



MONTHLY PRICES

Preliminary February 2012 prices received in Iowa for corn are \$6.10 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This is a 9 percent increase from February 2011. Oat prices are \$0.70 higher than in February 2011, and soybean prices are \$0.40 lower than they were in February 2011.

Compared to February 2011, all hay prices increased \$28.00 to \$139.00 and alfalfa hay prices increased \$34.00 to \$152.00.

Prices Received by Farmers, Iowa

Item	IOWA		
	February 2011	January 2012	February ¹ 2012
	-----Dollars-----		
Corn	5.59	6.00	6.10
Oats	2.95	3.51	3.65
Soybeans	12.60	11.70	12.20
Alfalfa, baled	118.00	152.00	152.00
All Hay, baled	111.00	144.00	139.00
Milk Cows ²	(NA)	1,400.00	(NA)
Milk (whls)	19.30	19.60	18.20

¹Preliminary

² Prices published January, April, July, and October.

Prices Received by Farmers, United States

Item	February 2011	January 2012	February ¹ 2012
	-----Dollars-----		
	Corn	5.65	6.07
Oats	3.27	3.56	3.66
Soybeans	12.70	11.90	12.30
Alfalfa, bales	129.00	192.00	198.00
All Hay, baled	116.00	172.00	176.00
Hogs, all	61.40	63.50	65.50
Sows	53.30	56.60	58.10
Brw & Gilts	61.70	63.70	65.80
Beef Cattle	108.00	125.00	126.00
Cows	72.50	74.60	80.10
Strs & Hfrs	111.00	130.00	130.00
Calves	139.00	169.00	180.00
Milk Cows ²	(NA)	1,460.00	(NA)
Milk (whls)	19.10	19.00	17.90
Eggs (mkt) ³	0.776	0.667	0.669

NA = Information not available.

¹Preliminary ² Prices published January, April, July, and October.

³ Eggs are mid-month prices.

Prices Received Index Summary, United States

Prices Received	Feb 2011	Jan 2012	Feb ¹ 2012	Feb 2011	Jan 2012	Feb ¹ 2012
	1910-14=100			1990-92=100		
	All Products	1083	1195	1141	171	188
Crops	992	1049	1011	200	212	204
Feed Grains & Hay ...	1248	1173	1215	228	214	222
Oilseeds	828	932	939	232	261	263
Lvstk	1103	1199	1202	144	156	157
Meat Animals	1461	1655	1682	143	163	165
Dairy Prod.	1175	1169	1101	146	145	137

¹ Preliminary

Prices Paid Index Summary, United States

Prices Paid	Dec 2010	Nov 2011	Dec ¹ 2011	Dec 2010	Nov 2011	Dec ¹ 2011
	1910-14=100			1990-92=100		
	Prices Paid ¹	2522	2740	2736	189	206
Feed	974	1090	1077	200	223	221
Lvstk/Poultry ..	1811	2099	2132	142	164	167
Fertilizer	1049	1269	1281	286	346	350
Chemicals	887	909	899	144	147	145
Fuels	2387	2822	2754	309	366	357
Ratio ²	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81	89	86
Parity Ratio ³ ..	38	43	41	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA = Information not available.

¹ Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates. ² Received/Paid ³ Ratio of index of prices received to index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates.

2011 Oats County Estimates, Iowa

[Some county data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. However, this unpublished data is included in "other counties".]

County and District	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	Production
	2011 (Acres)	2011 (Acres)	2011 (Bushels)	2011 (Bushels)
Palo Alto	1,200	1,180	94.1	111,000
Plymouth	900	580	84.5	49,000
Pocahontas	700	660	88.6	58,500
Sioux	600	340	77.4	26,300
Other counties	2,400	1,240	80.0	99,200
Northwest	5,800	4,000	86.0	344,000
Butler	900	760	68.4	52,000
Floyd	600	260	66.5	17,300
Franklin	500	420	72.9	30,600
Mitchell	700	610	81.3	49,600
Other counties	3,200	2,150	80.2	172,500
North Central	5,900	4,200	76.7	322,000
Black Hawk	600	330	51.2	16,900
Bremer	900	410	82.9	34,000
Buchanan	900	210	69.0	14,500
Howard	1,300	900	72.2	65,000
Other counties	30,300	14,150	69.0	976,600
Northeast	34,000	16,000	69.2	1,107,000
Sac	600	220	93.6	20,600
Shelby	600	220	77.7	17,100
Other counties	5,600	2,260	71.8	162,300
West Central	6,800	2,700	74.1	200,000
Jasper	1,500	160	49.4	7,900
Marshall	800	430	47.0	20,200
Poweshiek	2,200	340	67.4	22,900
Tama	1,700	330	59.7	19,700
Webster	500	400	73.8	29,500
Other counties	2,900	1,540	70.0	107,800
Central	9,600	3,200	65.0	208,000
Benton	1,400	650	68.3	44,400
Cedar	800	420	54.8	23,000
Clinton	1,300	600	62.3	37,400
Johnson	1,400	750	55.7	41,800
Jones	1,900	1,150	50.0	57,500
Muscatine	900	370	51.4	19,000
Scott	700	410	69.0	28,300
Other counties	7,500	3,050	68.7	209,600
East Central	15,900	7,400	62.3	461,000
Adair	2,700	510	66.9	34,100
Cass	1,200	460	67.6	31,100
Taylor	1,200	410	48.8	20,000
Other counties	4,900	1,620	65.3	105,800
Southwest	10,000	3,000	63.7	191,000
Clarke	2,100	770	51.0	39,300
Marion	2,000	440	40.5	17,800
Ringgold	2,700	1,480	39.8	58,900
Warren	1,500	400	33.0	13,200
Other counties	11,500	3,310	45.9	151,800
South Central	19,800	6,400	43.9	281,000
Davis	1,400	260	37.3	9,700
Henry	700	100	57.0	5,700
Jefferson	900	370	48.9	18,100
Louisa	600	260	49.6	12,900
Mahaska	1,700	440	55.7	24,500
Van Buren	1,400	660	33.6	22,200
Wapello	1,000	170	40.6	6,900
Washington	1,400	460	43.0	19,800
Other counties	3,100	380	42.6	16,200
Southeast	12,200	3,100	43.9	136,000
State	120,000	50,000	65.0	3,250,000

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Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, January 2011 and 2012

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	Change from 2011
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Illinois	98	100	1,660	1,710	163	171	4.9
Indiana	172	175	1,710	1,775	294	311	5.8
Iowa	210	205	1,775	1,860	373	381	2.1
Kansas	123	123	1,775	1,800	218	221	1.4
Michigan	363	371	1,960	1,970	711	731	2.8
Minnesota	470	465	1,630	1,655	766	770	0.5
Missouri	95	93	1,240	1,270	118	118	
Ohio	270	270	1,620	1,640	437	443	1.4
Wisconsin	1,265	1,265	1,735	1,800	2,195	2,277	3.7
23-State Total ³	8,405	8,498	1,811	1,857	15,219	15,782	3.7

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ As of February 2009, the 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

All Layers and Egg Production: Selected States, January 2011 and 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Number)	(Number)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)
Indiana	23,091	22,779	23,788	23,468	2,333	2,331	555	547	542	535
Iowa	52,510	50,807	53,349	51,732	2,315	2,324	1,235	1,202	1,223	1,186
Minnesota	9,923	9,599	10,397	10,105	2,318	2,345	241	237	233	228
Nebraska	9,266	9,054	9,316	9,104	2,480	2,559	231	233	231	233
North Carolina	5,766	5,789	13,451	12,727	2,044	2,090	275	266	138	138
Ohio	27,853	27,716	28,363	28,248	2,316	2,312	657	653	(D)	(D)
United States	279,508	279,584	342,266	337,527	2,289	2,319	7,833	7,827	6,736	6,783

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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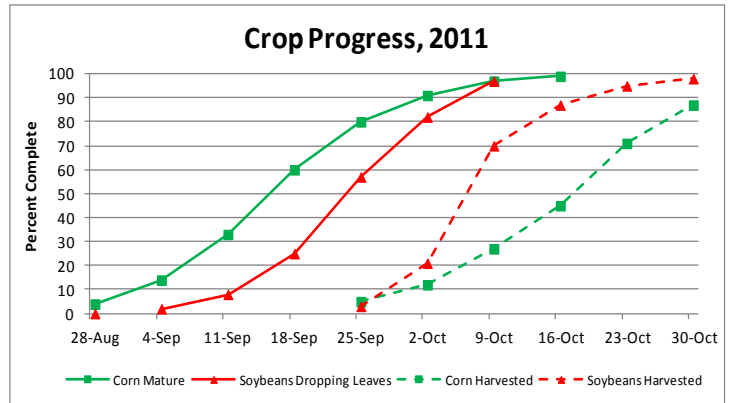
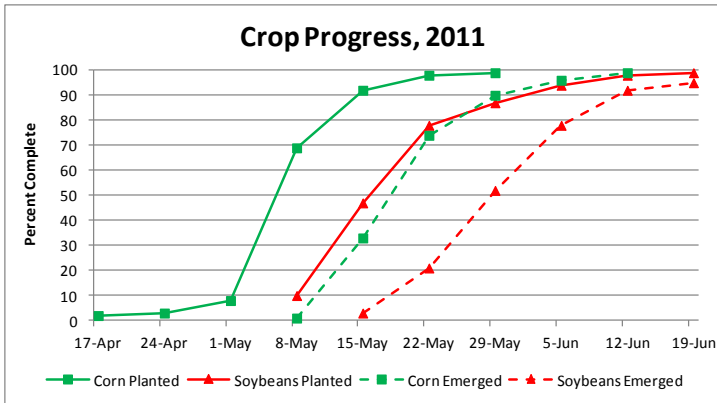
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