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## September 1 Cattle on Feed

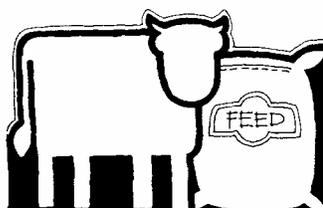
**Iowa:** There were 725,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on September 1, 2005, down 3 percent from August 1, 2005 and down 9 percent from September 1, 2004. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 395,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month, but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 330,000 head on feed, down 4 percent and 22 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Placements during August totaled 113,000 head, this is an increase of 71 percent and 10 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 69,000 head, up 41 percent and up 11 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 44,000 head. This is an increase of 159 percent and 7 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for August were 128,000 head, up 6 percent from last month but down 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 72,000 head, up 14 percent from last month, and up 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 56,000 head, down 3 percent and 22 percent from last month

and last year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 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 10.0 million head on September 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above September 1, 2004 and 2 percent above September 1, 2003.



Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.99 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 418,000; 600-699 pounds were 385,000; 700-799 pounds were 540,000; and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.03 million, 6 percent above 2004 but 2 percent below 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during August, 5 percent below 2004 and 12 percent below 2003.

## All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	----- Thousand head -----		
Cattle on Feed, August 1, 2005	400	345	745
August Placements	69	44	113
August Marketings	72	56	128
August Other Disappearance	2	3	5
Cattle on Feed, September 1, 2005	395	330	725

# 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>		
	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	296	314	106	30	35	117	26	33	127	2	1	50
California	520	530	102	63	62	98	59	57	97	4	5	125
Colorado	930	770	83	205	155	76	150	200	133	5	5	100
Idaho	245	250	102	58	51	88	47	50	106	1	1	100
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>200</b>
Kansas	2,130	2,210	104	520	520	100	495	490	99	15	10	67
Nebraska	1,800	1,770	98	420	415	99	360	365	101	10	10	100
New Mexico	129	135	105	23	28	122	19	24	126	2	3	150
Oklahoma	325	320	98	76	70	92	64	68	106	2	2	100
S. Dakota	138	132	96	25	24	96	43	34	79	1	1	100
Texas	2,670	2,800	105	530	480	91	520	560	108	10	10	100
Washington	175	139	79	36	30	83	25	27	108	1	1	100
Other States	255	235	92	54	54	100	52	52	100	2	2	100
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>9,988</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,102</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>95</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, 2004<sup>1</sup>

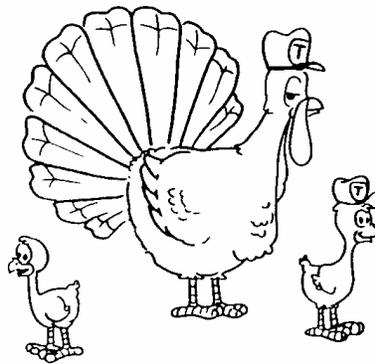
State	Current Programs									Total Government Payments	Pre-1996 Commodity Programs included in Misc. <sup>8</sup>
	Production Flexibility Contracts <sup>2</sup>	Fixed Direct Payments <sup>3</sup>	Counter- Cyclical Payments <sup>4</sup>	Loan Deficiency Payments	Marketing Loan Gains	Milk Income Loss 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	(103)	462,029	46,727	513,983	5,477	3,436	129,185	2,729	(24)	1,163,440	0
IN	(143)	232,557	23,742	208,965	5,633	3,025	54,185	1,756	(90)	529,630	(8)
<b>IA</b>	<b>(159)</b>	<b>502,826</b>	<b>71,692</b>	<b>433,640</b>	<b>15,187</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>233,550</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>(85)</b>	<b>1,264,138</b>	<b>(2)</b>
KS	(53)	334,415	12,417	154,719	941	1,634	121,398	13,660	3,262	642,393	0
MI	(104)	89,512	5,804	56,377	1,910	8,442	34,284	19,070	(64)	215,232	0
MN	(127)	308,454	34,373	203,307	8,161	15,085	131,893	3,458	(108)	704,496	0
NE	(192)	337,379	46,607	235,184	6,693	1,524	89,730	11,163	222	728,310	(0)
ND	(23)	225,564	5,761	102,882	2,370	869	116,871	12,182	70	466,546	0
OH	(70)	170,421	14,349	92,074	1,608	6,631	42,604	4,986	(29)	332,574	0
SD	(68)	159,531	18,219	118,075	2,667	2,075	80,742	17,345	(47)	398,540	0
WI	(72)	113,157	7,195	74,060	2,536	38,943	58,318	4,130	(85)	298,182	(0)
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>(3,851)</b>	<b>5,242,437</b>	<b>1,121,998</b>	<b>2,859,908</b>	<b>130,398</b>	<b>206,014</b>	<b>2,345,482</b>	<b>557,161</b>	<b>5,399</b>	<b>13,303,598</b>	<b>(81)</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, Agricultural Management Assistance 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, Grasslands Reserve Program, Great Plains 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, Cattle Feed Program, Crop Disaster Program, Crop Disaster Assistance Program 2001/2002, Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program, Dairy Indemnity Program, Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program, Disaster 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, Oilseed Payment Program - Supplemental, Pasture Flood Compensation Program, Pasture Recovery Program, Quality Losses Program, Sugar Beet Disaster Program, Tobacco Marketing Loss Assistance Program, Tobacco Payment 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, Hard White Winter Hard Deficiency Program, 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 10-16, 2005, with Comparisons

Farm Employment	July 11-17, 2004		April 10-16, 2005		July 10-16, 2005	
	Corn Belt II	U.S.*	Corn Belt II	U.S.*	Corn Belt II	U.S.
----- Thousands -----						
<b>Hired Workers</b>						
Expected to be Employed	24	961	27	753	31	930
150 Days or More	15	637	20	600	25	656
149 Days or Less	9	324	7	153	6	274
<b>Agricultural Services</b>						
Workers Working on Farms	NA	343	NA	247	NA	402
<b>Hired Farm &amp; Service Workers</b>	NA	1,304	NA	1,000	NA	1,332
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<b>Hours per Week</b>						
<b>Hours Worked</b>						
Hired	38.3	39.2	34.2	39.9	40.4	40.6
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<b>Dollars per Hour</b>						
<b>Wage Rates for</b>						
All Hired Workers <sup>3,4</sup>	8.70	9.04	9.38	9.35	9.56	9.39
<b>Type of Worker</b>						
Field & Livestock Combined	8.35	8.43	9.06	8.72	9.05	8.78
Field	8.08	8.34	8.85	8.56	8.86	8.62
Livestock	8.61	8.74	9.27	9.14	9.14	9.25

<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. \* Revised.



## Turkeys: Number Raised, Selected States, 2004-05

State	Number		2005 as % of 2004
	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	
	----- 1,000 head -----		--- Percent ---
Arkansas	28,500	29,000	102
California	15,700	15,100	96
Indiana	13,300	13,600	102
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>109</b>
Minnesota	45,500	44,500	98
Missouri	21,500	20,500	95
North Carolina	39,000	36,000	92
Pennsylvania	12,000	10,800	90
South Carolina	12,000	9,100	76
Virginia	19,700	21,000	107
<b>United States</b>	<b>263,207</b>	<b>256,247</b>	<b>97</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

# August Milk Production

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in August totaled 312 million pounds, down 1 percent from August 2004. The average number of milk cows, 186,000 head, was 6,000 head below August 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,680 pounds, 40 pounds higher than production levels one year ago.

**United States:** Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from August 2004. July revised production, at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 4.2 percent from July 2004. The July revision

represented a decrease of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,665 pounds for August, 64 pounds above August 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.15 million head, 52,000 head more than August 2004, and 9,000 head more than July 2005.

## Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, August 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	1,733	1,763	1,775	1,790	3,076	3,156	2.6
IL	107	104	1,490	1,515	159	158	-0.6
<b>IA</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
MN	465	455	1,440	1,505	670	685	2.2
MO	121	115	1,210	1,170	146	135	-7.5
WI	1,240	1,236	1,510	1,585	1,872	1,959	4.6
23 State Total	8,102	8,154	1,601	1,665	12,970	13,573	4.6

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

<sup>3</sup> The 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.



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