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Hogs & Pigs Report

On December 1, there were 16.4 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The December 1 inventory was up 100,000 from a year ago, but down 100,000 from September 1, 2005.

The September-November 2005 pig crop was 4.1 million head. A total of 455,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.0 pigs per sow.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 440,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2005 – February 2006 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March-May 2006 period were estimated at 440,000 as of December 1, 2005. If realized, this would be equivalent to the sows farrowed during the same period in 2005.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, December 1, 2004-2005 ¹

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	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>
IL	420	430	102	3,680	3,570	97	4,100	4,000	98
IA	1,070	1,070	100	15,230	15,330	101	16,300	16,400	101
MN	600	590	98	5,900	6,010	102	6,500	6,600	102
MO	340	345	101	2,560	2,405	94	2,900	2,750	95
NE	355	350	99	2,495	2,500	100	2,850	2,850	100
NC	1,020	1,010	99	8,880	8,790	99	9,900	9,800	99
US	5,969	6,011	101	55,005	55,186	100	60,975	61,197	100

¹ May not add due to rounding.

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2004-2005 ¹

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>							
IL	1,410	1,300	830	860	770	740	670	670
IA	4,580	4,530	4,130	4,160	3,340	3,500	3,180	3,140
MN	2,250	2,320	1,420	1,460	1,250	1,200	980	1,030
MO	1,200	1,155	530	480	480	450	350	320
NE	970	980	650	660	470	470	405	390
NC	3,520	3,450	2,150	2,130	1,700	1,720	1,510	1,490
US	19,980	19,955	13,439	13,552	11,186	11,266	10,401	10,414

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

Livestock Slaughter

Iowa: Commercial red meat production in Iowa during November 2005 totaled 584 million pounds, up nearly 4 percent from November 2004. There were 2.66 million hogs slaughtered in November 2005, compared with 2.58 million hogs slaughtered in the same month last year. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 273 pounds, up 2 pounds from November 2004.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in November, up 5 percent from the 3.77 billion pounds produced in November 2004.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, up 5 percent from November 2004. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,284 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.13 million head, 2 percent above November 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 272 pounds.

November 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Nov 2004	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Nov 05 % of		Jan - Nov ²		
				Nov 2004	Oct 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	1,941	2,081	2,071	107	100	22,505	22,635	101
Veal	13.8	12.6	12.4	90	99	151.9	142.3	94
Pork	1,799	1,816	1,843	102	101	18,654	18,816	101
Lamb & Mutton	16.5	15.8	15.8	96	100	177.1	170.7	96
Total Red Meat	3,770	3,925	3,942	105	100	41,488	41,765	101

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in November totaled 303 million pounds, down 1 percent from November 2004. The average number of milk cows, 187,000 head, was 3,000 head below November 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,620 pounds, up 10 pounds from production levels one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from November 2004. October revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 4.0 percent from October 2004. The October

revision represented a decrease of 17 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,590 pounds for November, 59 pounds above November 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 60,000 head more than November 2004, and 2,000 head more than October 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	1,741	1,770	1,700	1,725	2,960	3,053	3.1
IL	106	104	1,450	1,480	154	154	
IA	190	187	1,610	1,620	306	303	-1.0
MN	460	450	1,390	1,445	639	650	1.7
MO	120	114	1,215	1,230	146	140	-4.1
WI	1,237	1,238	1,415	1,485	1,750	1,838	5.0
23-State Total ³	8,102	8,162	1,531	1,590	12,404	12,975	4.6

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.

Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 860,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on December 1, 2005, up 8 percent from November 1, 2005, but down 3 percent from December 1, 2004. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 500,000 head on feed, up 5 percent and 15 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 360,000 head on feed, up 13 percent from last month, but down 20 percent from last year.

Placements during November totaled 200,000 head, this is a decrease of 1 percent from last month, but a 3 percent increase from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 108,000 head, down 18 percent from last month, but up 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 92,000 head. This is up 28 percent from last month, but down 12 percent from last year.

Marketings for November were 123,000 head, down 1 percent and 19 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 80,000 head, up 23 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head

marketed 43,000 head, down 27 percent and 39 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled 7,000 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 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2004 and 3 percent above December 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million, 17 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.95 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 660,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 315,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during November, 16 percent below 2004 and 6 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, November 1, 2005	475	320	795
November Placements	108	92	200
November Marketings	80	43	123
November Other Disappearance	3	4	7
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2005	500	360	860

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

State	Cattle on Feed December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November 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	329	328	100	35	35	100	23	29	126	4	1	25
CA	530	550	104	66	66	100	53	53	100	8	8	100
CO	1,100	1,070	97	175	165	94	155	115	74	10	10	100
ID	305	280	92	50	49	98	48	57	119	2	2	100
IA	435	500	115	90	108	120	82	80	98	3	3	100
KS	2,390	2,470	103	390	465	119	370	375	101	30	30	100
NE	2,300	2,400	104	410	440	107	310	305	98	10	15	150
NM	129	137	106	14	18	129	16	20	125	3	2	67
OK	355	365	103	43	68	158	44	62	141	4	1	25
SD	186	190	102	51	63	124	33	33	100	1	1	100
TX	2,740	2,940	107	320	495	155	430	510	119	30	15	50
WA	185	161	87	37	27	73	36	28	78	1	1	100
Oth Sts	350	335	96	62	46	74	35	34	97	2	2	100
US	11,334	11,726	103	1,743	2,045	117	1,635	1,701	104	108	91	84

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.

Chickens and Eggs

Iowa: Egg production in Iowa for November 2005 was 1,091 million eggs, up 7 percent from the same period a year ago. The total number of layers on hand during November 2005 was 49.5 million, up 6.3 percent from 46.6 million layers in November 2004. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of November was 2,204 eggs, up from 2,187 million eggs the previous year.

United States: U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during November 2005, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The number of layers during November 2005 averaged 347 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,175 eggs, up slightly from November 2004.

All Layers and Egg Production, Nov 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	4,746	4,460	15,202	14,817	1,881	1,923	286	285	111	103	175	182
CA	20,086	19,102	20,614	19,587	2,231	2,190	460	429				
GA	11,148	9,969	20,179	19,038	2,086	2,112	421	402	257	234	164	168
IN	22,494	23,631	23,246	24,348	2,241	2,230	521	543	509	531	12	12
IA	45,809	48,793	46,550	49,501	2,187	2,204	1,018	1,091				
MN	10,503	10,690	11,069	11,215	2,177	2,256	241	253	233	245	8	8
NE	11,962	11,856	12,037	11,931	2,202	2,146	265	256	265	256		
NC	3,295	3,306	10,826	10,828	1,921	1,939	208	210	79	78	129	132
OH	27,694	27,826	28,149	28,364	2,210	2,168	622	615				
PA	21,910	22,330	23,630	24,096	2,306	2,249	545	542	530	526	15	16
TX	14,221	14,057	18,562	18,359	2,160	2,228	401	409				
30 Sts ⁴	264,510	267,765	322,538	325,544	2,171	2,173	7,003	7,075	6,047	6,106	955	969
US	280,572	282,978	344,797	346,596	2,170	2,175	7,482	7,538	6,435	6,482	1,047	1,056

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.