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CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa Egg production during April 2015 was 1.30 billion eggs, down 8 percent from last month, and down 4 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* report from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of **all layers on hand during April 2015** was 56.1 million, down 6 percent from March, and down 5 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for April were 2,319, down 2 percent from March, but up 1 percent from last year.

In April, avian influenza affected a number of Iowa flocks. Losses resulting from the disease are reflected in these estimates. The June 22nd *Chicken and Egg* report will reflect average inventory for the month of May. Additional information about the current avian influenza situation in the United States is available at www.usda.gov/avian_influenza.html.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During April 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	1,470	1,415	9,434	9,551	1,855	1,864	175	178	36	34
Arkansas	3,613	3,719	11,962	13,083	2,006	2,048	240	268	88	95
California	16,335	12,733	16,764	13,226	2,309	2,351	387	311	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,410	4,172	4,783	4,621	2,530	2,316	121	107	(D)	(D)
Connecticut ¹	2,296	(NA)	2,390	(NA)	2,343	(NA)	56	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida	8,106	8,688	8,488	9,052	2,344	2,254	199	204	194	200
Georgia	9,655	9,785	18,474	18,860	2,127	2,089	393	394	231	225
Illinois	4,414	4,403	4,882	4,862	2,417	2,283	118	111	113	107
Indiana	26,300	25,204	27,258	26,119	2,374	2,324	647	607	630	590
Iowa	58,019	54,876	59,206	56,105	2,297	2,319	1,360	1,301	1,343	1,282
Maine ¹	3,476	(NA)	3,531	(NA)	2,351	(NA)	83	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland	2,658	2,278	2,829	2,441	2,298	2,376	65	58	64	57
Michigan	12,885	12,457	13,123	12,710	2,484	2,478	326	315	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,258	11,175	10,696	11,629	2,291	2,408	245	280	240	274
Mississippi	1,530	1,516	5,805	5,738	1,964	2,022	114	116	36	37
Missouri	6,414	6,630	8,681	8,850	2,292	2,316	199	205	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,351	9,353	9,459	9,461	2,442	2,473	231	234	231	234
New York	4,655	4,528	5,014	4,889	2,413	2,454	121	120	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	5,744	6,417	13,289	14,162	2,032	2,125	270	301	139	162
Ohio	29,851	30,826	30,717	31,687	2,315	2,345	711	743	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,178	2,199	2,317	2,338	2,546	2,524	59	59	59	59
Pennsylvania	23,240	23,559	25,114	25,567	2,429	2,542	610	650	583	620
South Carolina	2,993	3,089	4,254	4,417	2,163	2,151	92	95	71	72
South Dakota	2,550	2,518	2,692	2,660	2,192	2,444	59	65	59	65
Texas	14,658	14,845	18,750	18,892	2,229	2,213	418	418	(D)	(D)
Utah	3,944	4,111	3,982	4,149	2,310	2,314	92	96	92	96
Virginia	1,250	1,269	3,048	3,123	2,100	1,921	64	60	32	28
Washington	6,802	6,881	6,967	7,046	2,297	2,455	160	173	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,254	4,375	5,027	5,154	2,347	2,328	118	120	(D)	(D)
Other States ²	12,944	18,928	21,890	28,063	2,156	2,220	472	623	342	488
United States	296,253	291,949	360,826	358,455	2,274	2,291	8,205	8,212	7,160	7,114

(NA) Not available. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Included in Other States in 2015. ² Includes data for states not published in this table.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,280,000 on May 1, 2015 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is down 2 percent from April 1, 2015, but up 2 percent from May 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 660,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 620,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year.

Placements during April totaled 118,000 head, a decrease of 21 percent from last month and 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 63,000 head, down 30 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head. This is down 8 percent from last month and down 11 percent from last year.

Marketings for April were 138,000 head, up 1 percent from last month but down 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 72,000 head, down 9 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 66,000 head, up 16 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 5,000 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, April 1, 2015	670		635		1,305	
April Placements	63		55		118	
April Marketing	72		66		138	
April Other Disappearance	1		4		5	
Cattle on Feed, May 1, 2015	660		620		1,280	

Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2014-2015

[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 May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			April 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	240	87	26	24	92	25	24	96	1	1	100
California	450	450	100	57	49	86	67	40	60	15	4	27
Colorado	940	900	96	130	145	112	130	120	92	10	15	150
Idaho	205	235	115	27	30	111	26	24	92	1	1	100
Iowa	660	660	100	69	63	91	76	72	95	3	1	33
Kansas	2,010	2,060	102	325	315	97	385	355	92	20	10	50
Minnesota	137	145	106	16	11	69	13	11	85	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,460	2,500	102	420	390	93	415	405	98	15	15	100
Oklahoma	255	270	106	43	34	79	62	48	77	1	1	100
South Dakota	220	240	109	28	28	100	30	21	70	3	2	67
Texas	2,430	2,410	99	420	385	92	480	435	91	10	10	100
Washington	190	230	121	27	42	156	36	35	97	1	2	200
Other States	320	300	94	35	32	91	33	49	148	2	3	150
United States	10,554	10,640	101	1,623	1,548	95	1,778	1,639	92	83	66	80

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

PRICES

The average price received by farmers for **corn** during April in Iowa was \$3.74 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This is down \$0.09 from the March price, and \$1.02 lower than April 2014.

The April 2015 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$9.58 per bushel, was \$0.18 less than the March price and \$4.72 lower than the April 2014 price.

The April average **oat** price per bushel was \$3.61, up \$0.34 from March, but \$1.20 below April 2014.

All hay prices in Iowa averaged \$123.00 per ton in April, \$32.00 per ton less than April 2014. **Alfalfa hay** prices fell \$40.00 per ton from one year ago, to \$135.00 and **other hay** prices were \$15.00 per ton lower than last year, at \$95.00.

The April average price was \$16.90 per cwt for **milk**, down \$0.20 per cwt from the March price, and \$9.20 per cwt below one year ago.

Prices Received by Farmers - Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Corn	4.76	3.83	3.74	4.71	3.81	3.75
Hay, all, baled	155.00	129.00	123.00	188.00	160.00	173.00
Alfalfa	175.00	140.00	135.00	207.00	172.00	184.00
Other	110.00	96.00	95.00	156.00	136.00	142.00
Oats	4.81	3.27	3.61	3.96	2.91	2.81
Soybeans	14.30	9.76	9.58	14.30	9.84	9.70
Milk, all	26.10	17.10	16.90	25.30	16.60	16.50

