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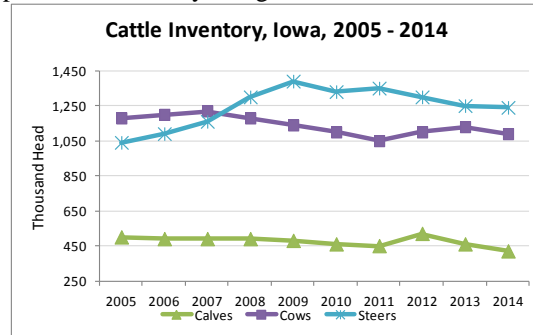
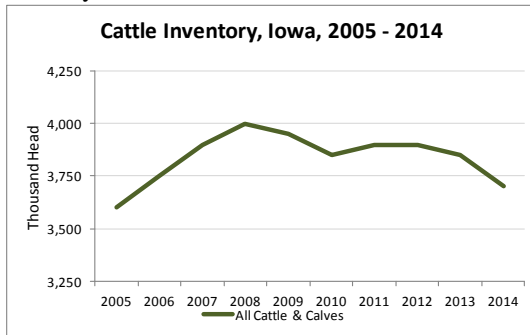
## CATTLE

All cattle and calves in Iowa as of January 1, 2014 totaled 3.70 million head, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle* report. This is down 150,000 from January 1, 2013. Beef cows, at 885,000 head, were 4 percent below last year. Milk cows, at 205,000 were unchanged from last year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over were down 6 percent at 890,000 head. Heifers for beef cow replacement remained unchanged from 2013 at 150,000 head; heifers for milk cow replacement, at 120,000 head, also stayed the same as the previous year; and all other heifers were down 9 percent to 620,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were down 1 percent from last year at 1.24 million head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over were unchanged from a year ago at 60,000 head. Calves under 500 pounds on January 1, 2014 totaled 420,000 head, down 9 percent from last year.

The 2013 calf crop was estimated at 1.02 million head, down 3 percent from the 2012 calf crop. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2014 totaled 1.23 million head, down 3 percent from one year ago.

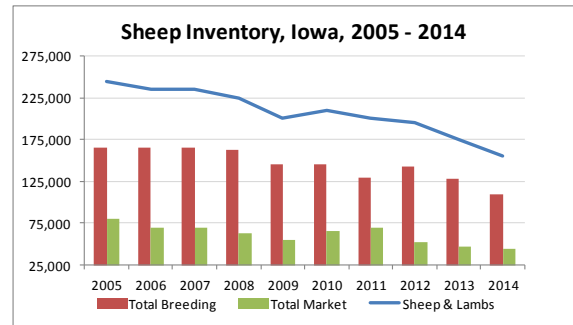


### Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, Iowa and United States, January 1, 2013 & 2014

Class	Iowa			United States		
	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All cattle and calves .....	3,850	3,700	96	89,300	87,730	98
All cows that have calved .....	1,130	1,090	96	38,515	38,251	99
Beef cows .....	925	885	96	29,297	29,042	99
Milk cows .....	205	205	100	9,218	9,209	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	950	890	94	19,134	18,751	98
For beef cow replacement .....	150	150	100	5,381	5,471	102
For milk cow replacement .....	120	120	100	4,551	4,539	100
Other heifers .....	680	620	91	9,203	8,741	95
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	1,250	1,240	99	15,813	15,415	97
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	60	60	100	2,056	2,035	99
Calves under 500 pounds .....	460	420	91	13,782	13,278	96
Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> .....	1,270	1,230	97	13,364	12,695	95
	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
Calf crop .....	1,050	1,020	97	34,279	33,930	99

## Sheep

All sheep and lambs inventory in Iowa as of January 1, 2014 totaled 155,000 head, the lowest on record according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. The sheep and lambs inventory was down 11 percent from last year. Total breeding stock, at 110,000 head, was 14 percent less than one year ago. Compared to last year, market sheep and lambs decreased 4 percent to 45,000 head. The lamb crop for 2013 decreased 10 percent to 135,000. Wool production for the State was 850,000 pounds, down 6 percent from last year.

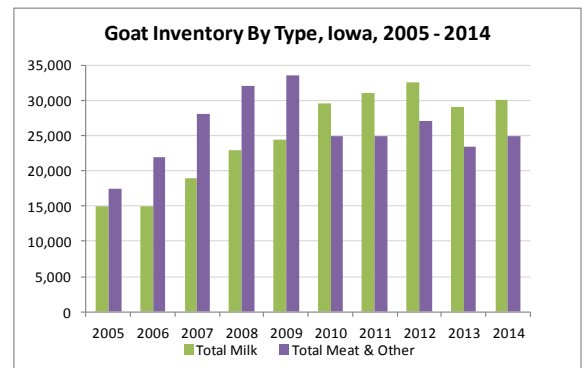


### All Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, Iowa and United States, January, 2013-2014

Class	Iowa			United States		
	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs .....	175.0	155.0	89	5,335.0	5,210.0	98
Total breeding sheep .....	128.0	110.0	86	3,975.0	3,880.0	98
Ewes .....	100.0	90.0	90	3,140.0	3,070.0	98
Rams .....	5.0	5.0	100	175.0	175.0	100
Replacement lambs .....	23.0	15.0	65	660.0	635.0	96
Total market .....	47.0	45.0	96	1,360.0	1,330.0	98
Lamb crop .....	150.0	135.0	90	3,450.0	3,370.0	98

## Goats

Milk goat inventory in Iowa as of January 1, 2014, was the third largest in the United States according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. Total milk inventory, at 30,000 head, was up 3 percent from January 2013. Total **meat and other** inventory was 25,000 head, an increase of 6 percent from the previous year.



### Goat Inventory, Selected States and United States, 2013 & 2014

	Milk Goats		Meat & Other Goats		Angora Goats	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(Head)	(Head)	(Head)	(Head)	(Head)	(Head)
California .....	40,500	38,000	98,500	87,000	3,500	3,400
Iowa .....	29,000	30,000	23,500	25,000	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	13,500	13,000	24,600	23,000	1,000	1,000
Texas .....	18,000	20,000	850,000	870,000	72,000	75,000
Wisconsin .....	46,000	46,000	17,000	22,000	1,000	1,000
United States .....	360,000	355,000	2,315,000	2,275,000	136,000	131,000

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

## Prices

The preliminary January 2014 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Iowa is \$4.30 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This is a decrease of \$0.07 from the December price and \$2.76 lower than January 2013.

The preliminary January Iowa average **soybean** price, at \$12.90 per bushel, is equal to the December price, but \$1.20 lower than the previous January.

The preliminary January **oat** price is \$4.10 per bushel, up \$0.05 from December and \$0.26 above January 2013.

**All hay** prices in Iowa averaged \$176.00 per ton in January, matching the December price, but \$32.00 per ton less than January 2013. **Alfalfa hay** prices fell \$37.00 per ton from one year ago, to \$195.00 and **other hay** prices were \$22.00 per ton lower than last year, at \$130.00.

Iowa dairy farmers received an average of \$23.80 per cwt for **milk** sold in January, up \$1.50 from December, and \$3.00 per cwt above one year ago.

### Prices Received by Farmers

<b>IOWA</b>	Jan 2013	Dec 2013	Jan <sup>1</sup> 2014
	-----Dollars-----		
Corn ..... Bu	7.06	4.37	4.30
Soybeans ..... Bu	14.10	12.90	12.90
Oats ..... Bu	3.84	4.05	4.10
All Hay, baled ..... Ton	208.00	176.00	176.00
Alfalfa Hay, baled ..... Ton	232.00	195.00	195.00
Other Hay, baled ..... Ton	152.00	130.00	130.00
Milk Cows <sup>2</sup> ..... Hd	1400.00	(NA)	1450.00
Milk (whls) ..... Cwt	20.80	22.30	23.80
	Jan 2013	Dec 2013	Jan <sup>1</sup> 2014
	-----Dollars-----		
Corn ..... Bu	6.96	4.41	4.37
Soybeans ..... Bu	14.30	13.00	13.00
Oats ..... Bu	4.06	3.52	3.78
All Hay, baled ..... Ton	188.00	168.00	165.00
Alfalfa Hay, baled ..... Ton	217.00	187.00	185.00
Other hay, baled ..... Ton	146.00	130.00	130.00
Hogs, all ..... Cwt	63.80	61.50	61.10
Brw & Gilts ..... Cwt	64.40	61.30	60.90
Sows ..... Cwt	49.40	70.10	68.20
Beef Cattle ..... Cwt	126.00	130.00	135.00
Cows ..... Cwt	79.10	83.40	87.30
Strs & Hfrs ..... Cwt	130.00	132.00	137.00
Calves ..... Cwt	168.00	197.00	208.00
Milk Cows <sup>2</sup> ..... Hd	1370.00	(NA)	1440.00
Milk (whls) ..... Cwt	19.90	22.00	23.20
Eggs (mkt) <sup>3</sup> ..... Doz	.863	1.210	.906

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary

<sup>2</sup>Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices estimated in January, April, July, and October.

<sup>3</sup>Eggs are mid-month prices.

### Prices Index Summary, United States

<b>PRICES RECEIVED INDEX</b>	Jan 2013	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Jan 2013	Dec 2013	Jan 2014
	2011 Base <sup>1</sup>			1910-14=100		
Agricultural Production .....	111	100	98	1142	1033	1014
Crop Production .....	112	91	89	975	791	776
Grains & Oilseeds .....	114	85	85	*	*	*
Feed grain .....	116	74	73	*	*	*
Food grain .....	110	97	92	*	*	*
Oilseed .....	114	102	103	*	*	*
Livestock Production .....	109	113	115	1263	1311	1341
Meat Animals .....	108	110	114	*	*	*
Dairy Prod. ....	99	109	115	*	*	*
Poultry & egg .....	123	125	120	*	*	*
	Jan 2013	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Jan 2013	Dec 2013	Jan 2014
	2011 Base <sup>1</sup>			1910-14=100		
Prices Paid .....	106	105	106	2874	2842	2871
Production .....	107	105	107	2232	2195	2221
Feed .....	119	101	102	1308	1118	1128
Livestock & pltry .....	109	124	128	2159	2440	2522
Seeds .....	107	111	111	3521	3642	3642
Fertilizer .....	98	87	87	1186	1045	1043
Chemicals .....	108	109	110	972	976	986
Fuels .....	95	101	101	2661	2820	2834
Ratio .....	105	95	92	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Parity Ratio <sup>1</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	40	36	35

(NA) Not available.

\*Beginning in January 2014 commodity groups were reclassified. This data is no longer published.

<sup>1</sup> USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service updated the price index methodology beginning with the January 2014 Agricultural Prices Report. Methodological changes include updating the current base reference (1990-1992) to 2011; increasing vegetable, fruit, and nut commodity coverage; reclassification of the prices received commodity groups; and updating monthly commodity market weights.



- USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service thanks all the farmers and ranchers that took time to complete the 2012 Census of Agriculture and will soon release the first look at the results.
  - The Census of Agriculture is a complete count of U.S. farms and the people who operate them.
  
- The data provide a valuable tool for the entire agriculture industry.
  - The results of the 2012 Census of Agriculture will tell a story of how the industry has changed over the years.
  - The 2012 Census data will help lay the groundwork for new programs and policies that will reap benefits, support American agriculture, and help improve the rural economy.
  
- USDA NASS will release preliminary results of the 2012 Census of Agriculture February 20, 2014. The release will provide an initial look at national and state findings. NASS will release the full Census results at a later date.
  - Be on the lookout for some of the first data about your industry and your community.
  - Contact NASS at (888) 424-7828 if you would like more information on the Census of Agriculture release.

