

2006 Livestock Summary

Iowa

Iowa's cattle, hog, and sheep producers received \$6.73 billion from marketings in 2006. This was down slightly from the \$6.75 billion received in 2005. Cattle accounted for \$2.55 billion of the cash receipts in 2006 while hog sales totaled \$4.15 billion and sheep \$33.3 million. This compares to 2005 receipts of \$2.43 billion for cattle, \$4.29 billion for hogs, and \$40.3 million for sheep.

Cattle: Iowa producers had 3.95 million cattle and calves on farms as of January 1, 2007, up 4 percent from January 1, 2006. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 1.28 million head, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Of this total, 1.07 million head were beef cows, up 2 percent from last year, and 210,000 head were milk cows, up 12 percent from last year.

Heifers weighing 500 pounds or more, at 960,000 head, were up 7 percent from the previous year. Of this total, 160,000 were beef cow replacements, 120,000 were milk cow replacements, and 680,000 were other heifers.

Steers weighing 500 pounds or more, at 1.16 million head, were up 5 percent from a year ago. An estimated 70,000 bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were on hand, unchanged from last year. Calves weighing 500 pounds or less totaled 480,000 head, down 2 percent from the previous year. The estimated 2006 calf crop for Iowa is 1.14 million head, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Hogs: Iowa continues to rank number one among the states in hog inventory. Hogs and pigs on hand December 1, 2006 totaled 17.3 million, or almost 28 percent of the Nation's hogs.

The state's pork producers farrowed 1.84 million sows from December 2005 through November 2006, 45,000 more than during the same period a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.01, resulting in a pig crop of 16.6 million, up 3 percent from the previous year. Marketings of hogs were 32.9 million head in 2006, up 4 percent from 2005.

Sheep: Sheep numbers on January 1, 2007 in Iowa totaled 235,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2006. An estimated 210,000 lambs were born during 2006, up 2 percent from the previous year. The 200,000 sheep shorn in 2006 produced 1.23 million pounds of wool valued at \$295,000.

Milk Production: Iowa dairymen produced an estimated 4.13 billion pounds of milk during 2006, up 3 percent from 2005. There was an average of 205,000 milk cows on hand during 2006, up 5 percent from the 195,000 a year earlier. The annual average milk produced per cow was 20,146 pounds, down from the 20,641 pound average in 2005.

Red Meat Production: Slaughter plants in Iowa produced 6.54 billion pounds of red meat (beef, veal, pork, and mutton) during 2006, slightly more than the previous year.

United States

The 2006 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$64.2 billion, down 2 percent from 2005. Gross income decreased for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Cattle and calves decreased slightly, hogs and pigs decreased 6 percent, and sheep and lambs decreased 15 percent.

Total 2006 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals decreased 2 percent to \$63.7 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 77 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 22 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for all cattle and calves and hogs and pigs. Production decreased for sheep and lambs. Average prices were down for all three species.

Cattle and Calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves decreased slightly from \$49.3 billion in 2005 to \$49.1 billion in 2006. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 54.7 billion pounds

in 2006, up 3 percent from 2005. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$87.20, a decrease of \$2.50 from 2005. For calves, the annual average price decreased from \$135.00 to \$133.00.

Hogs and Pigs: Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$14.1 billion during 2006, down 6 percent from 2005. Marketings totaled 29.2 billion pounds in 2006, up 3 percent from 2005. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight decreased from \$50.20 in 2005 to \$46.00 in 2006.

Sheep and Lambs: Cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2006 were \$481 million, down 15 percent from 2005. Marketings decreased slightly to 569 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for sheep decreased from \$45.10 in 2005 to \$35.20 in 2006. For lambs, the annual average price decreased from \$110.00 to \$95.50.