

2004 Livestock Summary

Iowa

Iowa's cattle, hog, and sheep producers received \$5.96 billion from marketings in 2004. This was up nearly 20 percent from the \$4.98 billion received in 2003. Cattle accounted for \$2.12 billion of the cash receipts in 2004 while hog sales totaled \$3.80 billion and sheep \$34.6 million. This compares to 2003 receipts of \$2.33 billion for cattle, \$2.61 billion for hogs, and \$31.3 million for sheep.

Cattle: Iowa producers had 3.60 million cattle and calves on farms as of January 1, 2005, up 4 percent from January 1, 2004. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 1.20 million head, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Of this total, 1.01 million head were beef cows, up 3 percent from last year, and 187,000 head were milk cows, down 5 percent from last year.

Heifers weighing 500 pounds or more, at 800,000 head, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Of this total, 120,000 were beef cow replacements, 100,000 were milk cow replacements, and 580,000 were other heifers.

Steers weighing 500 pounds or more, at 1.02 million head, were up 9 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 510,000 head, up 13 percent from the previous year. The estimated 2004 calf crop for Iowa is 1.10 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Hogs: Iowa continues to rank number one among the states in hog numbers. Hogs and pigs on hand December 1, 2004 totaled 16.2 million, or almost 27 percent of the Nation's hogs.

The state's pork producers farrowed 1.72 million sows during 2004 (December 2003 through November 2004), 60,000 more than during 2003. The average pigs saved per litter was 8.82, resulting in a pig crop of 15.2 million, down 2 percent from the previous year. Marketings of hogs were 29.6 million head in 2004, up 5 percent from 2003.

Sheep: Sheep numbers on January 1, 2005 in Iowa totaled 245,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2004. An estimated 215,000 lambs were born during 2004, down 2 percent from the previous year. The 230,000 sheep shorn in 2004 produced 1.37 million pounds of wool valued at \$466,000.

Milk Production: Iowa dairymen produced an estimated 3.84 billion pounds of milk during 2004, up slightly from 2003. There was an average of 193,000 milk cows on hand during 2004, down 4 percent from the 201,000 a year earlier. The annual average milk produced per cow was 19,912 pounds, up from the 18,955 pound average in 2003.

Red Meat Production: Slaughter plants in Iowa produced 6.57 billion pounds of red meat (beef, veal, pork, and mutton) during 2004. This was 2 percent above the previous year.

United States

The 2004 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the United States totaled \$62.6 billion, up 11 percent from 2003. Gross income increased for hogs and pigs, cattle and calves, and sheep and lambs.

Total 2004 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 11 percent to \$62.2 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for hogs and pigs but declined for both cattle and calves, and sheep and lambs. Average prices were up for all species.

Cattle and Calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased from \$45.1 billion in 2003 to \$47.3 billion in 2004. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 53.8 billion pounds in 2004, down 5 percent from the previous year. The U.S. annual average price per

100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$85.90, an increase of \$6.20 from 2003. For calves, the annual average price increased \$17.00 to \$119.00.

Hogs and Pigs: Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$14.3 billion during 2004, up 35 percent from 2003. Marketings increased to 27.8 billion pounds in 2004, up 2 percent from 2003. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight increased from \$37.20 in 2003 to \$49.30 in 2004.

Sheep and Lambs: Cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2004 were \$521 million, up 3 percent from 2003. Marketings decreased 6 percent to 572 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for sheep increased from \$34.90 in 2003 to \$38.80 in 2004; while for lambs, the annual average price increased \$6.60 to \$101.00.