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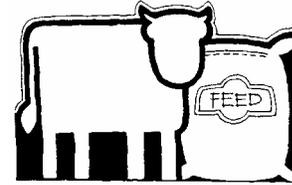


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January 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 920,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on January 1, 2005, up 4 percent from December 1, 2004, but down 3 percent from January 1, 2004. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 450,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month and up 22 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 470,000 head on feed, up 4 percent but down 19 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Placements during December totaled 151,000 head, down 23 percent from last month, but up 18 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 71,000 head, a decrease of 21 percent from last month, but up 42 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 80,000 head, down 24 percent from last month, but up 3 percent from last year.

Marketings for December were 110,000 head, down 28 percent from last month, but up 18 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 55,000 head, down 33 percent from last month, but up 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 55,000 head, down 21 percent from last month, but up 22 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 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 January 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above January 1, 2004 and 6 percent above January 1, 2003. The inventory included 7.19 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.05 million head, down 7 percent from January 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent above 2003 and 14 percent above 2002. This is the highest placements for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.74 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000; 600-699 pounds were 558,000; 700-799 pounds were 489,000; and 800 pounds and greater were 322,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.78 million, 2 percent above 2003, but 1 percent below 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 92,000 during December, 2 percent above 2003, but 7 percent below 2002.

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

State	Cattle on Feed January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December Disappearance other than Slaughter ²			
	2004	2005	2005	2003	2004	2004	2003	2004	2004	2003	2003	2004	2004
			2004			2003			2003				2003
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	
Arizona	293	331	113	32	33	103	22	30	136	1	1	100	
California	510	535	105	70	72	103	55	62	113	5	5	100	
Colorado	1,040	1,080	104	180	135	75	190	145	76	10	10	100	
Idaho	300	295	98	53	55	104	60	62	103	3	3	100	
Iowa	370	450	122	50	71	142	48	55	115	2	1	50	
Kansas	2,430	2,410	99	410	490	120	435	450	103	25	20	80	
Nebraska	2,280	2,300	101	350	390	111	340	380	112	10	10	100	
New Mexico	115	126	110	14	14	100	17	15	88	3	2	67	
Oklahoma	355	350	99	53	53	100	45	52	116	3	6	200	
S. Dakota	200	192	96	31	42	135	30	34	113	1	2	200	
Texas	2,830	2,700	95	420	405	96	410	420	102	20	25	125	
Washington	200	190	95	30	39	130	38	32	84	2	2	100	
Other States	330	350	106	55	35	64	50	40	80	5	5	100	
U.S.	11,253	11,309	100	1,748	1,834	105	1,740	1,777	102	90	92	102	

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.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
----- Thousand head -----			
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2004	435	450	885
December Placements	71	80	151
December Marketings	55	55	110
December Other Disappearance	1	5	6
Cattle on Feed, January 1, 2005	450	470	920

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter, State, and United States, 2004-2005

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows and Bulls		
	Jan. 1, 2004	Oct. 1 2004	Jan. 1, 2005	Jan. 1, 2004	Oct. 1, 2004	Jan. 1, 2005	Jan. 1 2004	Oct. 1, 2004	Jan. 1, 2005
1,000 Head									
AZ	289	296	323	4	2	7	0	0	1
CA	470	485	495	40	35	40	0	0	0
CO	625	605	665	410	410	410	5	5	5
ID	191	170	184	108	104	111	1	1	0
IA	250	240	305	119	134	144	1	1	1
KS	1,270	1,180	1,310	1,150	1,020	1,080	10	20	20
NE	1,310	1,110	1,390	940	820	890	30	10	20
NM	50	78	80	65	58	46	0	0	0
OK	200	220	225	155	118	125	0	2	0
SD	110	71	98	74	60	74	16	12	20
TX	1,720	1,710	1,750	1,107	1,056	947	3	4	3
WA	125	105	110	73	68	79	2	2	1
Other Sts	235	195	250	85	87	93	10	3	7
U.S.	6,845	6,465	7,185	4,330	3,972	4,046	78	60	78

Commercial Apple Production, Iowa and United States

Year	Total Production	Utilized Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Utilized Production
	----- Million pounds -----		Cents	Thousand dollars
Iowa				
1995	10.0	9.0	30.3	2,727
1996	11.1	10.0	31.3	3,125
1997	13.0	7.5	28.6	2,148
1998	8.7	8.1	28.6	2,317
1999	11.0	11.0	31.9	3,514
2000	7.5	7.5	32.1	2,411
2001	8.8	7.7	33.3	2,562
2002	8.5	5.2	34.3	1,783
2003 ¹	6.0	4.7	42.4	1,991
2004 ²	5.2	4.7	49.1	2,308
United States				
1995	10,585.0	10,389.9	17.0	1,765,582
1996	10,381.9	10,330.0	15.9	1,641,462
1997	10,323.8	10,254.3	15.4	1,575,403
1998	11,646.4	10,762.5	12.2	1,316,172
1999	10,630.7	10,446.5	15.0	1,563,582
2000	10,583.7	10,322.2	12.8	1,320,781
2001	9,428.7	9,214.4	15.8	1,453,073
2002 ¹	8,523.9	8,374.1	18.9	1,581,260
2003 ¹	8,713.1	8,623.0	21.0	1,811,130
2004 ²	10,078.3	9,927.9	17.7	1,758,277

¹ Revised. ² Preliminary.

December Livestock Slaughter

Iowa: Commercial red meat production in Iowa during December 2004 totaled 575.3 million pounds, down 5 percent from December 2003. There were 2.67 million hogs slaughtered in December 2004, compared with 2.70 million hogs slaughtered in the same month last year. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 272 pounds, up 1 pound from December 2003.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in December, up 1 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in December 2003.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.69 million head, up 1 percent

from December 2003. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,268 pounds.

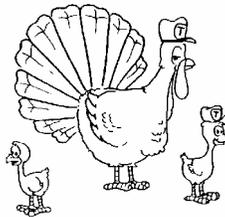
Pork production totaled 1.86 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.25 million head, 1 percent below December 2003. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 270 pounds.

December 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. December 2004 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States¹

Kind	Dec. 2003	Nov. 2004	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 as % of		Jan - Dec. ²		2004 as % of 2003
				Dec. 2003	Nov. 2004	2003	2004	
	----- Million pounds -----			Percent		----- Million pounds -----		Percent
Beef	1,978	*1,940	2,042	103	105	26,238	24,544	94
Veal	19.0	13.8	14.9	78	108	191.7	167.1	87
Pork	1,869	*1,799	1,857	99	103	19,946	20,509	103
Lamb & mutton	18.0	16.5	17.0	94	103	199.7	193.7	97
Total red meat	3,884	*3,769	3,931	101	104	46,576	45,414	98

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



Turkeys: Number Raised in 2004 and Intentions for 2005, Selected States and 23-State Total

State	Number		2005 as % of 2004
	2004	2005	
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arkansas	28,500	28,000	98
California	15,700	15,000	96
Illinois	2,900	2,900	100
Indiana	13,300	13,600	102
Iowa	9,000	9,200	102
Michigan	5,000	5,000	100
Minnesota	46,500	47,500	102
Missouri	21,500	22,500	105
North Carolina	39,000	37,000	95
North Dakota	1,000	1,100	110
Ohio	5,800	5,700	98
Pennsylvania	12,000	11,800	98
South Carolina	12,000	8,600	72
South Dakota	4,500	4,400	98
Virginia	19,700	20,000	102
West Virginia	3,200	3,200	100
Other States ¹	23,100	22,100	96
23 State Total	262,700	257,600	98

¹Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

December Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in December totaled 299 million pounds, down 3.5 percent from December 2003. The average number of milk cows, 188 thousand head, was 8,000 head below December 2003. Production per cow averaged 1,590 pounds, ten pounds above production levels one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 20 major States during December totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from December 2003. November revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from November 2003. The November revision represented an

increase of 5 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,602 pounds for December, 6 pounds above December 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 47,000 head more than December 2003, but 4,000 head less than November 2004.

December Milk Cows and Milk Production

State	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	'04 as % '03
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
California	1,697	1,741	1,740	1,775	2,953	3,090	4.6
Illinois	109	106	1,585	1,540	173	163	-5.8
Iowa	196	188	1,580	1,590	310	299	-3.5
Minnesota	465	460	1,485	1,475	691	679	-1.7
Missouri	124	119	1,250	1,270	155	151	-2.6
Wisconsin	1,247	1,236	1,485	1,490	1,852	1,842	-0.5
20 State Total ³	7,713	7,760	1,596	1,602	12,313	12,432	1.0

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.



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