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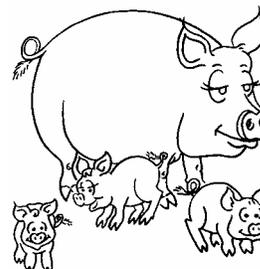
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December 1 Hogs and Pigs

On December 1, there were 15.8 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The December 1 inventory was up 200,000 from a year ago but unchanged from September 1, 2003.

The September-November pig crop this year was 3.87 million head. A total of 440,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 8.8 pigs per sow.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 450,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2003-February 2004 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March-May 2004 period were estimated at 460,000 as of December 1, 2003. If realized, this would be 2 percent fewer sows than were farrowed during the same period in 2003.

Hogs and Pigs on Farms, December 1, 2002-03

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	(000)		%	(000)		%	(000)		%
Illinois	430	410	95	3,720	3,540	95	4,150	3,950	95
Iowa	1,050	1,060	101	14,550	14,740	101	15,600	15,800	101
Minnesota	580	600	103	5,420	5,800	107	6,000	6,400	107
Missouri	360	340	94	2,590	2,610	101	2,950	2,950	100
Nebraska	365	370	101	2,585	2,530	98	2,950	2,900	98
North Carolina	1,000	1,000	100	8,700	8,900	102	9,700	9,900	102
U.S.	6,012	5,966	99	53,501	54,074	101	59,513	60,040	101

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number, By Weight Groups, December 1, 2002-03

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	----- 1,000 head -----							
Illinois	1,320	1,280	920	860	800	750	680	650
Iowa	4,400	4,510	3,950	4,130	3,250	3,100	2,950	3,000
Minnesota	2,110	2,210	1,330	1,420	1,080	1,200	900	970
Missouri	1,190	1,280	530	530	480	460	390	340
Nebraska	1,010	980	670	650	500	490	405	410
North Carolina	3,450	3,550	2,050	2,150	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,500
U.S.	19,461	19,821	13,054	13,250	10,881	10,839	10,105	10,164

November Livestock Slaughter

Iowa: Commercial red meat production in Iowa during November 2003 totaled 567.8 million pounds, up 4.8 percent from November 2002. Cattle slaughter was 71,400 head compared with 55,800 head in November 2002. The average live weight for cattle slaughtered was 1,248 pounds, down 39 pounds from a year ago. There were 2.56 million hogs slaughtered in November 2003, up 2 percent from the same month last year. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 269 pounds, up 2 pounds from last year.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.53 billion pounds in November, down 10 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in November 2002. November 2002 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

November 2003 contained 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

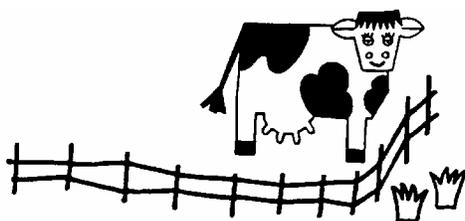
Beef production, at 1.78 billion pounds, was 18 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.43 million head, down 15 percent from November 2002. The average live weight was down 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,236 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.58 million head, 1 percent below November 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States¹

Kind	Nov. 2002	Oct. 2003	Nov. 2003	Nov. 2003 as % of		Jan - Nov. ²		2003 as % of 2002
				Nov. 2002	Oct. 2003	2002	2003	
	----- Million pounds -----			Percent		----- Million pounds -----		Percent
Beef	2,164	2,211	1,780	82	81	24,984	24,263	97
Veal	16.9	16.4	15.2	90	93	177.9	172.9	97
Pork	1,709	*1,910	1,715	100	90	17,950	18,044	101
Lamb & mutton	17.8	18.0	16.3	92	91	199.6	181.4	91
Total red meat	3,907	4,154	3,526	90	85	43,311	42,661	98

¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. *Revised.



November Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in November totaled 294 million pounds, down 3.9 percent from November 2002. The average number of milk cows, 197 thousand head, was 11,000 head below November 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,490 pounds, twenty pounds higher than production levels one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.6 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from November 2002. October revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from October 2002. The October revision

represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 13 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,509 pounds for November, 13 pounds above November 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.71 million head, 82,000 head less than November 2002, and 10,000 head less than October 2003.

November Milk Cows and Milk Production

State	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		Change from 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
California	1,669	1,706	1,685	1,655	2,812	2,823	0.4
Illinois	115	108	1,420	1,450	163	157	-3.7
Iowa	208	197	1,470	1,490	306	294	-3.9
Minnesota	480	465	1,380	1,400	662	651	-1.7
Missouri	135	125	1,125	1,190	152	149	-2.0
Wisconsin	1,266	1,249	1,385	1,410	1,753	1,761	0.5
20 State Total ³	7,792	7,710	1,496	1,509	11,657	11,637	-0.2

¹Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³The 20 states are Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

December 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 810,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on December 1, up 8 percent from November 1, 2003 but down 14 percent from December 1, 2002. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 370,000 head on feed, up 6 percent from both last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 440,000 head on feed, up 10 percent from last month but down 25 percent from last year.

Placements during November totaled 167,000 head, down 16 percent and 8 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 77,000 head, down 32 percent and 4 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 90,000 head, up 5 percent from last month but down 11 percent from last year.

Marketings for November were 104,000 head, down 23 percent and 22 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 56,000 head, down 22 percent and 11 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 48,000 head, down 24 percent

and 32 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 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 11.3 million head on December 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent above December 1, 2002 but 5 percent below December 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.93 million, 3 percent below 2002 but 1 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.83 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 578,000, 700-799 pounds were 379,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 289,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.54 million, 11 percent below 2002 and 15 percent below 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during November, 8 percent above 2002 and 21 percent above 2001.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
----- Thousand head -----			
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2003	350	400	750
November Placements	77	90	167
November Marketings	56	48	104
November Other Disappearance	1	2	3
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2003	370	440	810

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	Cattle on feed December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November Disappearance other than slaughter ²		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002
	1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent	
Arizona	295	284	96	32	26	81	24	19	79	3	1	33
California	500	500	100	65	62	95	50	52	104	5	5	100
Colorado	1,070	1,060	99	190	185	97	170	165	97	10	10	100
Idaho	300	310	103	60	64	107	53	47	89	2	2	100
<u>Iowa</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>50</u>
Kansas	2,300	2,480	108	420	425	101	395	350	89	25	25	100
Nebraska	2,180	2,280	105	410	410	100	330	260	79	10	10	100
New Mexico	123	121	98	18	22	122	11	17	155	1	2	200
Oklahoma	340	350	103	55	56	102	53	51	96	2	5	250
S. Dakota	195	200	103	56	54	96	30	30	100	1	1	100
Texas	2,700	2,840	105	470	440	94	475	410	86	25	30	120
Washington	195	205	105	40	46	115	29	35	121	1	1	100
Other States	350	330	94	81	59	73	48	45	94	3	4	133
U.S.	10,898	11,330	104	1,977	1,926	97	1,731	1,537	89	90	97	108

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.

November Layers and Egg Production

Iowa: Egg production in Iowa for November 2003 was 921 million eggs, up 9 percent from the same period a year ago. The total number of layers on hand during November 2003 was 40.1 million, up 5 percent from 38.0 million layers in November 2002. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of November was 2,295, up 3 percent from 2,221 eggs the previous year.

United States: U.S. egg production totaled 7.28 billion during November 2003, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which

968 million were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2003 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, up one percent from November 2002. November 2003 contained 20 weekdays, two holidays and five Saturdays compared to November 2002 which contain 21 weekdays, two holidays, and five Saturdays.

All Layers and Egg Production, November 2002 and 2003¹

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All layers on hand ²		Eggs per 100 layers ²		Egg production by type					
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	Total production		Table eggs ³		Hatching Eggs ³	
	-----Thousands-----				-----Number-----		-----Million eggs-----					
AR	4,758	4,341	14,645	14,637	1,857	1,886	272	276	105	97	167	179
CA	22,446	19,550	23,059	20,119	2,190	2,217	505	446				
GA	10,825	11,416	20,122	20,499	2,092	2,059	421	422	248	256	173	166
IN	22,479	22,162	23,189	22,839	2,191	2,220	508	507	495	495	13	12
<u>IA</u>	<u>37,203</u>	<u>39,352</u>	<u>37,961</u>	<u>40,128</u>	<u>2,221</u>	<u>2,295</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>921</u>				
MN	10,770	10,338	11,422	10,931	2,162	2,132	247	233	238	225	9	8
NE	11,454	11,702	11,554	11,802	2,138	2,220	247	262	247	262	0	0
NC	3,495	3,413	10,768	10,732	1,922	1,910	207	205	81	79	126	126
OH	30,151	28,749	30,645	29,238	2,105	2,151	645	629				
PA	22,699	22,361	24,042	23,716	2,275	2,239	547	531	532	517	15	14
TX	14,391	14,175	18,707	18,409	2,160	2,129	404	392				
30 Sts ⁴	259,007	256,219	316,216	313,497	2,137	2,164	6,758	6,785	5,816	5,844	941	941
U.S.	274,979	273,007	337,808	336,052	2,139	2,165	7,226	7,275	6,204	6,251	1,020	1,024

¹2003 preliminary, 2002 revised. ²Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. ³Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations. ⁴The 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.

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