



## CHICKENS & EGGS

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**Iowa Egg production during September 2015** was 732 million eggs, down 5 percent from last month, down 47 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Ohio produced 739 million eggs to take over the top spot nationally, marking the first time Iowa has not been number one since September 2000.

The average number of **all layers on hand during September 2015** was 33.9 million, up fractionally from last month, but down 43 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for September were 2,160, down 5 percent from last month, and down 7 percent from last year.

### Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During September 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	1,542	9,147	9,750	1,924	1,938	176	189	36	40
Arkansas .....	3,653	3,728	12,299	13,101	2,008	1,962	247	257	84	88
California .....	15,234	12,935	15,648	13,453	2,249	2,297	352	309	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,359	4,217	4,732	4,672	2,473	2,376	117	111	(D)	(D)
Connecticut <sup>1</sup> .....	2,250	(NA)	2,344	(NA)	2,389	(NA)	56	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida .....	8,191	8,557	8,586	8,965	2,213	2,186	190	196	185	191
Georgia .....	9,550	9,872	18,151	18,692	2,116	2,129	384	398	220	228
Illinois .....	4,417	4,426	4,905	4,903	2,508	2,386	123	117	118	112
Indiana .....	26,599	27,978	27,557	28,957	2,254	2,297	621	665	603	646
<b>Iowa</b> .....	<b>58,415</b>	<b>32,756</b>	<b>59,550</b>	<b>33,894</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>717</b>
Maine <sup>1</sup> .....	3,476	(NA)	3,531	(NA)	2,237	(NA)	79	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland .....	2,585	2,515	2,754	2,683	2,360	2,423	65	65	64	64
Michigan .....	12,766	12,554	12,982	12,771	2,511	2,490	326	318	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	10,813	8,791	11,270	9,249	2,289	2,195	258	203	252	197
Mississippi .....	1,422	1,534	5,457	5,627	1,942	2,008	106	113	32	36
Missouri .....	6,549	6,657	8,817	8,825	2,359	2,176	208	192	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	9,342	5,612	9,450	5,720	2,508	2,483	237	142	237	142
New York .....	4,701	4,938	5,053	5,289	2,434	2,439	123	129	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	6,180	6,711	13,653	14,392	2,036	2,091	278	301	144	158
Ohio .....	30,104	30,717	30,974	31,569	2,254	2,341	698	739	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	2,184	2,298	2,323	2,437	2,626	2,503	61	61	61	61
Pennsylvania .....	23,702	23,919	25,582	25,805	2,443	2,438	625	629	600	603
South Carolina .....	2,996	2,960	4,214	4,212	2,088	2,255	88	95	68	72
South Dakota .....	2,484	1,404	2,626	1,546	2,475	2,329	65	36	65	36
Texas .....	14,760	15,644	18,782	19,635	2,156	2,144	405	421	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	4,432	4,157	4,470	4,195	2,371	2,408	106	101	106	101
Virginia .....	1,283	1,167	3,092	2,890	2,102	2,180	65	63	33	32
Washington .....	6,863	6,846	7,028	7,012	2,305	2,467	162	173	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	4,344	3,977	5,121	4,754	2,304	2,335	118	111	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	12,857	19,086	21,715	28,270	2,151	2,221	467	628	335	490
United States .....	298,019	267,498	361,813	333,268	2,262	2,249	8,186	7,494	7,126	6,396

(NA) Not available. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.  
<sup>1</sup> Included in Other States in 2015. <sup>2</sup> 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 1,110,000 on October 1, 2015 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Cattle on Feed report. The inventory is down 2 percent from September 1, 2015 but up 8 percent from October 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 600,000 head on feed, down 3 percent from last month but up 7 percent from last year. This is the highest October 1 inventory for feedlots with greater than 1,000 head inventory on record since the series began in 1994. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 510,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month but up 9 percent from last year.

**Placements** during September totaled 144,000 head, an increase of 4 percent from last month but down 25 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 85,000 head, up 21 percent from last month but down 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 59,000 head. This is down 14 percent from last month and down 37 percent from last year.

**Marketings** for September were 163,000 head, down 4 percent from last month and down 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 101,000 head, up 31 percent from last month but down 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 62,000 head, down 33 percent from last month and down 31 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 6,000 head.

**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 <sup>1</sup> October 1			Placements during September			Marketings during September			September Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	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 .....	252	240	95	20	18	90	24	17	71	1	2	200
California .....	415	460	111	43	48	112	38	38	100	5	5	100
Colorado .....	820	830	101	200	210	105	155	155	100	5	5	100
Idaho .....	195	220	113	64	49	77	38	43	113	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>80</b>
Kansas .....	2,010	2,020	100	400	400	100	325	320	98	15	10	67
Minnesota.....	113	138	122	20	17	85	18	18	100	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,230	2,270	102	530	510	96	400	430	108	10	10	100
Oklahoma .....	245	255	104	55	52	95	54	46	85	1	1	100
South Dakota ...	180	205	114	50	43	86	42	42	100	3	1	33
Texas .....	2,470	2,490	101	445	420	94	410	365	89	15	15	100
Washington .....	190	195	103	43	36	84	32	35	109	1	1	100
Other States ....	305	295	97	45	43	96	33	32	97	2	1	50
United States....	9,985	10,218	102	2,014	1,931	96	1,683	1,642	98	65	57	88

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

**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, September 1, 2015 .....	620	515	1,135
September Placements .....	85	59	144
September Marketing .....	101	62	163
September Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	4	2	6
Cattle on Feed, October 1, 2015 .....	600	510	1,110

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

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	October 1, 2014	July 1, 2015	October 1, 2015	October 1, 2014	July 1, 2015	October 1, 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	249	236	236	3	4	4
California .....	365	425	430	50	35	30
Colorado .....	520	560	570	300	270	260
Idaho .....	110	150	145	85	75	75
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>
Kansas .....	1,050	1,030	1,100	960	910	920
Minnesota.....	96	126	118	17	15	20
Nebraska .....	1,460	1,570	1,520	770	710	750
Oklahoma .....	165	190	180	80	70	75
South Dakota ...	102	142	118	78	88	87
Texas .....	1,590	1,650	1,740	880	830	750
Washington .....	110	135	120	80	80	75
Other States ....	200	205	200	105	90	95
United States....	6,447	6,909	6,927	3,538	3,327	3,291

**PRICES**

**Prices Received by Farmers - Iowa and United States**

	Iowa			United States		
	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Corn .....	3.51	3.67	3.57	3.49	3.68	3.68
Hay, all, baled .....	139.00	109.00	110.00	172.00	145.00	145.00
Alfalfa .....	146.00	115.00	117.00	197.00	159.00	157.00
Other .....	101.00	85.00	87.00	125.00	115.00	119.00
Oats .....	3.15	2.50	2.62	3.20	2.08	2.03
Soybeans .....	11.00	9.49	8.83	10.90	9.71	9.05
Milk, all .....	26.40	17.30	17.80	25.70	16.70	17.50
Milk Cows <sup>1</sup> .....	2,100.00	2,050.00	1,980.00	2,120.00	2,030.00	1,980.00

<sup>1</sup> Prices are for October 1, 2014, July 1, 2015, and October 1, 2015. Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only.