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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 720,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on October 1, 2005, down 1 percent from September 1, 2005 and down 6 percent from October 1, 2004. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 410,000 head on feed, up 4 percent and 9 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 310,000 head on feed, down 6 percent and 21 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Placements during September totaled 134,000 head, this is an increase of 19 percent and 9 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 90,000 head, up 30 percent and 29 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 44,000 head. This is unchanged from last month, but down 17 percent from last year.

Marketings for September were 135,000 head, up 5 percent from last month, but down 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 74,000 head, up 3 percent and 7 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 61,000 head,

up 9 percent from last month, but down 28 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 4,000 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 10.5 million head on October 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly below October 1, 2004 but up 3 percent from October 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.87 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.55 million head, down 11 percent from 2004.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.36 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 5 percent below 2003. Net placements were 2.30 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 550,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 735,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during September, 7 percent below 2004 and 10 percent below 2003.

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

State	Cattle on Feed October 1			Placements during September			Marketings during September			September Disappearance other than Slaughter ²		
	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>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	298	318	107	28	29	104	25	24	96	1	1	100
CA	520	535	103	64	68	106	60	57	95	4	6	150
CO	1,020	900	88	265	280	106	170	145	85	5	5	100
ID	275	270	98	84	69	82	53	48	91	1	1	100
IA	375	410	109	70	90	129	69	74	107	1	1	100
KS	2,220	2,250	101	520	510	98	410	455	111	20	15	75
NE	1,940	1,940	100	470	500	106	320	320	100	10	10	100
NM	136	136	100	29	26	90	19	22	116	3	3	100
OK	340	335	99	80	69	86	62	53	85	3	1	33
SD	143	130	91	41	40	98	35	40	114	1	2	200
TX	2,770	2,830	102	600	550	92	490	510	104	10	10	100
WA	180	153	85	48	40	83	42	25	60	1	1	100
Oth Sts	285	275	96	76	84	111	45	43	96	1	1	100
US	10,502	10,482	100	2,375	2,355	99	1,800	1,816	101	61	57	93

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.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots
by Quarter, State, and United States, 2004-2005**

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	October 1, 2004	July 1, 2005	October 1, 2005	October 1, 2004	July 1, 2005	October 1, 2005	October 1, 2004	July 1, 2005	October 1, 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AZ	296	317	316	2	5	2	0	0	0
CA	485	490	505	35	30	30	0	0	0
CO	605	555	585	410	340	310	5	5	5
ID	170	169	166	104	89	101	1	2	3
IA	240	265	280	134	149	129	1	1	1
KS	1,180	1,280	1,330	1,020	900	900	20	20	20
NE	1,110	1,150	1,140	820	660	790	10	10	10
NM	78	77	76	58	55	60	0	0	0
OK	220	205	235	118	114	100	2	1	0
SD	71	75	64	60	69	56	12	17	10
TX	1,710	1,940	1,880	1,056	1,005	947	4	5	3
WA	108	87	90	70	54	62	2	1	1
Oth Sts	195	190	205	87	57	66	3	3	4
US	6,468	6,800	6,872	3,974	3,527	3,553	60	65	57

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, September 1, 2005	395	330	725
September Placements	90	44	134
September Marketings	74	61	135
September Other Disappearance	1	3	4
Cattle on Feed, October 1, 2005	410	310	720

Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in September totaled 301 million pounds, down less than 1 percent from September 2004. The average number of milk cows, 187,000 head, was 4,000 head below September 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,610 pounds, 30 pounds higher than production levels one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.9 percent from

September 2004. August revised production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.8 percent from August 2004. The August revision represented an increase of 22 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,597 pounds for September, 64 pounds above September 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 54,000 head more than September 2004, and 1,000 head more than August 2005.

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

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	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	1,737	1,765	1,715	1,745	2,979	3,080	3.4
IL	107	104	1,440	1,450	154	151	-1.9
IA	191	187	1,580	1,610	302	301	-0.3
MN	465	450	1,365	1,435	635	646	1.7
MO	121	115	1,150	1,125	139	129	-7.2
WI	1,239	1,237	1,440	1,520	1,784	1,880	5.4

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ 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.

Layers and Egg Production

Iowa: Egg production in Iowa for September 2005 was 1,073 million eggs, up 8 percent from the same period a year ago. The total number of layers on hand during September 2005 was 48.8 million, up 6.5 percent from 45.8 million layers in September 2004. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of September was 2,198 eggs, up from 2,166 million eggs the previous year.

United States: U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during September 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.31 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 59 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2005 averaged 342 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,155 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2004.

All Layers and Egg Production, Sep 2004 and 2005 ¹

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 & Above		All layers on hand ²		Eggs per 100 layers		Egg production by type					
							Total production		Table eggs ³		Hatching eggs ³	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>
AR	4,576	4,344	15,145	14,436	1,888	1,940	286	280	105	98	181	182
CA	19,654	19,325	20,105	19,850	2,203	2,131	443	423				
GA	11,120	9,768	20,280	19,009	2,027	2,025	411	385	243	210	168	175
IN	23,084	22,957	23,885	23,715	2,135	2,193	510	520	498	508	12	12
IA	45,037	48,119	45,805	48,826	2,166	2,198	992	1,073				
MN	10,065	10,622	10,638	11,140	2,200	2,208	234	246	226	238	8	8
NE	11,760	11,837	11,835	11,912	2,188	2,275	259	271	259	271		
NC	3,331	3,523	10,819	11,011	1,913	1,934	207	213	80	82	127	131
OH	27,890	27,287	28,388	27,785	2,138	2,242	607	623				
PA	22,049	21,715	23,774	23,523	2,255	2,240	536	527	521	510	15	17
TX	13,797	13,094	18,194	17,409	2,171	2,143	395	373				
30 Sts ⁴	262,906	263,561	321,619	321,399	2,135	2,152	6,867	6,918	5,897	5,939	970	979
US	279,183	278,591	344,118	342,382	2,134	2,155	7,344	7,379	6,282	6,309	1,063	1,071

¹ 2005 preliminary, 2004 revised ² Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size ³ Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations ⁴ The 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.

Livestock Slaughter

Iowa: Commercial red meat production in Iowa during September 2005 totaled 555.9 million pounds, down 2.2 percent from September 2004. There were 2.56 million hogs slaughtered in

September 2005, compared with 2.2.62 million hogs slaughtered in the same month last year. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 266 pounds, one pound less than in 2004.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Sep 2004	Aug 2005	Sep 2005	Sep 05 % of		Jan - Sep ²		
				Sep 2004	Aug 2005	2004	2005	05 as % of 04
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,105	*2,320	2,161	103	93	18,451	18,484	100
Veal	12.9	13.7	13.2	102	97	125.8	117.4	93
Pork	1,772	1,751	1,743	98	100	15,076	15,157	101
Lamb & Mutton	16.3	15.4	15.6	96	102	144.3	139.1	96
Total Red Meat	3,906	4,099	3,933	101	96	33,796	33,897	100

* Revised.

¹ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

**Choice Beef & Pork: Retail Value, Farm Value, Price Spreads,
and Farmers' Share of the Retail Value**

Item	Retail Value	Wholesale Value	Net Farm Value	Price Spreads			Farmers' Share
				Total	Wholesale-to-Retail	Farm-to-Wholesale	
---Cents per pound of retail equivalent---							<i>Percent</i>
Choice Beef							
1999	287.8	171.6	141.1	146.7	116.2	30.5	49.0
2000	306.4	182.3	149.0	157.4	124.1	33.3	48.6
2001	337.7	192.1	154.5	183.2	145.6	37.6	45.8
2002	331.5	180.0	144.6	186.9	151.5	35.4	43.6
2003	374.6	222.9	181.3	193.3	151.7	41.6	48.4
2004	406.5	218.9	183.7	222.8	187.6	35.2	45.2
Pork							
1999	241.5	99.0	60.4	181.1	142.5	38.6	59.0
2000	258.2	114.5	79.4	178.8	143.7	35.1	55.7
2001	269.4	117.8	81.3	188.1	151.6	36.5	56.3
2002	265.7	100.7	61.9	203.8	165.0	38.8	62.1
2003	265.8	107.4	69.6	196.2	158.4	37.8	59.6
2004	279.2	127.4	92.1	187.1	151.8	35.3	54.4

Source: USDA-ERS. October 2005. For more information, contact William F. Hahn (202) 694-5175.