

# GROW OUR INDUSTRY

Through Increased Livestock Production

## Livestock's Impact on Corn

Corn producers in Illinois depend on livestock production.

- Feed use of corn in Illinois was approximately 121 million bushels for the year Sept 2005 – Aug 2006:
  - 8 million bushels used by dairy
  - 22 million bushels used by beef cattle
  - 79 million bushels used by hogs
  - 9 million bushels used by poultry
  - 3 million bushels used by other livestock
- Illinois hog production alone uses 70 million bushels of corn per year.
- The decline in hog production since 1992 means Illinois producers must sell 25 million bushels of corn outside the state.
- If Illinois' hog inventory had not declined from 6 million head in 1982 to 4.1 million head in 2002, corn usage would have been almost 36% higher.
- Pork production is one of the largest consumers of corn.
  - The 8.7 million hogs marketed in Illinois in 2002 consumed 136 million bushels of corn.
  - Using the 2002 statewide average production of 136 bushels/acre, 1,000,000 acres of corn were consumed by market hogs in Illinois.
  - Corn producers benefit from pork production in Illinois through higher prices.

Illinois created 1,006 thousand metric tons of DDGs (a by-product of ethanol production) in the year Sept 2005 – Aug 2006. As ethanol production increases, DDG creation will increase, and Illinois will need livestock to consume it.

*If the decline in livestock production in Illinois is not slowed or reversed, Illinois corn producers will continue to become increasingly dependent on sales to markets outside of the state.*



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