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Iowa **egg production** during August 2015 was 769 million eggs, down 1 percent from last month, and down 45 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 August 2015 was 33.8 million, up fractionally from last month, but down 43 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for August were 2,278, down 1 percent from last month, and down 4 percent from last year.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During August 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	1,508	1,518	9,199	9,620	1,978	2,006	182	193	38	41
Arkansas	3,620	3,761	12,367	13,252	2,102	2,053	260	272	91	90
California	15,429	12,924	15,837	13,435	2,349	2,337	372	314	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,537	4,191	4,910	4,644	2,525	2,562	124	119	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	2,280	(NA)	2,374	(NA)	2,527	(NA)	60	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida	8,185	8,484	8,608	8,884	2,323	2,330	200	207	194	202
Georgia	9,453	9,681	18,118	18,458	2,175	2,183	394	403	224	229
Illinois	4,424	4,275	4,914	4,753	2,503	2,293	123	109	118	104
Indiana	26,532	25,977	27,524	26,949	2,347	2,386	646	643	627	623
Iowa	58,024	32,601	59,189	33,752	2,369	2,278	1,402	769	1,386	752
Maine	3,445	(NA)	3,500	(NA)	2,286	(NA)	80	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland	2,595	2,527	2,765	2,688	2,459	2,530	68	68	66	66
Michigan	12,757	12,775	12,974	12,991	2,551	2,502	331	325	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,838	8,232	11,295	8,690	2,408	2,348	272	204	265	197
Mississippi	1,397	1,526	5,521	5,667	2,011	2,082	111	118	34	37
Missouri	6,712	6,371	8,951	8,565	2,402	2,265	215	194	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,422	5,754	9,530	5,862	2,581	2,559	246	150	246	150
New York	4,721	4,795	5,079	5,147	2,500	2,526	127	130	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,073	6,839	13,709	14,690	2,108	2,103	289	309	150	160
Ohio	30,030	30,825	30,903	31,677	2,433	2,424	752	768	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,238	2,345	2,377	2,484	2,692	2,657	64	66	64	66
Pennsylvania	23,489	23,750	25,293	25,634	2,515	2,520	636	646	612	619
South Carolina	2,913	2,810	4,136	4,046	2,103	2,373	87	96	66	73
South Dakota	2,519	1,397	2,661	1,539	2,443	2,534	65	39	65	39
Texas	14,668	15,614	18,696	19,696	2,321	2,269	434	447	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,303	4,055	4,341	4,093	2,465	2,516	107	103	107	103
Virginia	1,292	1,123	3,105	2,839	2,158	2,078	67	59	35	27
Washington	6,882	7,093	7,047	7,259	2,427	2,466	171	179	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,250	3,821	5,028	4,599	2,387	2,435	120	112	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	12,876	19,030	21,780	28,210	2,231	2,297	486	648	350	507
United States	297,412	264,094	361,731	330,123	2,347	2,329	8,491	7,690	7,394	6,545

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ¹ 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 1,135,000 on September 1, 2015 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Cattle on Feed report. The inventory is down 3 percent from August 1, 2015 but up 8 percent from September 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 620,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 515,000 head on feed, down 5 percent from last month but up 10 percent from last year.

Placements during August totaled 139,000 head, an increase of 43 percent from last month and up 16 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 70,000 head, down 1 percent from last month but up 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 69,000 head. This is up 165 percent from last month and up 21 percent from last year.

Marketings for August were 169,000 head, up 31 percent from last month and up 18 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 77,000 head, down 4 percent from last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 92,000 head, up 88 percent from last month and up 46 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, August 1, 2015	630	540	1,170
August Placements	70	69	139
August Marketing	77	92	169
August Other Disappearance ²	3	2	5
Cattle on Feed, September 1, 2015	620	515	1,135

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 ¹ September 1			Placements during August			Marketings during August			August Disappearance other than Slaughter ²		
	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	257	241	94	21	21	100	25	17	68	1	2	200
California	415	455	110	40	41	103	40	36	90	5	5	100
Colorado	780	780	100	145	130	90	150	135	90	5	5	100
Idaho	170	215	126	33	36	109	37	40	108	1	1	100
Iowa	580	620	107	63	70	111	80	77	96	3	3	100
Kansas	1,950	1,950	100	410	370	90	345	340	99	15	10	67
Minnesota.....	112	140	125	15	22	147	17	14	82	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,110	2,200	104	425	410	96	440	400	91	15	10	67
Oklahoma	245	250	102	50	50	100	44	49	111	1	1	100
South Dakota ...	175	205	117	35	31	89	34	34	100	1	2	200
Texas	2,450	2,450	100	410	385	94	415	360	87	15	15	100
Washington	180	195	108	44	30	68	33	44	133	1	1	100
Other States	295	285	97	34	36	106	32	42	131	2	4	200
United States....	9,719	9,986	103	1,725	1,632	95	1,692	1,588	94	66	60	91

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

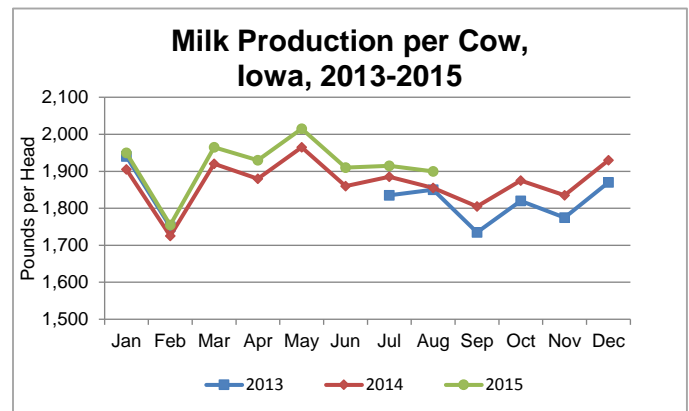
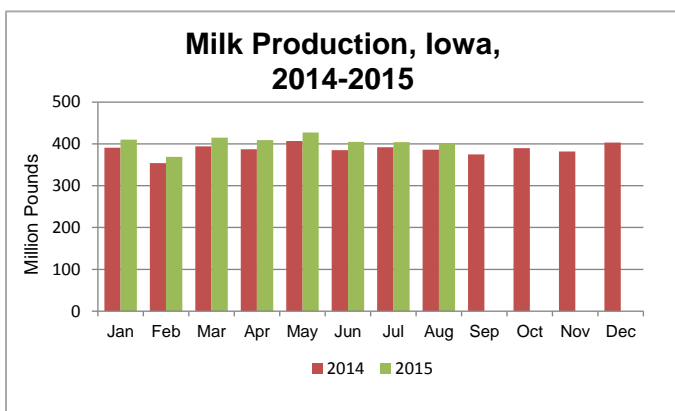
MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during August 2015 totaled 401 million pounds, up 4 percent from August 2014 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. This is the highest August milk production for Iowa since August 1970. The average number of milk cows during August, at 211,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 3,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,900 pounds, up 45 pounds from last August.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, August 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	193	195	1,915	1,940	370	378	2.2
California	1,779	1,778	1,940	1,875	3,451	3,334	-3.4
Colorado	145	145	2,135	2,220	310	322	3.9
Florida	123	125	1,565	1,560	192	195	1.6
Idaho	579	585	2,095	2,090	1,213	1,223	0.8
Illinois	94	94	1,565	1,600	147	150	2.0
Indiana	179	181	1,830	1,840	328	333	1.5
Iowa	208	211	1,855	1,900	386	401	3.9
Kansas	143	144	1,810	1,805	259	260	0.4
Michigan	394	409	2,115	2,120	833	867	4.1
Minnesota.....	460	460	1,660	1,740	764	800	4.7
New Mexico	323	323	2,100	2,010	678	649	-4.3
New York	615	619	1,915	1,950	1,178	1,207	2.5
Ohio	266	266	1,720	1,750	458	466	1.7
Oregon	123	121	1,725	1,700	212	206	-2.8
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,680	1,685	890	893	0.3
South Dakota.....	97	107	1,855	1,905	180	204	13.3
Texas	470	462	1,785	1,790	839	827	-1.4
Utah	96	96	1,990	1,990	191	191	0.0
Vermont	132	132	1,725	1,700	228	224	-1.8
Virginia	93	91	1,580	1,595	147	145	-1.4
Washington	272	274	2,060	2,035	560	558	-0.4
Wisconsin	1,271	1,280	1,865	1,940	2,370	2,483	4.8
23-State Total	8,585	8,628	1,885	1,891	16,184	16,316	0.8

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves



CROP PRODUCTION

Iowa **corn** production is forecast at 2.41 billion bushels, 2 percent above the 2014 production but down slightly from the August forecast according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. If realized, the production would tie 2009 for the highest on record. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 181 bushels per acre, an increase of 3 bushels per acre from last year but down 2 bushels from the August forecast. If realized, the yield will be tied with 2004 and 2009 as the highest on record. Acres harvested for grain remain unchanged at 13.3 million acres.

Soybean production is forecast at 526 million bushels, up 2 percent from the August forecast. If realized, this would be the highest soybean production on record, slightly above the 525 million bushels produced in 2005. The September 1 forecast yield is 53 bushels per acre, 1.5 bushels above 2014 and 1.0 bushel above the August forecast. If realized this would be the highest soybean yield on record, 0.5 bushel above 2005. Area harvested remained unchanged at 9.92 million.

All crop forecasts in this report are based on September 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next production forecasts, based on conditions as of October 1, will be released on October 9.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Iowa and United States: 2014 and Forecasted September 1, 2015

Crop	For Harvest		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 Acres)	(1,000 Acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
IOWA						
Corn(Bu)	13,300	13,300	178.0	181.0	2,367,400	2,407,300
Soybeans(Bu)	9,820	9,920	51.5	53.0	505,730	525,760
UNITED STATES						
Corn(Bu)	83,136	81,101	171.0	167.5	14,215,532	13,584,945
Soybeans(Bu)	83,061	83,549	47.8	47.1	3,968,823	3,935,277

DISTRICT ESTIMATES

Iowa **corn** production is forecast at 2.41 billion bushels according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. If realized, the production is tied for the highest on record, equal to the 2009 production. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 181 bushels per acre, an increase of 3 bushels per acre from last year but down 2 bushels from the August 1 forecast. If realized, the yield will be tied for the highest on record, equal to the high set in 2009. Corn planted and harvested for grain acreage is estimated at 13.7 million and 13.3 million acres, respectively.

Forecasted production and yield are up from 2014 in 4 Iowa districts. Northwest Iowa is anticipated to have the highest yield in the state, with 191 bushels per acre. All three northern Iowa districts are anticipated to have higher yields and production than last year, while all three southern districts are expected to have lower yields and production than last year. The largest increase in yield is expected in North Central Iowa, where yields are anticipated to average 18.1 bushels per acre more than 2014. The largest decrease in yield is expected in Southeast Iowa, where yields are expected to decline 32.6 bushels per acre from 2014.

Soybean production is forecast at 526 million bushels. If realized, this will be the highest soybean production on record, slightly above the 525 million bushels produced in 2005. The September 1 forecast yield is 53 bushels per acre, 1.5 bushels above 2014, and up 1.0 bushel from the August 1 forecast. Iowa farmers planted 10.0 million acres of soybeans and plan to harvest 9.92 million acres.

Production and yield are forecasted to be up from 2014 in 5 Iowa districts. Northwest Iowa is expected to have the highest yield in the state, with 58.5 bushels per acre. Similar to corn, all three northern Iowa districts are anticipated to have higher yields and production than last year, while all three southern districts are expected to have lower yields and production than last year. The largest increase in yield is expected in the Northeast Iowa, where yields are anticipated to average 7.6 bushels per acre more than 2014. The largest decrease in yield is expected in South Central Iowa, where yields are expected to decline 5.1 bushels per acre from 2014.

All crop forecasts in this report are based on conditions on September 1 and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next district corn and soybean production forecasts, based on conditions as of October 1, will be released on October 9.