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## December 1 Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 853,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on December 1, 2007, up 5 percent from November 1, 2007, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2006. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 570,000 head on feed, up 4 percent from last month and up 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 283,000 head on feed, up 7 percent from last month, but down 18 percent from last year.

Placements during November totaled 151,000 head, a decrease of 12 percent from last month but up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 96,000 head, down 20 percent from last month but up 17 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head. This is up 6 percent from last month but down 17 percent from last year.

Marketings for November were 109,000 head, down 16 percent from last month and 17 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 75,000 head, down 5 percent from last month but up 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 34,000 head, down 32 percent from last month and 44 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 12.1 million head on December 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent above December 1, 2006 and 3 percent above December 1, 2005. This is the highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.12 million, 12 percent above 2006 and 3 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.06 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 685,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 361,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2006 but 2 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during November, 31 percent below 2006 and 37 percent below 2005.

### 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, 2007	550	265	815			
November Placements	96	55	151			
November Marketings	75	34	109			
November Other Disappearance	1	3	4			
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2007	570	283	853			

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1</sup>

State	Cattle on Feed December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06
	<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	341	367	108	30	37	123	29	27	93	2	3	150
CA	540	555	103	69	73	106	55	61	111	4	2	50
CO	1,120	1,070	96	145	190	131	145	145	100	10	5	50
ID	270	240	89	43	48	112	56	42	75	2	1	50
<b>IA</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>
KS	2,550	2,500	98	405	450	111	385	355	92	20	15	75
NE	2,510	2,520	100	460	485	105	380	355	93	10	10	100
NM	137	131	96	14	22	157	16	23	144	2	2	100
OK	350	345	99	50	62	124	57	50	88	3	2	67
SD	210	215	102	56	50	89	35	38	109	1	2	200
TX	2,900	3,010	104	435	510	117	500	490	98	25	10	40
WA	185	168	91	31	31	100	26	27	104	1	2	200
Oth Sts	360	390	108	64	62	97	43	50	116	1	2	200
US	11,973	12,081	101	1,884	2,116	112	1,797	1,738	97	83	57	69

<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.

## Hogs & Pigs Inventory

*Des Moines Iowa:* On December 1, there were 18.2 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, equaling the record set June 1, 2007. The December 1 inventory was up 900,000 from a year ago, and up 100,000 from September 1, 2007.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 470,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2007 – February 2008 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March-May 2008 period were estimated at 490,000 as of December 1, 2007. If realized, this would be up 25,000 sows farrowed during the same period in 2007.

The September-November 2007 pig crop was 4.6 million head. A total of 495,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.25 pigs per sow.

### Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, December 1, 2006-2007 <sup>1</sup>

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06
	<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	440	440	100	3,760	3,710	99	4,200	4,150	99
<b>IA</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>16,220</b>	<b>17,100</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>17,300</b>	<b>18,200</b>	<b>105</b>
MN	590	600	102	6,310	6,600	105	6,900	7,200	104
MO	360	370	103	2,440	2,680	110	2,800	3,050	109
NE	365	355	97	2,685	2,795	104	3,050	3,150	103
NC	1,010	1,030	102	8,490	8,870	104	9,500	9,900	104
US	6,087	6,157	101	56,402	58,953	105	62,490	65,110	104

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding.

### Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2006-2007 <sup>1</sup>

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>							
IL	1,270	1,320	970	920	800	770	720	700
<b>IA</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>4,470</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>3,400</b>
MN	2,420	2,590	1,540	1,590	1,250	1,250	1,100	1,170
MO	1,130	1,245	490	550	475	465	345	420
NE	1,010	1,030	720	755	530	560	425	450
NC	3,390	3,370	1,970	2,100	1,680	1,790	1,450	1,610
US	20,462	21,364	13,928	14,459	11,275	11,737	10,738	11,394

<sup>1</sup> Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.





**New Director  
Named for  
NASS Statistics Division**

Joe Prusacki, currently State Director of the Iowa Field Office, has been selected as the NASS Statistics Division (SD) Director. Joe succeeds Steve Wiyatt who is retiring in January following 34 years of outstanding service with NASS. Joe's appointment will become effective at the end of March 2008. Joe brings a wealth of experience to this assignment. He is a mathematical statistician with an undergraduate and graduate degree in agribusiness economics as well as a master's degree in applied statistics. He has influenced current methodology while working in our Statistics Division, Statistical Methods Branch. Additionally, he has valuable experience in other NASS programs that include work in three field offices, the Census of Agriculture, and various headquarters assignments culminating as Chief of Crops Brand. Joe has been Director of the Iowa Field Office for the past 2 years. His variety of experiences in addition to his specialized training in mathematical statistics will serve Joe well as Director of SD and Executive Director of the Agricultural Statistics Board. He will relate well to the larger agricultural community and will effectively integrate census, survey, and administrative data into the estimates program.

**Average Prices Received  
by Farmers for Farm Products**

Item	Unit	IOWA			U.S.	
		Dec <sup>1</sup> 2006	Nov <sup>1</sup> 2007	Dec <sup>2</sup> 2007	Nov <sup>1</sup> 2007	Dec <sup>2</sup> 2007
		-----Dollars-----				
Corn	Bu	3.03	3.43	3.90	3.43	3.88
Oats	Bu	1.99	2.84	2.75	2.73	2.71
Soybeans	Bu	6.27	9.86	10.50	9.41	10.40
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	91.00	103.00	120.00	135.00	136.00
All Hay, baled	Ton	90.00	101.00	116.00	131.00	133.00
Hogs, all	Cwt	45.40	40.30	41.40	38.20	39.50
Sows	Cwt	32.80	24.90	21.00	25.90	21.40
Brw & Gilts	Cwt	45.50	40.50	41.60	38.70	40.30
Beef Cattle	Cwt	87.80	90.60	90.10	89.70	89.10
Cows	Cwt	44.20	44.00	44.00	43.90	44.10
Strs & Hfrs	Cwt	88.70	91.60	91.00	95.90	95.50
Calves	Cwt	107.00	114.00	111.00	119.00	119.00
Milk Cows <sup>3</sup>	Hd	-	-	-	-	-
Milk (whls)	Cwt	14.60	21.60	21.50	21.90	21.70
Sheep	Cwt	36.90	33.50	-	27.60	-
Lambs	Cwt	89.00	95.00	-	97.30	-
Eggs (mkt)	Doz	0.600	1.140	1.230	1.180	1.280

<sup>1</sup> Corn, oats, soybeans, all hogs, all cattle, all sheep, and milk are whole-month prices. All hay and eggs are mid-month prices. <sup>2</sup> All prices are mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Prices published January, April, July, and October.

**Prices Received Index Summary Table**

Prices Received	IOWA			UNITED STATES		
	Dec 2006	Nov 2007	Dec <sup>1</sup> 2007	Dec 2006	Nov 2007	Dec <sup>1</sup> 2007
	1990-92=100 <sup>2</sup>					
Prices rec'd	115	134	145	120	146	151
Crops	125	162	179	126	155	165
Oil Bearing	112	177	188	112	164	183
Feed Grains	134	152	173	135	154	172
Lvstk	105	106	112	113	136	136
Meat Anim	102	97	98	109	115	113
Poult & Eggs	121	144	213	124	155	154
1910-14=100 <sup>3</sup>						
Prices rec'd	-	-	-	762	924	962
Crops	-	-	-	623	763	816
Oil Bearing	-	-	-	610	898	1,002
Feed Grains	-	-	-	482	550	614
Lvstk	-	-	-	867	1,040	1,044
Meat Anim	-	-	-	1,109	1,168	1,148
Poult & Eggs	-	-	-	350	437	432

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary <sup>2</sup> 1990-92=100 reference replaced 1997=100 in January 1995. <sup>3</sup> Iowa figures for 1910-14=100 base not available.

**U.S. Prices Paid Index Summary**

Prices Paid	Dec 2006	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Dec 2006	Nov 2007	Dec 2007
	1990-92=100			1910-14=100		
	Prices Paid <sup>1</sup>	149	161	162	1,990	2,151
Feed	138	161	169	676	786	825
Fertilizer	174	220	227	639	806	832
Fuels	227	309	304	1,750	2,386	2,348
Chemicals	129	132	131	796	814	808
Lvstk/Poultry	124	129	127	1,588	1,650	1,621
Ratio <sup>2</sup>	81	91	93	-	-	-
Parity Ratio <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	38	43	44

<sup>1</sup> Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates. <sup>2</sup> Received/Paid <sup>3</sup> Ratio of index of prices received to index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates.

## Iowa Milk Production Up Nearly 1 Percent

Milk production in Iowa in November totaled 342 million pounds, up 0.9 percent from November 2006. The average number of milk cows, 215,000 head, was 6,000 head higher than November 2006. Production per cow averaged 1,590 pounds, down 30 pounds from last year.

### Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, November 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	Change from 2006
	<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>
IL	103	103	1,510	1,470	156	151	-3.2
IN	166	166	1,610	1,650	267	274	2.6
<b>IA</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>0.9</b>
KS	112	109	1,660	1,695	186	185	-0.5
MI	323	342	1,810	1,820	585	622	6.3
MN	450	463	1,495	1,490	673	690	2.5
MO	115	109	1,250	1,190	144	130	-9.7
OH	274	277	1,440	1,470	395	407	3.0
WI	1,245	1,249	1,500	1,545	1,868	1,930	3.3
23-State Total <sup>3</sup>	8,260	8,361	1,614	1,654	13,332	13,833	3.8

<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.

## Egg Production up from Last Year

Egg production in Iowa for November 2007 was 1.15 billion eggs, up slightly from November 2006. The total number of layers on hand during November 2007 was 53.6 million, up from 52.1 million layers in November 2006. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of November was 2,150, down from 2,209 eggs the previous year.

### All Layers and Egg Production, November 2006 and 2007 <sup>1</sup>

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 & Above		All layers on hand <sup>2</sup>		Eggs per 100 layers		Egg production by type					
							Total production		Table eggs <sup>3</sup>		Hatching eggs <sup>3</sup>	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<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>
IN	23,902	23,366	24,605	24,052	2,223	2,266	547	545	535	533	12	12
<b>IA</b>	<b>51,305</b>	<b>52,673</b>	<b>52,096</b>	<b>53,584</b>	<b>2,209</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>
MN	10,708	9,909	11,177	10,386	2,192	2,292	245	238	237	229	8	9
NE	11,543	10,101	11,618	10,176	2,238	2,309	260	235	260	235	0	0
NC	3,775	4,922	11,398	12,462	1,965	2,038	224	254	89	120	135	134
OH	26,842	25,833	27,351	26,427	2,132	2,195	583	580				
29 Sts <sup>4</sup>	268,417	262,982	323,311	319,500	2,177	2,192	7,040	7,005	6,118	6,042	922	962
US	284,089	278,246	346,936	342,905	2,176	2,190	7,549	7,511	6,506	6,420	1,043	1,090

<sup>1</sup> 2007 preliminary, 2006 revised <sup>2</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size <sup>3</sup> Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations <sup>4</sup> The 29 states are AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, ME, MD, MI, MS, MO, NY, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, and WI.

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