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## OATS COUNTY ESTIMATES

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In 2015, Winneshiek County was the largest oat-producing county in Iowa at 243,000 bushels, according to estimates released today by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. Allamakee and Jackson were second and third, respectively. Northeast Iowa was the largest oat-producing district with 1,324,000 bushels.

Favorable conditions throughout the growing season led to generally higher yields, particularly in the northern districts. The lowest yielding county was Johnson at 54.9 bushels per acre. Clarke had the second lowest yield at 57.3, with Jackson and Jones also reporting yields less than 60 bushels per acre. The East Central district in Iowa had the largest drop in yield, down 2.1 bushels per acre from 2014.

The highest yielding county was Lyon with a yield of 104 bushels per acre. Cerro Gordo had the second highest yield at 96.5. In 2015, the Northwest and North Central districts both had yields above 90 bushels per acre. Worth County had the greatest increase in yield from 2014, at 56.8 bushels per acre, followed by Mitchell which increased 41.8 bushels.

### Oats: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production – Iowa by County: 2015

County and District	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	Production	County and District	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	Production
	(acres)	(acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)		(acres)	(acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)
Lyon .....	900	680	104.0	70,700	Benton.....	1,300	920	75.4	69,400
O'Brien .....	600	530	68.3	36,200	Clinton.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Osceola .....	500	250	84.0	21,000	Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Plymouth .....	1,000	500	93.6	46,800	Jackson.....	3,800	1,480	57.8	85,500
Sioux .....	800	660	95.3	62,900	Johnson .....	1,600	970	54.9	53,300
Other Counties ....	4,200	2,480	98.5	244,400	Jones .....	2,200	790	59.0	46,600
<b>Northwest.....</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>482,000</b>	Linn .....	1,100	660	69.8	46,100
Cerro Gordo .....	600	480	96.5	46,300	Muscatine.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Floyd .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	Scott.....	700	60	80.0	4,800
Mitchell .....	900	560	87.1	48,800	Other Counties ....	4,900	1,850	71.0	131,300
Worth.....	500	360	95.8	34,500	<b>East Central .....</b>	<b>15,600</b>	<b>6,730</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>437,000</b>
Other Counties ....	4,400	3,260	99.2	323,400	Cass.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
<b>North Central.....</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>4,660</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>453,000</b>	Pottawattamie.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Allamakee.....	6,200	2,760	71.0	196,000	Other Counties ....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Black Hawk.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	<b>Southwest.....</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>
Bremer .....	900	410	79.8	32,700	Appanoose.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Buchanan .....	1,200	800	72.1	57,700	Clarke.....	2,100	510	57.3	29,200
Chickasaw .....	1,100	740	82.0	60,700	Ringgold.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Clayton .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	Union.....	1,700	590	67.8	40,000
Delaware .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	Other Counties ....	13,500	4,120	64.3	264,800
Dubuque.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	<b>South Central.....</b>	<b>17,300</b>	<b>5,220</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>334,000</b>
Fayette .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	Davis.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Howard.....	1,500	1,020	81.5	83,100	Lee.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Winneshiek.....	7,400	3,440	70.6	243,000	Van Buren .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other Counties ....	19,000	10,530	61.8	650,800	Wapello .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
<b>Northeast.....</b>	<b>37,300</b>	<b>19,700</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>1,324,000</b>	Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Audubon.....	900	540	83.7	45,200	Other Counties ....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Carroll.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	<b>Southeast.....</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>
Crawford.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	Other Districts.....	21,800	6,960	66.2	461,000
Green .....	700	200	69.0	13,800	<b>State .....</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>4,161,000</b>
Shelby.....	500	300	73.0	21,900	Boone.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other Counties ....	7,300	2,740	82.5	226,100	Hardin.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
<b>West Central .....</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>3,780</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>307,000</b>	Jasper .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Boone.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	Polk.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hardin.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	Poweshiek.....	1,900	730	75.8	55,300
Jasper .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	Story.....	500	290	71.7	20,800
Polk.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	Tama .....	1,600	910	64.8	59,000
Poweshiek.....	1,900	730	75.8	55,300	Other Counties ....	5,200	2,920	78.0	227,900
Story.....	500	290	71.7	20,800	<b>Central.....</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>74.8</b>	<b>363,000</b>
Tama .....	1,600	910	64.8	59,000					
Other Counties ....	5,200	2,920	78.0	227,900					

## MILK PRODUCTION

**Milk production** in Iowa during November 2015 totaled 387 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous November according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during November, at 210,000 head, was the same as last month but 2,000 head more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,845 pounds, up 10 pounds from a year ago. This is the highest monthly milk per cow for November on record for Iowa.

**Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, November 2014 and 2015**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	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	1,945	1,950	375	380	1.3
California .....	1,780	1,776	1,885	1,805	3,355	3,206	-4.4
Colorado .....	145	146	2,035	2,090	295	305	3.4
Florida .....	123	125	1,535	1,545	189	193	2.1
Idaho .....	579	587	1,925	1,935	1,115	1,136	1.9
Illinois .....	93	94	1,580	1,600	147	150	2.0
Indiana .....	179	184	1,775	1,800	318	331	4.1
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Kansas .....	143	142	1,790	1,775	256	252	-1.6
Michigan .....	399	410	1,970	2,040	786	836	6.4
Minnesota .....	460	460	1,610	1,650	741	759	2.4
New Mexico .....	323	323	1,975	1,910	638	617	-3.3
New York .....	615	620	1,805	1,850	1,110	1,147	3.3
Ohio .....	267	266	1,620	1,635	433	435	0.5
Oregon .....	124	123	1,615	1,600	200	197	-1.5
Pennsylvania .....	530	530	1,615	1,615	856	856	0.0
South Dakota .....	98	109	1,795	1,830	176	199	13.1
Texas .....	470	462	1,785	1,785	839	825	-1.7
Utah .....	96	96	1,865	1,840	179	177	-1.1
Vermont .....	132	131	1,630	1,640	215	215	0.0
Virginia .....	92	90	1,550	1,550	143	140	-2.1
Washington .....	276	276	1,905	1,900	526	524	-0.4
Wisconsin .....	1,273	1,280	1,770	1,835	2,253	2,349	4.3
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,598</b>	<b>8,635</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>1,808</b>	<b>15,527</b>	<b>15,616</b>	<b>0.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves

**CATTLE ON FEED**

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,185,000 head on December 1, 2015, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is up 3 percent from November 1, 2015 and December 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head had 630,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 555,000 head on feed, up 10 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year.

**Placements** during November totaled 219,000 head, a decrease of 8 percent from last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head placed 101,000 head, down 35 percent from last month and down 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 118,000 head. This is up 44 percent from last month and up 7 percent from last year.

**Marketings** for November were 173,000 head, down 13 percent from last month but up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head marketed 107,000 head, down 5 percent from last month but up 13 percent from last year. This marks the highest November marketings for operations with a capacity of 1,000 or more head since estimates began in 1994. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 66,000 head, down 22 percent from last month and down 12 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** for all feedlots totaled 6,000 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, November 1, 2015 .....	640	505	1,145
February Placements .....	101	118	219
February Marketings .....	107	66	173
February Other Disappearance .....	4	2	6
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2015 .....	630	555	1,185

**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 December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>1</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	247	98	26	26	100	19	21	111	5	1	20
California .....	435	455	105	62	50	81	43	45	105	4	5	125
Colorado .....	910	890	98	155	140	90	120	125	104	5	5	100
Idaho .....	220	235	107	43	42	98	32	36	113	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>200</b>
Kansas .....	2,100	2,140	102	320	305	95	285	295	104	15	20	133
Minnesota .....	134	152	113	15	13	87	11	11	100	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,530	2,490	98	475	440	93	370	385	104	15	15	100
Oklahoma .....	260	275	106	45	45	100	43	39	91	2	1	50
South Dakota .....	235	245	104	53	45	85	34	38	112	4	2	50
Texas .....	2,560	2,510	98	385	315	82	360	360	100	15	15	100
Washington .....	225	205	91	49	43	88	37	42	114	2	1	50
Other States .....	335	320	96	39	36	92	26	28	108	3	3	100
United States .....	10,816	10,794	100	1,794	1,601	89	1,475	1,532	104	74	74	100

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