 155 | 94 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Idaho | 310 | 305 | 98 | 64 | 50 | 78 | 47 | 48 | 102 | 2 | 2 | 100 |
| Iowa | 370 | 435 | 118 | 77 | 90 | 117 | 56 | 82 | 146 | 1 | 3 | 300 |
| Kansas | 2,480 | 2,390 | 96 | 425 | 390 | 92 | 350 | 370 | 106 | 25 | 30 | 120 |
| Nebraska | 2,280 | 2,300 | 101 | 410 | 410 | 100 | 260 | 310 | 119 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| New Mexico | 121 | 129 | 107 | 22 | 14 | 64 | 17 | 16 | 94 | 2 | 3 | 150 |
| Oklahoma | 350 | 355 | 101 | 56 | 43 | 77 | 51 | 44 | 86 | 5 | 4 | 80 |
| S. Dakota | 200 | 186 | 93 | 54 | 51 | 94 | 30 | 33 | 110 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Texas | 2,840 | 2,740 | 96 | 440 | 320 | 73 | 410 | 430 | 105 | 30 | 30 | 100 |
| Washington | 210 | 185 | 88 | 46 | 37 | 80 | 35 | 31 | 89 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Other States | 330 | 360 | 109 | 59 | 62 | 105 | 45 | 30 | 67 | 4 | 2 | 50 |
| U.S. | 11,335 | 11,344 | 100 | 1,926 | 1,743 | 90 | 1,537 | 1,625 | 106 | 97 | 108 | 111 |

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

November Layers and Egg Production

Iowa: Egg production in Iowa for November 2004 was 1,018 million eggs, up 9 percent from the same period a year ago. The total number of layers on hand during November 2004 was 46.5 million, up 14 percent from 40.9 million layers in November 2003. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of November was 2,187, down 5 percent from 2,295 eggs the previous year.

United States: U.S. egg production totaled 7.46 billion during November 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included

6.42 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 980 million were broiler-type and 59 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2004 averaged 343 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,170 eggs, up slightly from November 2003.

All Layers and Egg Production, November 2003 and 2004¹

| State | Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above | | All layers on hand ² | | Eggs per 100 layers ² | | Egg production by type | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | Total production | | Table eggs ³ | | Hatching Eggs ³ | |
| | -----Thousands----- | | | | -----Number----- | | -----Million eggs----- | | | | | |
| AR | 4,341 | 4,168 | 14,637 | 14,196 | 1,886 | 1,874 | 276 | 266 | 97 | 98 | 179 | 168 |
| CA | 20,152 | 20,086 | 20,721 | 20,614 | 2,220 | 2,231 | 460 | 460 | | | | |
| GA | 11,416 | 11,148 | 20,499 | 20,079 | 2,059 | 2,092 | 422 | 420 | 256 | 257 | 166 | 163 |
| IN | 22,162 | 22,281 | 22,880 | 23,040 | 2,220 | 2,240 | 508 | 516 | 496 | 504 | 12 | 12 |
| IA | 40,127 | 45,809 | 40,878 | 46,545 | 2,295 | 2,187 | 938 | 1,018 | | | | |
| MN | 10,493 | 10,468 | 11,074 | 11,046 | 2,131 | 2,173 | 236 | 240 | 228 | 232 | 8 | 8 |
| NE | 11,702 | 11,962 | 11,790 | 12,037 | 2,214 | 2,202 | 261 | 265 | 261 | 265 | 0 | 0 |
| NC | 3,425 | 3,295 | 10,769 | 10,826 | 1,913 | 1,921 | 206 | 208 | 80 | 79 | 126 | 129 |
| OH | 28,749 | 27,694 | 29,238 | 28,149 | 2,151 | 2,210 | 629 | 622 | | | | |
| PA | 22,191 | 21,910 | 23,946 | 23,630 | 2,238 | 2,306 | 536 | 545 | 522 | 530 | 14 | 15 |
| TX | 14,175 | 14,221 | 18,409 | 18,599 | 2,129 | 2,156 | 392 | 401 | | | | |
| 30 Sts ⁴ | 258,028 | 263,628 | 315,729 | 321,230 | 2,165 | 2,172 | 6,835 | 6,978 | 5,893 | 6,030 | 942 | 947 |
| U.S. | 274,821 | 279,691 | 338,283 | 343,477 | 2,166 | 2,170 | 7,326 | 7,455 | 6,301 | 6,416 | 1,025 | 1,039 |

¹2004 preliminary, 2003 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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