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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 790,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on November 1, 2005, up 10 percent from October 1, 2005, but down 7 percent from November 1, 2004. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 475,000 head on feed, up 16 percent and 10 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 315,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month, but down 25 percent from last year.

Placements during October totaled 199,000 head, this is an increase of 49 percent from last month, but a 12 percent decrease from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 131,000 head, up 46 percent and 5 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 68,000 head. This is up 55 percent from last month, but down 32 percent from last year.

Marketings for October were 125,000 head, down 7 percent and 8 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 65,000 head, down 12 percent and 4 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 60,000 head,

down 2 percent and 12 percent from last month and last year, respectively. 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 11.5 million head on November 1, 2005. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2004 and 4 percent above November 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.80 million, 3 percent above 2004 and 1 percent above 2003. Net placements were 2.74 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 880,000, 600-699 pounds were 790,000, 700-799 pounds were 600,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 525,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of October since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during October, 12 percent below 2004 and 43 percent below 2003.

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, October 1, 2005	410	310	720
October Placements	131	68	199
October Marketings	65	60	125
October Other Disappearance	1	3	4
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2005	475	315	790

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

State	Cattle on Feed November 1			Placements during October			Marketings during October			October 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	321	325	101	48	35	73	21	27	129	4	1	25
CA	525	545	104	70	64	91	59	50	85	6	4	67
CO	1,090	1,030	94	260	290	112	185	155	84	5	5	100
ID	305	290	95	78	76	97	47	55	117	1	1	100
IA	430	475	110	125	131	105	68	65	96	2	1	50
KS	2,400	2,410	100	570	580	102	375	400	107	15	20	133
NE	2,210	2,280	103	600	660	110	325	310	95	5	10	200
NM	134	141	105	29	22	76	29	16	55	2	1	50
OK	360	360	100	87	79	91	64	53	83	3	1	33
SD	169	161	95	65	68	105	38	35	92	1	2	200
TX	2,880	2,970	103	650	670	103	520	520	100	20	10	50
WA	185	163	88	43	34	79	37	23	62	1	1	100
Oth Sts	325	325	100	76	86	113	35	35	100	1	1	100
US	11,334	11,475	101	2,701	2,795	103	1,803	1,744	97	66	58	88

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.

Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, U.S.¹ and Corn Belt II²

Farm Employment	October 10-16, 2004		July 10-16, 2005		October 9-15, 2005	
	Corn Belt II	U.S.	Corn Belt II	U.S. ³	Corn Belt II	U.S.
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>
Hired Workers						
Expected to be Employed	22	851	31	936	29	840
150 Days or More	16	606	25	662	23	620
149 Days or Less	6	245	6	274	6	220
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	*	324	*	408	*	289
Hired Farm & Service Workers	*	1,175	*	1,344	*	1,129
	<i>Hours per Week</i>					
Hours Worked						
Hired	38.4	40.5	40.4	40.6	40.1	42.0
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>					
Wage Rates for						
All Hired Workers ^{4,5}	9.72	9.32	9.56	9.38	11.16	9.61
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock Combined	9.16	8.69	9.05	8.78	10.02	8.96
Field	9.00	8.62	8.86	8.61	9.21	8.90
Livestock	9.38	8.91	9.14	9.26	10.89	9.14

* Not Available

¹ Excludes Alaska. ² Consists of Iowa and Missouri. ³ Revised. ⁴ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. ⁵ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

Chickens and Eggs

Iowa: Egg production in Iowa for October 2005 was 1,128 million eggs, up 8 percent from the same period a year ago. The total number of layers on hand during October 2005 was 49.4 million, up 6.8 percent from 46.2 million layers in October 2004. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of October was 2,286 eggs, up from 2,260 million eggs the previous year.

United States: U.S. egg production totaled 7.70 billion during October 2005, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The number of layers during October 2005 averaged 344 million, down slightly from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2004.

All Layers and Egg Production, Oct 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	4,739	4,499	15,375	14,790	1,938	2,008	298	297	114	106	184	191
CA	20,048	19,104	20,578	19,629	2,289	2,216	471	435				
GA	11,227	10,016	20,323	19,081	2,140	2,170	435	414	263	237	172	177
IN	22,448	23,066	23,238	23,788	2,276	2,299	529	547	516	535	13	12
IA	45,434	48,694	46,197	49,351	2,260	2,286	1,044	1,128				
MN	10,188	10,732	10,771	11,243	2,265	2,313	244	260	236	252	8	8
NE	11,969	11,848	12,044	11,923	2,233	2,273	269	271	269	271	0	0
NC	3,355	3,412	10,826	10,832	1,977	2,031	214	220	83	85	131	135
OH	27,989	27,354	28,467	27,856	2,234	2,269	636	632				
PA	22,126	22,006	23,835	23,758	2,333	2,319	556	551	541	535	15	16
TX	14,119	13,480	18,515	17,790	2,220	2,254	411	401				
30 Sts ⁴	264,242	265,404	322,788	323,083	2,222	2,237	7,171	7,227	6,177	6,217	993	1,010
US	280,339	280,509	345,056	344,043	2,220	2,239	7,659	7,703	6,569	6,599	1,090	1,104

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.

Farm Computer Usage and Ownership

A total of 51 percent of U.S. farms now have Internet access, compared to 48 percent with Internet access in 2003. Fifty-eight percent of farms have access to a computer in 2005, the same level as 2003. Fifty-five percent of all U.S. farms own or lease a computer, up slightly from 54 percent in 2003. Farms using computers for their farm business increased 1 percent from 2003 to 31 percent in 2005.

In 2005, seventy-nine percent of U.S. farms with sales and government payments of \$250,000 or more have access to a computer, 77 percent own or lease a computer, 66 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: 69 percent have access to a computer, 67 percent own or lease a computer, 51 percent are using a computer for their farm business, and 59 percent have Internet access. For farms with sales and government payments between \$10,000 and \$99,999 there were 54 percent that reported having computer access, 51 percent own or lease a computer, 33 percent use a computer for their farm business, and 46 percent have Internet access.

Farm Computer Usage

State	Farms with Computer Access			Farms that Own or Lease Computers			Farms Using Computer for Farm Business			Farms with Internet Access		
	2001	2003	2005	2001	2003	2005	2001	2003	2005	2001	2003	2005
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IA	59	63	64	54	59	61	38	40	42	45	49	55
IL	61	63	64	57	59	60	37	39	40	48	53	56
MN	55	64	61	50	60	58	34	34	32	40	52	56
MO	55	56	45	49	51	43	30	30	24	44	48	38
NE	58	61	65	54	59	62	36	38	41	40	48	52
SD	56	61	66	48	54	62	31	33	40	43	45	55
U.S.	55	58	58	50	54	55	29	30	31	43	48	51

Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in October totaled 307 million pounds, down less than 2 percent from October 2004. The average number of milk cows, 187,000 head, was 4,000 head below October 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,640 pounds, the same as production levels one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 13.4 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from October

2004. September revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 4.7 percent from September 2004. The September revision represented a decrease of 27 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,636 pounds for October, 53 pounds above October 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 58,000 head more than October 2004, and 4,000 head more than September 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, November 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	1,740	1,770	1,770	1,780	3,080	3,151	2.3
IL	106	104	1,480	1,510	157	157	
IA	191	187	1,640	1,640	313	307	-1.9
MN	460	450	1,425	1,470	656	662	0.9
MO	120	114	1,230	1,200	148	137	-7.4
WI	1,238	1,237	1,475	1,535	1,826	1,899	4.0
23-State Total ³	8,103	8,161	1,583	1,636	12,824	13,353	4.1

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.

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