



CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa Egg production during December 2015 was 812 million eggs, up 11 percent from last month, but down 44 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of **all layers on hand during December 2015** was 37.9 million, up 6 percent from last month, but down 37 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for December were 2,140, up 2 percent from last month, but down 12 percent from last year.

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Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During December 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	1,588	1,561	9,274	9,608	1,984	1,978	184	190	41	41
Arkansas	3,786	3,960	12,620	13,727	2,108	2,062	266	283	97	100
California	13,581	11,821	14,080	12,292	2,379	2,351	335	289	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,300	4,118	4,673	4,574	2,440	2,514	114	115	(D)	(D)
Connecticut ¹	2,326	(NA)	2,419	(NA)	2,315	(NA)	56	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida	8,731	8,784	9,112	9,175	2,447	2,376	223	218	218	214
Georgia	10,127	10,462	18,950	19,387	2,211	2,233	419	433	248	258
Illinois	4,509	4,560	4,979	5,018	2,350	2,511	117	126	112	122
Indiana	26,124	29,364	27,009	30,335	2,444	2,469	660	749	644	729
Iowa	58,738	36,733	59,930	37,938	2,423	2,140	1,452	812	1,436	794
Maine ¹	3,478	(NA)	3,533	(NA)	2,378	(NA)	84	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland	2,661	2,638	2,827	2,809	2,441	2,492	69	70	68	69
Michigan	12,878	12,922	13,093	13,138	2,551	2,504	334	329	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	11,108	8,961	11,563	9,418	2,447	2,421	283	228	277	221
Mississippi	1,514	1,471	5,600	5,658	2,107	2,139	118	121	39	38
Missouri	6,837	7,619	9,063	9,789	2,438	2,472	221	242	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,464	7,431	9,572	7,539	2,549	2,175	244	164	244	164
New York	4,809	5,392	5,161	5,763	2,577	2,464	133	142	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,724	6,914	14,404	14,768	2,201	2,235	317	330	175	183
Ohio	30,203	30,786	31,062	31,643	2,450	2,437	761	771	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,144	2,116	2,283	2,255	2,628	2,528	60	57	60	57
Pennsylvania	24,093	23,863	26,031	25,991	2,582	2,516	672	654	643	622
South Carolina	3,012	3,067	4,281	4,338	2,172	2,328	93	101	71	77
South Dakota	2,510	1,447	2,652	1,589	2,564	2,329	68	37	68	37
Texas	15,096	16,368	19,150	20,397	2,355	2,299	451	469	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,407	4,368	4,445	4,406	2,520	2,315	112	102	112	102
Virginia	1,260	1,198	2,948	2,928	2,239	2,322	66	68	35	36
Washington	7,113	6,999	7,278	7,164	2,446	2,443	178	175	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,831	4,453	5,609	5,231	2,460	2,409	138	126	(D)	(D)
Other States ²	13,084	19,215	22,090	28,216	2,277	2,307	503	651	367	516
United States	301,036	278,591	365,691	345,094	2,388	2,333	8,731	8,052	7,633	6,912

(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 1,220,000 on January 1, 2016, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is up 3 percent from December 1, 2015, but unchanged from January 1, 2015. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head had 620,000 on feed, down 2 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 600,000 on feed, up 8 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year.

Placements during December totaled 185,000 head, a decrease of 16 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head placed 90,000, down 11 percent from last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 95,000. This is down 19 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year.

Marketings for December were 142,000 head, down 18 percent from last month but up 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head marketed 97,000, down 9 percent from last month but up 21 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 45,000, down 32 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. **Other disappearance** for all feedlots totaled 8,000 head.

All Cattle on Feed¹, 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, December 1, 2015	630		555		1,185	
November Placements	90		95		185	
November Marketing	97		45		142	
November Other Disappearance ²	3		5		8	
Cattle on Feed, January 1, 2016	620		600		1,220	

¹ Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2015-2016

State	Cattle on Feed January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	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	249	253	102	26	31	119	26	21	81	3	5	167
California	425	450	106	51	49	96	54	49	91	7	5	71
Colorado	900	870	97	130	115	88	135	130	96	5	5	100
Idaho	230	240	104	45	43	96	34	37	109	1	1	100
Iowa	640	620	97	101	90	89	80	97	121	1	3	300
Kansas	2,050	2,090	102	330	335	102	370	370	100	10	15	150
Minnesota	137	155	113	17	16	94	13	12	92	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,460	2,420	98	385	390	101	440	440	100	15	20	133
Oklahoma	255	270	106	36	35	97	39	38	97	2	2	100
South Dakota	230	255	111	27	41	152	30	35	117	2	1	50
Texas	2,500	2,430	97	325	305	94	365	370	101	20	15	75
Washington	210	195	93	30	38	127	42	45	107	3	3	100
Other States	340	325	96	34	37	109	27	30	111	2	2	100
United States	10,626	10,573	100	1,537	1,525	99	1,655	1,674	101	72	78	108

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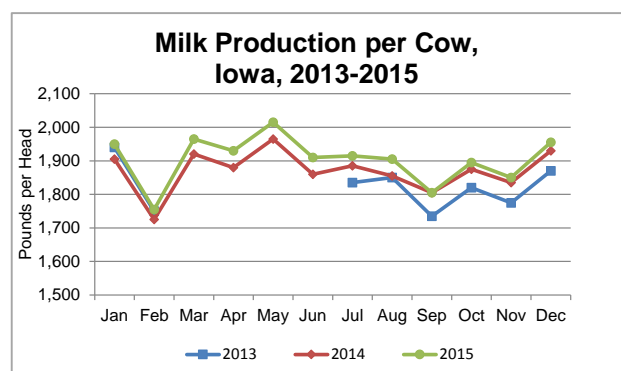
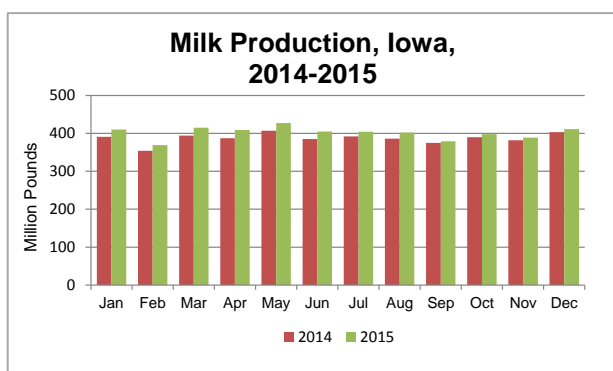
² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2015-2016

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	January 1, 2015	October 1, 2015	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2015	October 1, 2015	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2015	October 1, 2015	January 1, 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	246	236	247	3	4	6	246	236	247
California	395	430	420	30	30	30	395	430	420
Colorado	580	570	590	320	260	280	580	570	590
Idaho	140	145	165	90	75	75	140	145	165
Iowa	490	450	470	150	150	150	490	450	470
Kansas	1,100	1,100	1,160	950	920	930	1,100	1,100	1,160
Minnesota	109	118	127	28	20	28	109	118	127
Nebraska	1,620	1,520	1,560	840	750	860	1,620	1,520	1,560
Oklahoma	170	180	185	85	75	85	170	180	185
South Dakota	145	118	150	85	87	105	145	118	150
Texas	1,600	1,740	1,740	900	750	690	1,600	1,740	1,740
Washington	123	120	125	87	75	70	123	120	125
Other States	230	200	225	110	95	100	230	200	225
United States	6,948	6,927	7,164	3,678	3,291	3,409	6,948	6,927	7,164

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during December 2015 totaled 411 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous December according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 210,000 head, was the same as last month but 1,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,955 pounds, up 25 pounds from last December.



The complete report can be found under Publications on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov