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CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa **egg production** during April 2016 was 1.09 billion eggs, down 17 percent from last year, but up 2 percent from last month, 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 April 2016 was 49.2 million, down 12 percent from last year, but up 3 percent from last month. Eggs per 100 layers for April were 2,203, down 5 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from last month.

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Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: April 2015 and 2016

[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	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,426	1,521	9,462	9,237	1,860	1,895	176	175	34	38
Arkansas	3,935	3,881	13,573	13,983	2,063	2,031	280	284	104	96
California	10,944	11,848	11,437	12,354	2,352	2,356	269	291	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,172	4,339	4,621	4,769	2,316	2,453	107	117	(D)	(D)
Florida	8,688	8,167	9,052	8,615	2,254	2,159	204	186	200	181
Georgia	9,785	9,824	18,855	19,110	2,090	2,088	394	399	225	225
Illinois	4,403	5,003	4,862	5,473	2,283	2,284	111	125	107	120
Indiana	26,468	29,271	27,383	30,308	2,326	2,412	637	731	620	712
Iowa	54,876	47,888	56,106	49,242	2,319	2,203	1,301	1,085	1,282	1,066
Maryland	2,278	2,595	2,441	2,766	2,376	2,386	58	66	57	65
Michigan	12,457	12,893	12,710	13,130	2,478	2,544	315	334	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	11,175	9,311	11,629	9,766	2,408	2,253	280	220	274	214
Mississippi	1,516	1,432	5,705	5,704	2,033	1,981	116	113	37	34
Missouri	7,526	6,901	11,085	10,323	2,346	2,393	260	247	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,353	8,836	9,461	8,944	2,473	2,449	234	219	234	219
New York	4,528	5,303	4,889	5,698	2,454	2,404	120	137	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,417	6,437	14,162	14,096	2,125	2,093	301	295	162	156
Ohio	32,026	31,494	32,887	32,353	2,344	2,321	771	751	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,199	2,319	2,338	2,458	2,524	2,563	59	63	59	63
Pennsylvania	23,702	25,493	25,699	27,632	2,537	2,508	652	693	623	660
South Carolina	3,089	3,232	4,417	4,537	2,151	2,204	95	100	72	77
South Dakota	2,518	1,836	2,660	1,978	2,444	2,376	65	47	65	47
Texas	14,845	16,404	18,892	20,362	2,213	2,185	418	445	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,226	4,357	4,264	4,395	2,298	2,344	98	103	98	103
Virginia	1,269	1,304	3,123	3,044	1,921	2,070	60	63	28	32
Washington	6,881	6,930	7,046	7,095	2,455	2,297	173	163	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,375	4,926	5,114	5,615	2,327	2,351	119	132	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	18,964	19,142	28,083	28,141	2,211	2,217	621	624	488	493
United States	294,041	292,887	361,956	361,128	2,291	2,273	8,294	8,208	7,198	7,096

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.

AG PRICES

The average price received by farmers for **corn** in Iowa was \$3.52 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This is up \$0.05 from the March price, but \$0.22 lower than April 2015.

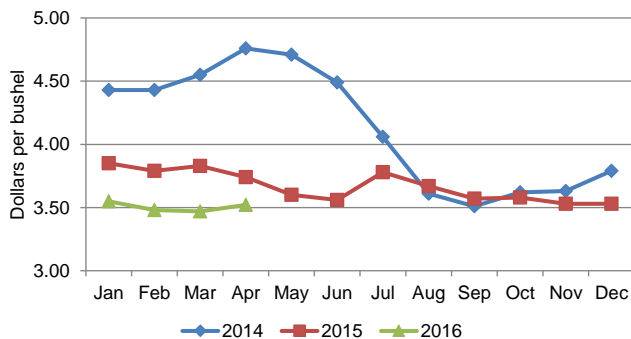
The April 2016 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$8.93 per bushel, was \$0.47 more than the March price, but \$0.65 lower than the April 2015 price.

The April average **oat** price per bushel was \$2.54, down \$0.29 from March, and \$1.08 below April 2015.

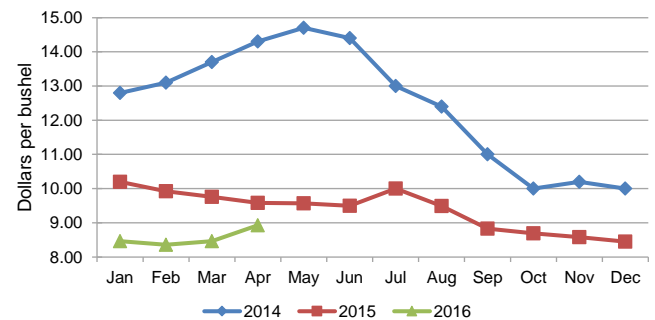
All hay prices in Iowa averaged \$98.00 per ton in April, \$26.00 per ton less than April 2015. **Alfalfa hay** prices fell \$27.00 per ton from one year ago, to \$104.00 and **other hay** prices were \$14.00 per ton lower than last year, at \$83.00.

The April average price was \$15.30 per cwt for **milk**, down \$0.20 from March, and \$1.60 per cwt below one year ago.

Corn Price Received by Farmers - Iowa



Soybean Price Received by Farmers - Iowa

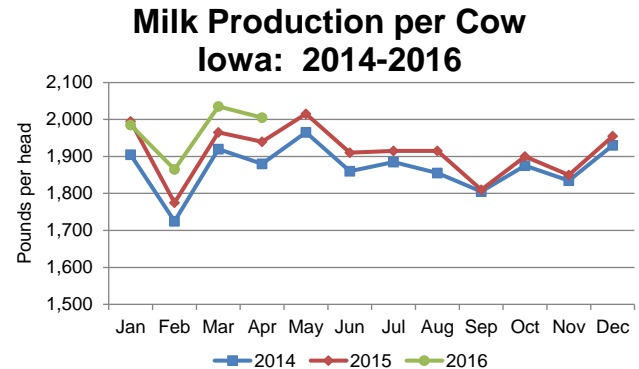
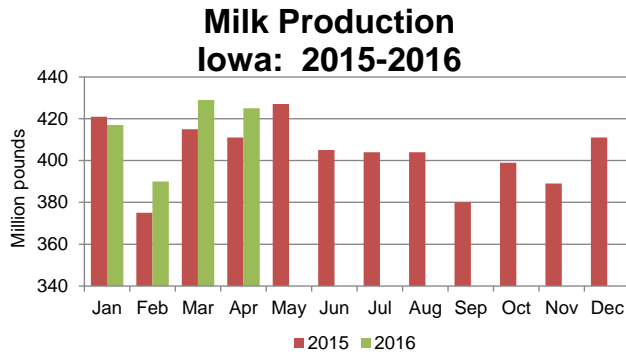


Prices Received by Farmers – Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Cornbu	3.74	3.47	3.52	3.75	3.57	3.58
Hay, all, baledton	124.00	97.00	98.00	168.00	138.00	146.00
Alfalfaton	131.00	102.00	104.00	183.00	144.00	153.00
Otherton	97.00	82.00	83.00	140.00	126.00	130.00
Oatsbu	3.62	2.83	2.54	2.82	2.20	1.95
Soybeansbu	9.58	8.46	8.93	9.69	8.56	9.04
Milk, allcwt	16.90	15.50	15.30	16.50	15.30	15.00

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during April 2016 totaled 425 million pounds, up 3 percent from the previous April according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during April, at 212,000 head, was 1,000 more than last month but unchanged from a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,005 pounds, up 65 pounds from last April.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: April 2015 and 2016

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2015 (percent)
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	
Arizona	195	198	2,200	2,190	429	434	1.2
California	1,779	1,773	2,025	1,965	3,602	3,484	-3.3
Colorado	145	149	2,170	2,155	315	321	1.9
Florida	125	124	1,895	1,855	237	230	-3.0
Idaho	585	591	2,005	2,025	1,173	1,197	2.0
Illinois	95	94	1,760	1,790	167	168	0.6
Indiana	181	184	1,875	1,900	339	350	3.2
Iowa	212	212	1,940	2,005	411	425	3.4
Kansas	144	144	1,945	1,940	280	279	-0.4
Michigan	404	417	2,100	2,165	848	903	6.5
Minnesota	460	460	1,720	1,765	791	812	2.7
New Mexico	323	311	2,105	2,110	680	656	-3.5
New York	617	620	1,875	1,965	1,157	1,218	5.3
Ohio	268	266	1,730	1,745	464	464	0.0
Oregon	125	126	1,735	1,745	217	220	1.4
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,745	1,755	925	930	0.5
South Dakota	103	114	1,840	1,840	190	210	10.5
Texas	462	463	1,940	1,965	896	910	1.6
Utah	96	95	1,950	1,945	187	185	-1.1
Vermont	131	131	1,695	1,740	222	228	2.7
Virginia	92	90	1,680	1,665	155	150	-3.2
Washington	277	277	2,020	2,030	560	562	0.4
Wisconsin	1,278	1,279	1,875	1,960	2,396	2,507	4.6
23-State Total	8,627	8,648	1,929	1,948	16,641	16,843	1.2

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,240,000 head on May 1, 2016, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory was down 2 percent from April 1, 2016, and down 3 percent from May 1, 2015. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head had 640,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 600,000 head on feed, down 5 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year.

Placements during April totaled 116,000 head, a decrease of 19 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head placed 78,000 head, down 17 percent from last month but up 24 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 38,000 head. This was down 22 percent from last month and down 31 percent from last year.

Marketings for April were 140,000 head, up 2 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head marketed 75,000 head, down 7 percent from last month but up 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 65,000 head, up 16 percent from last month but down 2 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 6,000 head.

All Cattle on Feed ¹, Iowa

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ capacity		Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity		All feedlots	
	(1,000 head)		(1,000 head)		(1,000 head)	
Cattle on feed, April 1, 2016	640		630		1,270	
March placements	78		38		116	
March marketings	75		65		140	
March other disappearance ²	3		3		6	
Cattle on feed, March 1, 2016	640		600		1,240	

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 ¹ May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			April disappearance other than slaughter ²		
	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15
	(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	240	305	127	24	25	104	24	22	92	1	1	100
California	450	415	92	49	50	102	40	52	130	4	3	75
Colorado	900	900	100	145	145	100	120	135	113	15	10	67
Idaho	235	240	102	30	24	80	24	23	96	1	1	100
Iowa	660	640	97	63	78	124	72	75	104	1	3	300
Kansas	2,060	2,150	104	315	370	117	355	385	108	10	15	150
Minnesota	145	158	109	11	12	109	11	13	118	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,500	2,420	97	390	380	97	405	380	94	15	20	133
Oklahoma	270	300	111	34	56	165	48	50	104	1	1	100
South Dakota ...	240	265	110	28	24	86	21	22	105	2	2	100
Texas	2,410	2,490	103	385	435	113	435	435	100	10	10	100
Washington	230	195	85	42	34	81	35	33	94	2	1	50
Other States	300	305	102	32	31	97	49	33	67	3	8	267
United States....	10,640	10,783	101	1,548	1,664	107	1,639	1,658	101	66	76	115

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