

2009 Livestock Summary

Iowa

Iowa's cattle, hog, and sheep producers received \$6.92 billion from marketings in 2009, an 11 percent decrease from marketings in 2008. Cattle accounted for \$2.47 billion of the cash receipts, hog sales totaled \$4.43 billion and sheep \$23.4 million cash receipts.

Cattle: Iowa producers had 3.85 million cattle and calves on farms January 1, 2010, down 2.5 percent from January 1, 2009. Cattle and heifers that calved totaled 1.10 million head, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Of this total, 885,000 head were beef cows and 215,000 head were milk cows.

Heifers weighing 500 pounds and over were at 900,000 head, up 3.4 percent from the year earlier. Of this total, 130,000 head were beef cow replacements, down 7 percent, and 130,000 head were milk cow replacements, which was unchanged from 2009 and all other heifers were 640,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds or more were down 4 percent at 1.33 million head. Bulls 500 pounds and over included 60,000 head, down 14.3 percent. Calves weighing under 500 pounds totaled 460,000 head, down 4 percent.

Hogs: Iowa continued to rank number one in hog inventory in the United States. Hogs and pigs on hand December 1, 2009, totaled 19.2 million head, 29 percent of the nation's hogs.

Iowa's pork producers farrowed 1.95 million sows from December 2008 through November 2009, down 4 percent from the previous year. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.7, resulting in a pig crop of 19.1 million.

Sheep: Sheep and lambs totaled 210,000 head on January 1, 2010, up 5 percent from a year ago. An estimated 170,000 lambs were born during 2009, down 7 percent.

Milk Production: Iowa dairy farmers produced 4.38 billion pounds of milk during 2009, an increase of over 1 percent from 2008. Milk cows on hand averaged 215,000 head, down 1,000 from 2008. The annual average milk produced per cow was 20,367 pounds, up nearly 2 percent from the previous year.

Red Meat Production: Slaughter plants in Iowa produced 6.97 billion pounds of red meat (beef, veal, pork, and mutton) during 2009, decreasing by just over 1 percent from 2008.

United States

The 2009 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$59.0 billion, down 10 percent from 2008. Gross income decreased for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs.

The total 2009 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals was \$58.6 billion pounds, down 10 percent from 2008. Production decreased for cattle and calves, hogs and sheep, and sheep and lambs.

Cattle: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves for 2009 were \$43.8 billion, down 10 percent from 2008. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 54.1 billion pounds in 2009. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$80.40, a decrease from 2008. For calves, the annual average price decreased from \$113.60 to \$106.40 in 2009.

Hogs: Cash receipts from hogs and pigs marketings for 2009 total \$14.4 billion, down 10 percent from 2008. Marketings totaled 32.7 billion pounds, up slightly from 2008. The U.S. annual price per 100 pounds live weight decreased from \$48.40 to \$42.30 in 2009.

Sheep: Cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2009 were \$436 million, down 3 percent from 2008. Marketings decreased 6 percent to 494 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for sheep increased from \$27.30 to \$32.60 in 2009. For lambs, the annual average price at \$99.90 was up 40 cents per 100 pounds live weight.