

2007 Livestock Summary

Iowa

Iowa's cattle, hog, and sheep producers received \$7.05 billion from marketings in 2007. This was up from the \$6.73 billion received in 2006. Cattle accounted for \$2.68 billion of the cash receipts in 2007 while hog sales totaled \$4.33 billion and sheep \$33.5 million. This compares to 2006 receipts of \$2.54 billion for cattle, \$4.08 billion for hogs, and \$33.3 million for sheep.

Cattle: Iowa producers had 4.00 million cattle and calves on farms as of January 1, 2008, up 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 1.23 million head, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Of this total, 1.01 million head were beef cows, down 5 percent from last year, and 215,000 head were milk cows, up 2 percent from last year.

Heifers weighing 500 pounds or more, at 960,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year. Of this total, 145,000 were beef cow replacements, 115,000 were milk cow replacements, and 700,000 were other heifers.

Steers weighing 500 pounds or more, at 1.24 million head, were up 7 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 500,000 head, up 4 percent from the previous year. The estimated 2007 calf crop for Iowa is 1.12 million head, down 2 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, 2007 totaled 19.4 million, or almost 28 percent of the Nation's hogs.

The state's pork producers farrowed 1.88 million sows from December 2006 through November 2007, 25,000 more than during the same period a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.18, resulting in a pig crop of 17.7 million, up 6 percent from the previous year. Marketings of hogs were 34.5 million head in 2007, up 5 percent from 2006.

Sheep: Sheep numbers on January 1, 2008 in Iowa totaled 260,000 head, up 11 percent from January 1, 2007. An estimated 230,000 lambs were born during 2007, up 10 percent from the previous year. The 250,000 sheep shorn in 2007 produced 1.28 million pounds of wool valued at \$397,000.

Milk Production: Iowa dairymen produced an estimated 4.28 billion pounds of milk during 2007, up almost 4 percent from 2006. There was an average of 213,000 milk cows on hand during 2007, up 4 percent from the 205,000 a year earlier. The annual average milk produced per cow was 20,085 pounds, down from the 20,127 pound average in 2006.

Red Meat Production: Slaughter plants in Iowa produced 6.60 billion pounds of red meat (beef, veal, pork, and mutton) during 2007, slightly more than the previous year.

United States

The 2007 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$65.5 billion, up 2 percent from 2006. Gross income increased for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Cattle and calves increased 1 percent, hogs and pigs increased 5 percent, and sheep and lambs increased slightly.

Total 2007 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 2 percent to \$65.0 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production decreased for all cattle and calves and sheep and lambs. Production increased for hogs and pigs. Average prices were up for cattle, hogs and pigs, and lambs, while calf and sheep prices were down.

Cattle and Calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 2 percent from \$49.0 billion in 2006 to \$49.7 billion in 2007. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 54.8 billion pounds

in 2007, up slightly from 2006. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$89.90, an increase of \$2.70 from 2006. For calves, the annual average price decreased from \$133.00 to \$119.00.

Hogs and Pigs: Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$14.8 billion during 2007, up 5 percent from 2006. Marketings totaled 30.3 billion pounds in 2007, up 4 percent from 2006. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight increased from \$46.00 in 2006 to \$46.60 in 2007.

Sheep and Lambs: Cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2007 were \$492 million, slightly from 2006. Marketings decreased 1 percent to 575 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for sheep decreased from \$35.20 in 2006 to \$31.00 in 2007. For lambs, the annual average price increased from \$95.50 to \$98.50.