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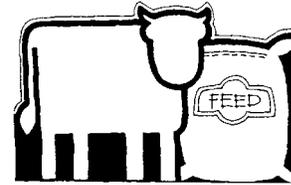


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## HIGHLIGHTS

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## January 1 Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 835,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on January 1, up 3 percent from December 1, 2003 but down 15 percent from January 1, 2003. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 370,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but up 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 465,000 head on feed, up 6 percent from last month but down 26 percent from last year.

Of the feedlots with capacity greater than 1,000 head, 250,000 were steers and steer calves; 119,000 were heifers and heifer calves; and 1,000 were cows and bulls. Inventories of both steers and steer calves and heifers and heifer calves were up 4 percent from a year ago. Cow and bull inventory was unchanged from last year.

Placements during December totaled 119,000 head, down 29 percent and 24 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 50,000 head, down 35 percent and 23 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 69,000 head, down 23 percent and 24 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for December were 84,000 head, down 19 percent and 21 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 48,000 head, down 14 percent

and 19 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 36,000 head, down 25 percent from both last month and last year. Other disappearance totaled 10,000 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 11.2 million head on January 1, 2004. The inventory was 6 percent above January 1, 2003 but 3 percent below January 1, 2002. The inventory included 6.84 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.33 million head, up 9 percent from January 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.75 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.66 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 503,000, 600-699 pounds were 529,000, 700-799 pounds were 448,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 268,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2002 and 4 percent below 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during December, 9 percent below 2002 and 3 percent below 2001.

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

State	Cattle on feed January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December disappearance other than slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> 2003	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	289	293	101	25	32	128	27	22	81	4	1	25
California	490	510	104	55	70	127	55	55	100	10	5	50
Colorado	1,020	1,040	102	145	180	124	185	190	103	10	10	100
Idaho	295	300	102	44	53	120	47	60	128	2	3	150
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>200</b>
Kansas	2,200	2,430	110	390	410	105	470	435	93	20	25	125
Nebraska	2,140	2,280	107	340	350	103	370	340	92	10	10	100
New Mexico	119	115	97	12	14	117	15	17	113	1	3	300
Oklahoma	330	355	108	34	53	156	41	45	110	3	3	100
S. Dakota	205	200	98	38	31	82	27	30	111	1	1	100
Texas	2,630	2,830	108	360	420	117	400	410	103	30	20	67
Washington	185	195	105	32	30	94	40	38	95	2	2	100
Other States	335	330	99	55	55	100	65	50	77	5	5	100
U.S.	10,593	11,248	106	1,595	1,748	110	1,801	1,740	97	99	90	91

<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.

## All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
----- Thousand head -----			
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2003	370	440	810
December Placements	50	69	119
December Marketings	48	36	84
December Other Disappearance	2	8	10
Cattle on Feed, January 1, 2004	370	465	835

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter, State, and United States, 2003-2004

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows and Bulls		
	Jan. 1, 2003	Oct. 1 2003	Jan. 1, 2004	Jan. 1, 2003	Oct. 1, 2003	Jan. 1, 2004	Jan. 1 2003	Oct. 1, 2003	Jan. 1, 2004
1,000 Head									
AZ	281	271	289	8	4	4	0	0	0
CA	450	445	470	40	40	40	0	0	0
CO	585	580	625	425	365	410	10	5	5
ID	196	166	191	97	104	108	2	0	1
<b>IA</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
KS	1,180	1,220	1,270	1,010	1,060	1,150	10	20	10
NE	1,240	1,010	1,310	870	805	940	30	15	30
NM	56	54	50	63	69	65	0	0	0
OK	215	215	200	114	131	155	1	4	0
SD	104	77	110	83	59	74	18	9	16
TX	1,630	1,700	1,720	999	1,018	1,107	1	2	3
WA	110	110	120	75	77	73	0	3	2
Other Sts	250	190	235	80	70	85	5	5	10
U.S.	6,537	6,238	6,840	3,978	3,911	4,330	78	64	78

## Commercial Apple Production, Iowa and United States

Year	Total Production	Utilized Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Utilized Production
	----- Million pounds -----		Cents	Thousand dollars
<b>Iowa</b>				
1994	12.0	10.8	24.4	2,634
1995	10.0	9.0	30.3	2,727
1996	11.1	10.0	31.3	3,125
1997	13.0	7.5	28.6	2,148
1998	8.7	8.1	28.6	2,317
1999	11.0	11.0	31.9	3,514
2000	7.5	7.5	32.1	2,411
2001	8.8	7.7	33.3	2,562
2002 <sup>1</sup>	8.5	5.2	34.3	1,783
2003 <sup>2</sup>	6.0	4.7	42.4	1,991
<b>United States</b>				
1994	11,500.5	11,331.4	12.9	1,467,093
1995	10,585.0	10,389.9	17.0	1,765,582
1996	10,381.9	10,330.0	15.9	1,641,462
1997	10,323.8	10,254.3	15.4	1,575,403
1998	11,646.4	10,762.5	12.2	1,316,172
1999	10,630.7	10,446.5	15.0	1,563,582
2000	10,583.7	10,322.2	12.8	1,320,781
2001 <sup>1</sup>	9,428.7	9,214.4	15.8	1,453,073
2002 <sup>1</sup>	8,525.4	8,375.0	18.8	1,572,202
2003 <sup>2</sup>	9,014.6	8,897.5	19.4	1,729,949

<sup>1</sup> Revised. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary.

## December Livestock Slaughter

**Iowa:** Commercial red meat production in Iowa during December 2003 totaled 606.2 million pounds, up 14.8 percent from December 2002. Cattle slaughter was 79,500 head compared with 52,800 in December 2002. The average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,244 pounds, down 50 pounds from December of last year. There were 2.70 million hogs slaughtered in December 2003, compared with 2.43 million hogs slaughtered in the same month last year. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 271 pounds, up 3 pounds from December 2002.

**United States:** Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in December, up slightly from the 3.86 billion pounds produced in December 2002.

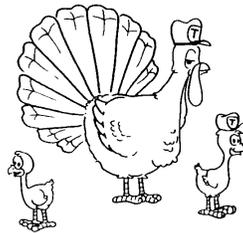
Beef production, at 1.97 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down 4 percent from December 2002. The average live weight was down 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,244 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.35 million head, 8 percent above December 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 269 pounds.

December 2002 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. December 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: United States<sup>1</sup>

Kind	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2003 as % of		Jan - Dec. <sup>2</sup>		2003 as % of 2002
				Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	2002	2003	
	----- Million pounds -----			Percent		----- Million pounds -----		Percent
Beef	2,107	*1,778	1,973	94	111	27,091	26,215	97
Veal	18.0	15.2	19.0	106	125	195.9	191.8	98
Pork	1,715	1,715	1,866	109	109	19,664	19,912	101
Lamb & mutton	18.5	16.3	18.0	97	111	218.1	199.4	91
Total red meat	3,858	*3,525	3,876	100	110	47,169	46,518	99

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



### Turkeys: Number Raised in 2003 and Intentions for 2004, Selected States and 23-State Total

State	Number		2004 as % of 2003
	2003	2004	
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arkansas	26,500	26,000	98
California	17,300	16,100	93
Illinois	2,900	3,000	103
Indiana	12,800	12,800	100
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>106</b>
Michigan	5,000	5,000	100
Minnesota	45,000	43,000	96
Missouri	26,500	25,500	96
North Carolina	42,500	38,000	89
North Dakota	1,100	1,000	91
Ohio	5,500	5,300	96
Pennsylvania	9,500	9,500	100
South Carolina	13,000	13,000	100
South Dakota	4,600	4,500	98
Virginia	23,000	22,000	96
West Virginia	4,300	4,300	100
Other States <sup>1</sup>	25,100	23,800	95
23 State Total	273,100	261,800	96

<sup>1</sup>Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## December Milk Production

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in December totaled 306 million pounds, down 5.0 percent from December 2002. The average number of milk cows, 196 thousand head, was 12,000 head below December 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,560 pounds, ten pounds higher than production levels one year ago.

**United States:** Milk production in the 20 major States during December totaled 12.3 billion pounds, down 0.3 percent from December 2002. November revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from November 2002. The

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

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,589 pounds for December, 14 pounds above December 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.71 million head, 93,000 head less than December 2002, but unchanged from November 2003.

### December Milk Cows and Milk Production

State	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk production <sup>2</sup>		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	'03 as % '02
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
California	1,676	1,698	1,750	1,740	2,933	2,955	0.8
Illinois	115	108	1,505	1,560	173	168	-2.9
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>-5.0</b>
Minnesota	480	465	1,485	1,500	713	698	-2.1
Missouri	134	124	1,210	1,250	162	155	-4.3
Wisconsin	1,266	1,247	1,465	1,475	1,855	1,839	-0.9
20 State Total <sup>3</sup>	7,801	7,708	1,575	1,589	12,290	12,251	-0.3

<sup>1</sup>Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup>Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup>The 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.



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