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## CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa **egg production** during November 2016 was 1.30 billion eggs, down slightly from last month, but up 73 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 November 2016 was 54.5 million, up 2 percent from last month, and up 52 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for November were 2,377, down 2 percent from last month, but up 14 percent from last year.

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### Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: November 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 .....	1,568	1,396	9,378	8,885	1,923	1,921	180.3	170.7	39.1	35.8
Arkansas .....	3,971	4,007	13,761	13,678	1,964	2,011	270.3	274.8	97.0	92.6
California .....	11,713	11,121	12,217	11,669	2,244	2,423	274.1	282.7	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,193	4,195	4,671	4,649	2,402	2,471	112.2	114.9	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	8,803	7,931	9,196	8,311	2,244	2,286	206.4	190.0	202.0	186.2
Georgia .....	10,175	9,675	19,107	18,785	2,149	2,113	410.7	397.0	239.2	222.3
Illinois .....	4,647	4,355	5,109	4,819	2,423	2,569	123.8	123.8	119.5	119.4
Indiana .....	29,267	29,310	30,258	30,227	2,409	2,420	728.8	731.5	709.6	714.3
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>34,711</b>	<b>53,300</b>	<b>35,895</b>	<b>54,521</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>2,377</b>	<b>750.9</b>	<b>1,296.0</b>	<b>735.4</b>	<b>1,280.3</b>
Maryland .....	2,480	2,526	2,652	2,696	2,383	2,418	63.2	65.2	61.8	63.8
Michigan .....	12,904	14,000	13,120	14,238	2,457	2,432	322.4	346.3	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	8,861	10,444	9,319	10,902	2,348	2,353	218.8	256.5	212.4	250.1
Mississippi .....	1,462	1,364	5,646	5,422	2,023	2,086	114.2	113.1	35.2	34.0
Missouri .....	7,528	7,864	11,082	11,442	2,373	2,482	263.0	284.0	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	6,528	8,852	6,636	8,960	2,220	2,493	147.3	223.4	147.3	223.4
New York .....	5,290	5,111	5,652	5,471	2,408	2,497	136.1	136.6	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	6,998	7,529	14,738	14,996	2,087	2,162	307.6	324.2	167.5	185.5
Ohio .....	32,154	31,147	33,003	31,995	2,393	2,396	789.8	766.6	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	2,166	2,365	2,305	2,504	2,516	2,576	58.0	64.5	58.0	64.5
Pennsylvania .....	23,744	25,742	25,822	27,923	2,450	2,413	632.6	673.9	604.4	643.4
South Carolina .....	3,092	2,672	4,338	3,840	2,266	2,216	98.3	85.1	75.5	63.6
South Dakota .....	1,413	2,601	1,555	2,743	2,199	2,315	34.2	63.5	34.2	63.5
Texas .....	16,048	16,634	20,049	20,453	2,156	2,214	432.3	452.9	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	4,470	4,871	4,508	4,909	2,225	2,387	100.3	117.2	100.3	117.2
Virginia .....	1,247	1,115	2,947	2,747	2,270	2,217	66.9	60.9	36.6	31.5
Washington .....	7,090	6,742	7,255	6,907	2,411	2,428	174.9	167.7	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	4,342	4,933	5,055	5,625	2,378	2,485	120.2	139.8	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	19,103	18,305	28,195	27,206	2,220	2,239	626.0	609.1	494.0	479.8
<b>United States .....</b>	<b>275,968</b>	<b>300,107</b>	<b>343,469</b>	<b>366,523</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>2,328</b>	<b>7,762.9</b>	<b>8,531.9</b>	<b>6,670.5</b>	<b>7,439.7</b>

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.  
<sup>1</sup> Includes data for states not published in this table.

## AG PRICES

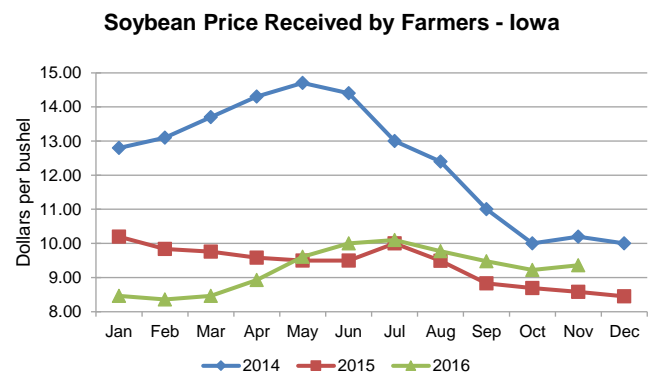
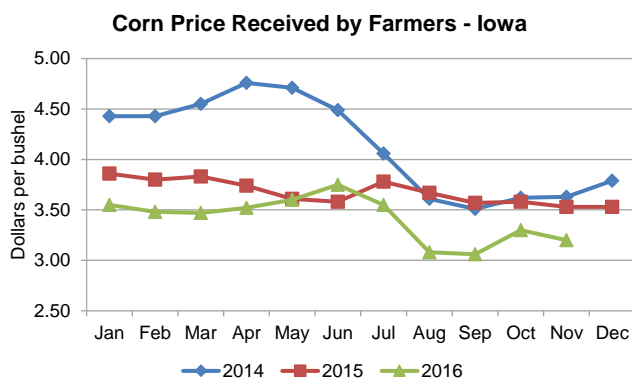
The average price received by farmers for **corn** during November in Iowa was \$3.20 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was down \$0.10 from the October price, and \$0.33 below November 2015.

The November 2016 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$9.36 per bushel, was \$0.14 more than the October price, and \$0.78 above the November 2015 price.

The November average **oat** price per bushel was \$2.44, up \$0.17 from October, but \$0.27 below November 2015.

**All hay** prices in Iowa averaged \$100.00 per ton in November. This was up \$11.00 from the October price, but \$21.00 less than November 2015. The November 2016 **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$103.00, up \$6.00 from October, but \$22.00 below November 2015. The average price received for **other hay** during November was \$84.00 per ton. This was up \$6.00 from the October price, but \$11.00 lower than last year.

The November average price was \$18.80 per cwt for **milk**, up \$1.50 per cwt from the October price and \$0.80 above one year ago.



### Prices Received by Farmers – Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	November 2015	October 2016	November 2016	November 2015	October 2016	November 2016
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Corn .....bu	3.53	3.30	3.20	3.59	3.29	3.23
Hay, all, baled .....ton	121.00	89.00	100.00	138.00	131.00	128.00
Alfalfa .....ton	125.00	97.00	103.00	147.00	135.00	130.00
Other .....ton	95.00	78.00	84.00	124.00	121.00	123.00
Oats .....bu	2.71	2.27	2.44	2.11	2.03	2.25
Soybeans .....bu	8.58	9.22	9.36	8.68	9.30	9.46
Milk, all .....cwt	18.00	17.30	18.80	18.20	16.60	17.60

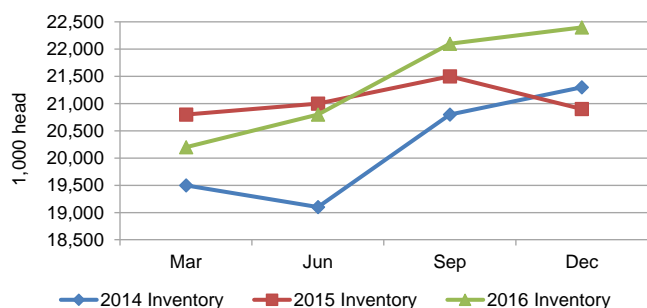
## HOGS & PIGS

On December 1, 2016, there were a record high 22.4 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. The December 1 inventory was up 1 percent from the previous quarter and up 7 percent from the previous year.

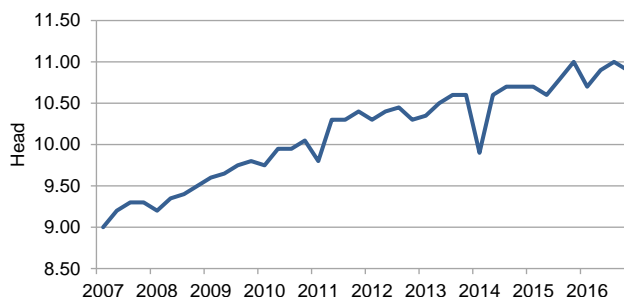
The September-November quarterly pig crop was 6.10 million head, up 11 percent from the previous quarter and up 5 percent from last year. A total of 560,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.9 for the September-November quarter, just below last quarter's record high 11.0 pigs saved per litter.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 520,000 sows and gilts in the December 2016-February 2017 quarter and 520,000 head during the March-May 2017 quarter.

**Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory  
Iowa: 2014-2016**



**Quarterly Litter Rate  
Iowa: 2007-2016**



### Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: December 1, 2015-2016 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	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)
Illinois .....	490	540	110	4,610	4,560	99	4,750	5,100	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>19,870</b>	<b>21,370</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>20,800</b>	<b>22,400</b>	<b>107</b>
Minnesota .....	560	550	98	7,540	7,750	103	8,000	8,300	102
Missouri .....	395	435	110	2,655	2,665	100	2,900	3,100	102
Nebraska .....	420	415	99	2,880	2,985	104	3,150	3,400	103
North Carolina .....	870	880	101	8,030	8,420	105	8,600	9,300	104
United States .....	6,002	6,090,400	101	62,917	65,410	104	67,399	71,500	104

### Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States, and United States: December 1, 2015-2016 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Illinois .....	1,330	1,450	1,260	1,360	890	890	780	860
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>6,410</b>	<b>6,610</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>3,390</b>	<b>3,550</b>
Minnesota .....	2,600	2,650	2,050	2,300	1,550	1,550	1,230	1,030
Missouri .....	1,250	1,340	505	520	380	385	365	410
Nebraska .....	870	955	780	790	615	650	465	540
North Carolina .....	2,800	3,160	1,810	1,940	1,640	1,700	1,460	1,300
United States .....	19,454	20,882	17,129	18,037	13,580	13,911	11,255	11,229

## CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 600,000 head on December 1, 2016, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from November 1, 2016, but down 5 percent from December 1, 2015. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 510,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month but down 8 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,110,000 head, up fractionally from last month but down 6 percent from last year.

**Placements** of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 102,000 head, a decrease of 21 percent from last month but up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 68,000 head, down 25 percent from last month and down 42 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 170,000 head, down 23 percent from last month and down 22 percent from last year.

**Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 100,000 head, up 4 percent from last month but down 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 61,000 head, up 13 percent from last month but down 8 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 161,000 head, up 7 percent from last month but down 7 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 4,000 head.

### All Cattle on Feed<sup>1</sup>, 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, November 1, 2016.....	600	505	1,105
November placements .....	102	68	170
November marketings .....	100	61	161
November other disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, December 1, 2016.....	600	510	1,110

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November disappearance other than slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	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 .....	248	251	101	27	27	100	21	28	133	1	1	100
California .....	455	420	92	50	48	96	45	45	100	5	3	60
Colorado .....	890	910	102	140	140	100	125	135	108	5	5	100
Idaho .....	235	260	111	42	51	121	36	39	108	1	2	200
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>
Kansas .....	2,140	2,220	104	305	370	121	295	370	125	20	20	100
Minnesota.....	152	141	93	13	16	123	11	16	145	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,490	2,370	95	440	510	116	385	445	116	15	15	100
Oklahoma .....	275	290	105	45	52	116	39	55	141	1	2	200
South Dakota ...	250	245	98	50	50	100	38	44	116	2	1	50
Texas .....	2,510	2,430	97	310	390	126	360	435	121	20	15	75
Washington .....	205	195	95	43	41	95	42	40	95	1	1	100
Other States ....	320	320	100	36	46	128	28	35	125	3	1	33
United States....	10,800	10,652	99	1,602	1,843	115	1,532	1,787	117	79	69	87

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