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CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa Egg production during March 2015 was 1.41 billion eggs, up 10 percent from last month, and up 4 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* release from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The total number of layers on hand during March was 59.5 million, virtually unchanged from last month, but up slightly from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of March were 2,376, up 11 percent from February, and up 3 percent from 2,300 last year.

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Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: February 2014 and 2015

[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	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,465	1,465	9,273	9,278	1,920	1,951	178	181	38	37
Arkansas	3,622	3,756	11,858	12,730	2,066	2,113	245	269	91	99
California	16,402	12,718	16,832	13,212	2,412	2,422	406	320	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,497	3,926	4,871	4,338	2,546	2,444	124	106	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	2,272	2,272	2,366	2,365	2,367	2,368	56	56	(D)	(D)
Florida	8,181	8,755	8,548	9,148	2,422	2,405	207	220	202	216
Georgia	9,585	9,875	18,395	18,813	2,196	2,158	404	406	236	235
Illinois	4,547	4,373	5,015	4,820	2,413	2,344	121	113	116	109
Indiana	26,473	25,416	27,392	26,327	2,461	2,355	674	620	657	602
Iowa	58,048	58,226	59,210	59,466	2,300	2,376	1,362	1,413	1,345	1,394
Maine	3,496	3,496	3,551	3,551	2,450	2,450	87	87	(D)	(D)
Maryland	2,569	2,444	2,742	2,608	2,407	2,454	66	64	65	63
Michigan	13,044	12,255	13,282	12,508	2,582	2,542	343	318	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,194	11,322	10,616	11,777	2,383	2,462	253	290	247	284
Mississippi	1,530	1,542	5,848	5,749	2,052	2,122	120	122	38	41
Missouri	6,402	6,590	8,675	8,828	2,282	2,390	198	211	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,288	9,436	9,396	9,544	2,522	2,525	237	241	237	241
New York	4,593	4,672	4,949	5,036	2,526	2,542	125	128	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	5,627	6,754	13,032	14,509	2,149	2,164	280	314	143	170
Ohio	29,224	30,275	30,085	31,137	2,463	2,438	741	759	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,168	2,305	2,307	2,444	2,514	2,660	58	65	58	65
Pennsylvania	23,458	23,617	25,373	25,671	2,503	2,598	635	667	607	636
South Carolina	2,968	3,165	4,210	4,466	2,185	2,284	92	102	71	78
South Dakota	2,503	2,547	2,645	2,689	2,457	2,492	65	67	65	67
Texas	14,696	14,803	18,811	19,008	2,328	2,278	438	433	(D)	(D)
Utah	3,947	4,115	3,985	4,153	2,334	2,408	93	100	93	100
Virginia	1,098	1,183	2,920	3,041	2,123	2,039	62	62	30	29
Washington	6,594	6,994	6,759	7,158	2,397	2,445	162	175	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,223	4,575	4,997	5,356	2,241	2,409	112	129	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	12,994	13,120	22,012	22,100	2,208	2,240	486	495	351	360
United States	295,708	295,992	359,955	361,830	2,342	2,358	8,430	8,533	7,354	7,417

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during March 2015 totaled 408 million pounds, up 4 percent from March 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 209,000 head, was down 1,000 from last month, but was 4,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,950 pounds, up 30 pounds from last March. This is the highest March milk per cow for the state on record.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, February 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change from 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	192	195	2,230	2,225	428	434	1.4
California	1,781	1,779	2,140	2,080	3,811	3,700	-2.9
Colorado	141	145	2,100	2,165	296	314	6.1
Florida	123	125	1,925	1,965	237	246	3.8
Idaho	570	580	2,030	2,020	1,157	1,172	1.3
Illinois	94	95	1,755	1,770	165	168	1.8
Indiana	176	181	1,875	1,895	330	343	3.9
Iowa	205	209	1,920	1,950	394	408	3.6
Kansas	138	144	1,895	1,945	262	280	6.9
Michigan	381	403	2,090	2,115	796	852	7.0
Minnesota	459	460	1,700	1,770	780	814	4.4
New Mexico	323	323	2,210	2,125	714	686	-3.9
New York	615	617	1,885	1,900	1,159	1,172	1.1
Ohio	266	268	1,730	1,745	460	468	1.7
Oregon	125	125	1,800	1,775	225	222	-1.3
Pennsylvania	531	530	1,750	1,775	929	941	1.3
South Dakota	96	102	1,845	1,900	177	194	9.6
Texas	455	463	1,965	1,920	894	889	-0.6
Utah	95	96	1,905	1,950	181	187	3.3
Vermont	131	132	1,730	1,720	227	227	-
Virginia	93	92	1,680	1,710	156	157	0.6
Washington	270	277	2,080	2,050	562	568	1.1
Wisconsin	1,270	1,275	1,850	1,910	2,350	2,435	3.6
23-State Total	8,530	8,616	1,957	1,959	16,690	16,877	1.1

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,305,000 on April 1, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is up 1 percent from March 1, 2015, and up 3 percent from April 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 670,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 635,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but up 7 percent from last year.

Placements during March totaled 150,000 head, an increase of 2 percent from last month and up 24 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 90,000 head, up 6 percent from last month and up 27 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 60,000 head. This is down 3 percent from last month but up 20 percent from last year.

Marketings for March were 136,000 head, up 19 percent from last month but down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 79,000 head, up 7 percent from last month and up 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 57,000 head, up 43 percent from last month but down 21 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 4,000 head.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle on Feed, February 1, 2015	660	635	1,295
February Placements	90	60	150
February Marketings	79	57	136
February Other Disappearance	1	3	4
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2015	670	635	1,305

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

[Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.]

State	Cattle on Feed March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona	277	241	87	30	25	83	24	21	88	1	6	600
California	475	445	94	53	55	104	70	46	66	8	4	50
Colorado	950	890	94	165	150	91	130	140	108	5	10	200
Idaho	205	230	112	34	30	88	33	29	88	1	1	100
Iowa	670	670	100	71	90	127	69	79	114	2	1	50
Kansas	2,090	2,110	101	390	410	105	345	370	107	15	10	67
Minnesota	135	146	108	18	23	128	16	21	131	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,470	2,530	102	410	440	107	395	395	100	15	15	100
Oklahoma	275	285	104	52	49	94	46	38	83	1	1	100
South Dakota	225	235	104	42	33	79	35	32	91	2	1	50
Texas	2,500	2,470	99	470	420	89	430	385	90	10	15	150
Washington	200	225	113	31	39	126	29	28	97	2	1	50
Other States	320	320	100	35	45	129	38	47	124	2	3	150
United States	10,792	10,797	100	1,801	1,809	100	1,660	1,631	98	65	69	106

¹ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2014-2015

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	April 1, 2014	January 1, 2015	April 1, 2015	April 1, 2014	January 1, 2015	April 1, 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	272	246	237	5	3	4
California	435	395	410	40	30	35
Colorado	630	580	610	320	320	280
Idaho	120	140	150	85	90	80
Iowa	490	490	520	180	150	150
Kansas	1,130	1,100	1,190	960	950	920
Minnesota	103	109	128	32	28	18
Nebraska	1,690	1,620	1,830	780	840	700
Oklahoma	180	170	200	95	85	85
South Dakota	135	145	150	90	85	85
Texas	1,550	1,600	1,680	950	900	790
Washington	125	123	140	75	87	85
Other States	215	230	210	105	110	110
United States	7,075	6,948	7,455	3,717	3,678	3,342

HAY COUNTY ESTIMATES

ALFALFA: Jackson County was Iowa's largest Dry Alfalfa Hay producing county in 2014, with 108,600 tons, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dubuque County also topped 100,000 tons, with 104,200 tons produced. Other top producing counties were Ringgold (99,100 tons), Clayton (96,700 tons), Allamakee (87,800 tons), and Winneshiek (82,400 tons).

Statewide, 2014 Alfalfa yields were up 0.30 ton from 2013, to 3.60 tons per acre. Howard County had the highest published average yield, at 4.50 tons per acre, followed by Lyon County at 4.40 tons per acre. Fayette, Delaware, and Plymouth rounded out the top 5, each recording an average yield of 4.35 tons per acre. Madison County recorded the lowest published yield, at 2.65 tons per acre. Wapello (2.85) also recorded an average yield below 3.00 tons per acre.

OTHER HAY: Davis County was Iowa's largest producer of Other Dry Hay (excluding Alfalfa) in 2014 with 44,700 tons. Other top producing counties were Decatur and Lucas Counties, with 35,300 tons and 32,000 tons respectively.

Other hay yields averaged 2.20 tons per acre across the State in 2014, unchanged from 2013. Webster County had the highest published average yield, at 3.05 tons per acre. Marshall (2.80), Polk (2.75), Wapello (2.65), and Des Moines (2.65) rounded out the top 5. Four counties had published yields under 2.00 tons per acre per acre in 2014. Boone and Harrison recorded the lowest yield, at 1.80 tons per acre. Dallas (1.85) and Monroe (1.95) also recorded average yields below 2.00 tons per acre.

Alfalfa Hay Harvested, Yield, and Production – Iowa by County: 2013-2014 (continued)

County and District	Area Harvested	Yield	Production	County and District	Area Harvested	Yield	Production
	(acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)		(acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)
Clay	3,710	3.70	13,800	Benton	9,670	3.70	35,900
Dickinson	3,830	3.60	13,800	Clinton	10,300	3.45	35,400
Lyon	4,720	4.40	20,800	Iowa	12,300	4.05	49,800
O'Brien	2,890	4.00	11,500	Jackson	26,300	4.15	108,600
Palo Alto	2,640	3.20	8,400	Johnson	14,600	3.60	52,800
Plymouth	9,740	4.35	42,500	Jones	10,300	4.05	41,600
Pocahontas	1,350	3.80	5,100	Linn	13,800	3.70	51,300
Sioux	(D)	(D)	(D)	Muscatine	5,190	3.55	18,500
Other Counties	13,420	3.60	48,000	Scott	(D)	(D)	(D)
Northwest	42,300	3.85	163,900	Other Counties.....	12,540	4.05	50,600
				East Central	115,000	3.85	444,500
Floyd	5,640	3.30	18,600				
Franklin	1,930	3.45	6,700	Adair	15,400	3.65	56,700
Hancock	3,340	3.05	10,200	Adams	8,800	(D)	(D)
Humboldt	1,090	3.50	3,800	Cass	12,500	(D)	(D)
Mitchell	(D)	(D)	(D)	Fremont	1,700	3.70	6,500
Winnebago	1,900	3.20	6,100	Mills	2,600	3.50	10,000
Worth	2,650	3.35	8,900	Montgomery	6,400	(D)	(D)
Wright	1,210	3.05	3,700	Page	5,800	3.80	27,900
Other Counties	13,340	3.50	47,000	Taylor	(D)	3.40	37,100
North Central	31,100	3.40	105,000	Other Counties.....	13,800	3.45	108,000
				Southwest	67,000	3.55	246,200
Allamakee	21,800	4.05	87,800				
Bremer	6,940	3.65	25,200	Clarke	14,900	3.60	44,900
Buchanan	5,060	3.25	16,500	Decatur	(D)	3.40	44,600
Clayton	23,400	4.15	96,700	Lucas	13,100	3.20	40,500
Delaware	13,300	4.35	58,100	Madison	13,900	2.65	41,600
Dubuque	27,400	3.80	104,200	Marion	12,200	(D)	(D)
Fayette	15,700	4.35	68,400	Monroe	11,700	3.15	44,900
Howard	5,880	4.50	26,500	Ringgold	19,400	3.90	99,100
Winneshiek	23,100	3.55	82,400	Union	17,100	3.20	63,700
Other Counties	11,320	3.55	40,300	Warren	14,800	(D)	(D)
Northeast	153,900	3.95	606,100	Wayne	14,100	3.10	46,200
				Other Counties.....	25,300	3.35	144,100
Calhoun	(D)	(D)	(D)	South Central	156,500	3.30	569,600
Crawford	7,570	3.90	29,400				
Greene	3,210	3.00	9,700	Des Moines	4,400	3.00	15,900
Sac	(D)	(D)	(D)	Louisa	3,300	(D)	(D)
Other Counties	52,220	3.60	188,400	Van Buren	13,700	3.20	44,500
West Central	63,000	3.60	227,500	Wapello	8,600	2.85	34,700
				Washington	7,400	3.60	32,400
Boone	(D)	(D)	(D)	Other Counties.....	45,800	3.45	194,100
Grundy	2,010	3.75	7,500	Southeast	83,200	3.30	321,600
Hamilton	2,080	3.15	6,600				
Hardin	3,500	3.60	12,600	State	730,000	3.60	2,916,000
Jasper	10,200	3.85	39,500				
Marshall	(D)	(D)	(D)				
Polk	4,480	3.15	14,000				
Poweshiek	9,410	3.50	33,100				
Story	(D)	(D)	(D)				
Tama	11,800	4.10	48,600				
Webster	2,400	3.60	8,600				
Other Counties	20,720	2.95	61,100				
Central	66,600	3.50	231,600				

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