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"MO" News

The mild winter has most of us anxious to get into the fields. Some activity has been seen throughout the winter with unprecedented temperatures. Soil moisture and water supply concerns continue to mount as we approach spring planting season. USDA-NASS releases farmer's planting intentions, the results of a March 1st survey on March 31st and we begin our weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report for Missouri on April 3rd.

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January Farm Labor

Missouri Highlights: In the Cornbelt II region (Missouri and Iowa), there were 25,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the survey week of January 8-14, 2006. This is down from the 29,000 workers of the October 2005 survey week and up from the 21,000 hired workers in the January 2005 survey week.

The average wage rate per hour for all hired workers was \$11.50, up 87 cents from a year ago, and up 34 cents from the October 2005 average. The wage rates per hour by type of worker and the comparisons to January 2005 are: field workers \$9.61, up from \$9.16; livestock workers \$10.69, up from \$10.28; and combined field and livestock workers \$10.52 up from \$10.07 in January 2005.

U.S. Highlights:

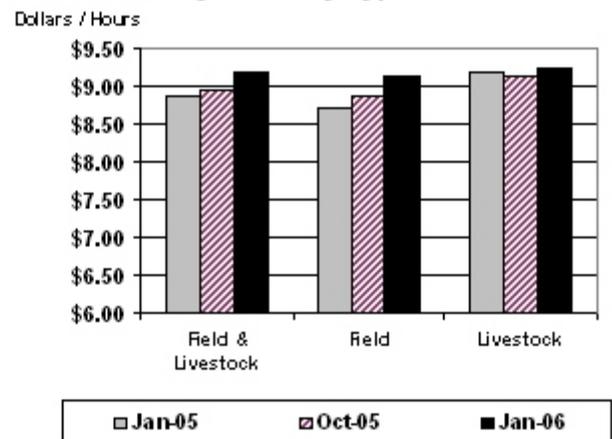
There were 796,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 8-14, 2006, up 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 616,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 180,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.11 per hour during the January 2006 reference week, up 33 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.15 per hour, up 44 cents from

last January, while livestock workers earned \$9.25 per hour compared with \$9.20 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.19 per hour, was up 29 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 38.2 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

U.S. Wage Rates by Type of Worker



Farm Labor and Wage Rates, Cornbelt II Region (Missouri and Iowa) January 2005, October 2005 and January 2006¹

ITEM	January 9 - 15, 2005	October 9 - 15, 2005	January 8 - 14, 2006
FARM EMPLOYMENT - Hired Workers			
<i>Thousands</i>			
Number of Workers	21.0	29.0	25.0
<i>Hours Per Week</i>			
Numbers of Hours Worked per Worker	35.1	40.1	36.5
FARM WAGE RATES - Type of Worker			
<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>			
All Hired Workers	10.63	11.16	11.50
Field Workers	9.16	9.21	9.61
Livestock Workers	10.28	10.89	10.69
Field & Livestock Workers Combined	10.07	10.02	10.52

^{1/} Excludes Agricultural Service Workers

Pork Production Sets Record High in 2005

Red meat production for the United States totaled 45.8 billion pounds in 2005, slightly higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 45.7 billion pounds. On farm production totaled 135 million pounds.

Beef production, totaled 24.8 billion pounds, slightly higher than the previous year. **Veal production** totaled 165 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year, setting a new record low. **Pork production**, at 20.7 billion pounds, was slightly higher than the previous year, setting a new record high. **Lamb and mutton production** set a new record low, totaling 191 million pounds, 4 percent below the previous record low set a year ago.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2005 totaled 32.4 million head, down 1 percent from 2004, with federal inspection comprising 98.3 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,256 pounds, up 16 pounds from a year ago. **Steers** comprised 52.8 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, **heifers** 30.7 percent, **dairy cows** 7.1 percent, **other cows** 7.9 percent, and **bulls** 1.6 percent.

Commercial calf slaughter totaled 734,400 head, down 13 percent from a year ago with 97.7 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 353 pounds, up 23 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 103.6 million head, slightly higher than 2004 with 99.0 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds. **Barrows and gilts** comprised 96.7 percent of the total federally inspected hog slaughter.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.70 million head, was down 5 percent from 2004 with 94.7 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from 2004 to 138 pounds.

Annual Commercial Red Meat Slaughter And Red Meat Production

Item	Missouri		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Head <i>Thousands</i>				
Cattle	1/	1/	32,728.3	32,387.7
Calves	1/	1/	842.4	734.4
Hogs	2042.5	1/	103,463.4	103,581.5
Sheep & Lambs	5.6	6.0	2,839.3	2,697.8
Average Live Weight <i>Pounds</i>				
Cattle	1/	1/	1,240.0	1,256.0
Calves	1/	1/	330.0	353.0
Hogs	1/	1/	267.0	269.0
Sheep & Lambs	95.0	87.0	136.0	138.0
Dressed Weight <i>Million Pounds</i>				
Red Meat	451.5	484.5	45,418.0	45,710.5

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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Missouri Annual Egg Production Up 2 Percent

Egg production in Missouri totaled 1.91 billion eggs during the year ending November 30, 2005, up 2 percent from a year ago. The number of layers averaged 7.20 million, up 2 percent from the 2004 average number of layers of 7.04 million. The annual rate of lay for 2005, at 265 eggs per layer was unchanged from 2004.

U.S. Average Number of Layers Up Slightly: Layer numbers during 2005 averaged 344 million, up slightly from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2005 was 262 eggs, up slightly from the 2004 average of 261.

U.S. Egg Production Up 1 Percent: Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2005 totaled a record high 90.0 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 2004. Table egg production, at 76.9 billion eggs, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 13.1 billion eggs, up 2 percent from 2004.

U.S. December 1 Inventory Numbers: The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2005 (excluding commercial broilers) was 453 million birds, down slightly from last year.

U.S. Total Value: The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2005 was \$1.13 billion, up 1 percent from December 1, 2004. The average value increased from \$2.48 per bird on December 1, 2004, to \$2.50 per bird on December 1, 2005.

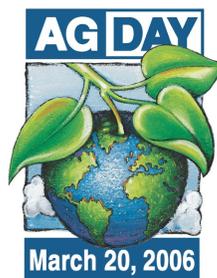
Annual All Layers and Egg Production, 2003-2004^{1/}

State	Average Number of Layers		Eggs per Layer ^{3/}		Total Egg Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Number</i>		<i>Million Eggs</i>	
AR	15,385	14,748	229	232	3,526	3,416
IA	43,569	48,760	267	266	11,615	12,978
MO	7,043	7,204	265	265	1,865	1,910
US	341,956	343,501	261	262	89,091	89,960

1/ Annual estimates cover the period Dec 1, previous year thru Nov 30.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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January Milk Production

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
IL	105	104	1,620	1,630	170	170
IA	190	200	1,750	1,765	333	353
MO	118	114	1,330	1,440	157	164
23 State	8,087	8,190	1,643	1,711	13,287	14,011

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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U.S. Dairy Production by Product, Jan 2006

Product	January 2006	Change From	
		Jan 2005	Dec 2005
	1,000 Pounds	Percent	
Butter	145,477	13.1	15.3
Cheese			
American Types ^{1/}	317,278	-1.5	-2.4
Total	764,259	1.3	-3.4
	1,000 Gallons	Percent	
Frozen Products			
Ice Cream, Hard	61,211	1.3	10.2
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Total	25,505	-5.8	10.7
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Hard	1,347	15.7	14.0
Sherbet, Hard	3,859	-8.0	13.1
Frozen Yogurt, Total	4,015	-6.6	-8.0
	1,000 Pounds	Percent	
Dry Whey Products			
Dry Whey, Human	86,646	8.6	8.1
Dry Whey, Animal	6,135	-3.9	0.3
Dry Whey, Total	92,781	7.6	7.5

^{1/} Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

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Chicks Hatched by Commercial Hatcheries

Item	January		Jan - Jan	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000			
Broiler-Type				
19 States ^{1/}	775,980	783,825	775,980	783,825
U.S.	796,026	804,073	796,026	804,073
Egg-Type				
U.S.	37,936	35,422	37,936	35,422

^{1/} States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

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Average Prices Received by Farmers ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Missouri			U.S.
		Feb 2005*	Jan 2006	Feb 2006 ^{2/}	Feb 2006 ^{2/}
		Dollars			
Winter Wheat	Bu	3.31	3.21	3.45	3.67
Corn	Bu	1.95	2.11	2.15	2.01
Soybeans	Bu	5.37	5.91	5.90	5.68
Sorghum	Cwt	3.18	3.61	3.65	3.27
BALED HAY ^{2/}					
All Hay	Ton	55.00	65.00	67.00	95.00
Alfalfa	Ton	98.00	107.00	109.00	99.20
Other	Ton	43.00	53.00	55.00	83.20
ALL BEEF					
Cows ^{3/}	Cwt	51.80	47.30	50.40	48.50
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	106.00	114.00	114.00	98.10
Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt	87.60	94.00	92.40	92.60
Calves	Cwt	127.00	138.00	143.00	142.00
ALL HOGS					
Sows	Cwt	44.50	32.80	30.20	31.20
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	46.00	37.40	37.80	41.70
All Hogs	Cwt	45.90	37.10	37.20	41.20
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz	0.310	0.360	0.210	0.301
MILK					
Fluid Grade ^{5/}	Cwt	15.40	14.70		13.80
Manufacturing Grade ^{5/}	Cwt	14.80	13.90		12.90
All Milk ^{5/}	Cwt	15.40	14.70	14.20	13.80
HOG/CORN RATIO ^{6/}		23.54	17.58	17.30	20.50

^{1/} Prices received represent the average of all grades or classes at point of first sale and should not be confused with market quotations of specific grades or classes.

^{2/} Mid-month prices.

^{3/} Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

^{4/} "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined.

^{5/} Missouri January fat test %: all milk 3.73, fluid grade 3.72, mfg grade 3.97.

U.S. February fat test %: all milk 3.75, fluid grade 3.74, mfg grade 3.93.

^{6/} "All Hogs" divided by "Corn" prices.

^{7/} Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

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January 2006 Egg Production

State	Number of Layers on Hand ^{1/}	Eggs per 100 for All Layers ^{1/}	Total Production
			Million Eggs
	1,000	Number	Million Eggs
AR	14,351	1,951	280
IA	51,125	2,249	1,150
MO	7,071	2,121	150
U.S.	349,253	2,211	7,721

^{1/} Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

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United States Honey Production Down 5 Percent

Honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 175 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2004. There were 2.41 million colonies producing honey in 2005, down 6 percent from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, up 1 percent from the 71.8 pounds in 2004. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 62.4 million pounds on December 15, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value by State and United States, 2004 - 2005 ^{1/}

State	Honey Producing Colonies		Yield per Colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}		Average Price per Pound ^{3/}		Value of Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
			<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						<i>Cents</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
AR	40	36	57	69	2,280	2,484	388	571	86	95	1,961	2,360
IL	7	8	55	85	385	680	193	408	186	162	716	1,102
IA	35	28	67	88	2,345	2,464	1,337	1,232	106	98	2,486	2,415
MO	16	15	41	50	656	750	151	180	138	121	905	908
U.S. ^{4/}	2,556	2,410	71.8	72.5	183,582	174,643	61,222	62,406	106.9	90.4	196,259	157,795

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

2/ Stocks held by producers.

3/ Prices weighted by sales.

4/ Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

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