



USDA  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
Upper Midwest Region – Iowa Field Office  
[nassrfourm@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nassrfourm@nass.usda.gov)  
[www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)

# Iowa AgriNews

Vol 14-16

August 6, 2014

## IN THIS ISSUE

*Cattle on Feed  
Milk Production  
Chicken & Eggs  
Monthly Prices*

## CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,150,000 on July 1, 2014, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office. The inventory is down 4 percent from June 1, 2014, but up 3 percent from July 1, 2013. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 620,000 head on feed, down 3 percent from last month but up 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 530,000 head on feed, down 5 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year.

**Placements** during June totaled 94,000 head, a decrease of 2 percent from last month and 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 54,000 head, unchanged from last month but up 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 40,000 head. This is down 5 percent from last month and down 39 percent from last year.

**Marketings** for June were 138,000 head, unchanged from last month but down 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 70,000 head, unchanged from last month but down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 68,000 head, unchanged from last month but down 17 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** 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, June 1, 2014.....	640	560	1,200
June Placements .....	54	40	94
June Marketings .....	70	68	138
June Other Disappearance .....	4	2	6
Cattle on Feed, July 1, 2014 .....	620	530	1,150

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter, State, and United States, 2013-2014

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	July 1, 2013	April 1, 2014	July 1, 2014	July 1, 2013	April 1, 2014	July 1, 2014	July 1, 2013	April 1, 2014	July 1, 2014
	(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 .....	262	272	268	5	5	4	0	0	0
California .....	445	435	390	68	40	42	2	0	3
Colorado .....	590	640	560	325	325	305	5	5	5
Idaho .....	102	124	101	92	84	88	1	2	1
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Kansas .....	1,080	1,120	970	930	960	925	10	10	5
Minnesota.....	111	103	95	13	32	26	1	1	1
Nebraska .....	1,355	1,680	1,470	810	775	765	15	45	25
Oklahoma .....	200	180	170	105	95	85	0	0	0
South Dakota ..	105	136	113	71	86	80	24	18	17
Texas .....	1,560	1,550	1,580	999	949	909	1	1	1
Washington ....	104	130	107	96	79	85	3	1	1
Other States ...	193	215	210	112	104	99	0	1	1
United States ..	6,537	7,075	6,464	3,776	3,714	3,603	62	84	60

## 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 July 1			Placements during June			Marketings during June			June Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>1</sup>		
	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13
	(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 .....	267	272	102	22	20	91	26	22	85	1	1	100
California .....	515	435	84	61	45	74	53	40	75	3	5	167
Colorado .....	920	870	95	115	95	83	145	150	103	10	5	50
Idaho .....	195	190	97	36	26	72	45	39	87	1	2	200
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>200</b>
Kansas .....	2,020	1,900	94	350	315	90	390	420	108	10	15	150
Minnesota .....	125	122	98	10	15	150	15	15	100	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,180	2,260	104	330	375	114	480	500	104	10	25	250
Oklahoma .....	305	255	84	49	37	76	53	46	87	1	1	100
South Dakota ...	200	210	105	27	31	115	41	45	110	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,560	2,490	97	425	370	87	480	420	88	15	10	67
Washington .....	203	193	95	39	37	95	48	44	92	2	1	50
Other States ....	305	310	102	42	35	83	31	36	116	6	4	67
United States....	10,375	10,127	98	1,551	1,455	94	1,880	1,847	98	63	75	119

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

## MILK PRODUCTION

**Milk production** in Iowa during June 2014 totaled 387 million pounds, up 1 percent from last June, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during June, at 207,000 head, was unchanged from last month. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,870 pounds.

### Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, June 2013 and 2014

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2013 <sup>3</sup>	2014	2013 <sup>3</sup>	2014	2013	2014	Change from 2013
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona .....		193		2,000	378	386	2.1
California .....		1,779		1,995	3,489	3,549	1.7
Colorado .....		145		2,110	279	306	9.7
Florida .....		123		1,685	202	207	2.5
Idaho .....		577		2,045	1,156	1,180	2.1
Illinois .....		95		1,650	153	157	2.6
Indiana .....		177		1,830	319	324	1.6
<b>Iowa .....</b>		<b>207</b>		<b>1,870</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Kansas .....		142		1,845	244	262	7.4
Michigan .....		386		2,060	770	795	3.2
Minnesota .....		460		1,655	760	761	0.1
New Mexico .....		323		2,130	679	688	1.3
New York .....		615		1,870	1,147	1,150	0.3
Ohio .....		266		1,695	458	451	-1.5
Oregon .....		125		1,745	215	218	1.4
Pennsylvania .....		530		1,665	880	882	0.2
South Dakota .....		97		1,825	168	177	5.4
Texas .....		468		1,850	800	866	8.3
Utah .....		95		1,890	173	180	4.0
Vermont .....		131		1,710	221	224	1.4
Virginia .....		93		1,600	143	149	4.2
Washington .....		274		2,050	541	562	3.9
Wisconsin .....		1,269		1,825	2,302	2,316	0.6
23-State Total .....		8,570		1,888	15,860	16,177	2.0

<sup>1</sup>Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup>Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup>Survey was not conducted in April and July, resulting in no milk cow and milk per cow data for March through June.

# CHICKEN & EGGS

**Egg production** in Iowa during June 2014 was 1.25 billion eggs, down 5 percent from last month, but up 3 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* release from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The total number of layers on hand during June was 54.2 million, down fractionally from last month, but up 2 percent from the 53.1 million last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of June were 2,296, down 4 percent from last month, but up 1 percent from 2,279 last year.

## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States, June 2013 and 2014

[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	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Number)	(Number)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)
Alabama .....	1,445	1,534	9,273	9,407	1,984	1,924	184	181	34	37
Arkansas .....	3,585	3,673	12,756	12,835	2,015	1,979	257	254	83	83
California .....	17,210	15,571	17,580	16,114	2,321	2,321	408	374	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,037	4,537	4,513	4,888	2,238	2,455	101	120	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	2,286	2,286	2,377	2,374	2,314	2,317	55	55	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	7,479	8,128	7,816	8,462	2,226	2,222	174	188	169	183
Georgia .....	9,053	9,477	18,030	18,246	2,052	2,088	370	381	201	217
Illinois .....	3,695	3,993	4,010	4,313	2,195	2,481	88	107	83	102
Indiana .....	25,504	26,656	26,500	27,596	2,294	2,319	608	640	589	622
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>52,132</b>	<b>53,202</b>	<b>53,096</b>	<b>54,236</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>1,227</b>
Maine .....	3,408	3,408	3,463	3,463	2,339	2,339	81	81	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	2,133	2,614	2,254	2,738	2,263	2,337	51	64	50	63
Michigan .....	12,548	12,799	12,703	12,956	2,377	2,408	302	312	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	9,714	10,159	10,158	10,569	2,294	2,318	233	245	226	239
Mississippi .....	1,579	1,531	5,831	5,658	1,955	1,979	114	112	36	36
Missouri .....	6,229	6,206	7,743	7,803	2,221	2,281	172	178	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	9,154	9,374	9,204	9,424	2,445	2,525	225	238	225	238
New York .....	4,134	4,538	4,364	4,760	2,383	2,395	104	114	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	5,690	5,593	12,987	13,057	2,033	2,060	264	269	131	134
Ohio .....	28,226	29,865	28,672	30,437	2,277	2,297	653	699	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	2,143	2,243	2,243	2,313	2,630	2,637	59	61	58	61
Pennsylvania .....	23,441	23,585	24,550	24,771	2,428	2,434	596	603	577	583
South Carolina .....	2,997	3,066	4,290	4,318	2,191	2,154	94	93	72	71
South Dakota .....	2,670	2,471	2,710	2,511	2,546	2,270	69	57	69	57
Texas .....	14,714	15,000	18,545	18,925	2,216	2,203	411	417	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	3,758	3,996	3,788	4,026	2,482	2,285	94	92	94	92
Virginia .....	1,016	1,109	2,669	2,809	2,098	2,136	56	60	24	28
Washington .....	6,778	6,632	6,896	6,751	2,248	2,326	155	157	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	4,465	4,034	5,032	4,695	2,325	2,343	117	110	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	12,850	12,778	20,804	21,156	2,173	2,146	452	454	327	325
United States .....	284,073	290,058	344,857	351,611	2,249	2,264	7,757	7,961	6,688	6,898

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

# MONTHLY PRICES

The preliminary July 2014 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Iowa was \$3.80 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This is down \$0.69 from the June price, and \$3.11 lower than July 2013.

The preliminary July 2014 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$12.90 per bushel, was down \$1.50 from the June price, and \$2.50 lower than the July 2013 price.

The preliminary July **oat** price was \$3.90 per bushel, down \$0.28 from June, but \$0.20 above July 2013.

**All hay** prices in Iowa averaged \$143.00 per ton in July, down \$22.00 from the June price, and \$70.00 per ton less than July 2013. **Alfalfa hay** prices fell \$76.00 per ton from one year ago, to \$164.00 and **other hay** prices were \$47.00 per ton lower than last year, at \$108.00.

The preliminary July average price was \$23.90 per cwt for **milk**, up \$0.20 from June, and \$4.50 per cwt above one year ago. Prices for replacement milk cows averaged \$1,990 in July.

## Prices Received by Farmers

<b>IOWA</b>	July 2013	June 2014	July <sup>1</sup> 2014
	-----Dollars-----		
Corn ..... Bu	6.91	4.49	3.80
Soybeans ..... Bu	15.40	14.40	12.90
Oats ..... Bu	3.70	4.18	3.90
All Hay, baled ..... Ton	213.00	165.00	143.00
Alfalfa Hay, baled ..... Ton	240.00	180.00	164.00
Other Hay, baled ..... Ton	155.00	118.00	108.00
Milk Cows <sup>2</sup> ..... Hd	(NA)	(NA)	1,990.00
Milk (whls) ..... Cwt	19.40	23.70	23.90

  

<b>UNITED STATES</b>	July 2013	June 2014	July <sup>1</sup> 2014
	-----Dollars-----		
Corn ..... Bu	6.79	4.49	3.80
Soybeans ..... Bu	15.30	14.40	12.70
Oats ..... Bu	3.88	3.72	3.54
All Hay, baled ..... Ton	190.00	197.00	192.00
Alfalfa Hay, baled ..... Ton	209.00	222.00	216.00
Other hay, baled ..... Ton	149.00	139.00	143.00
Hogs, all ..... Cwt	75.80	84.80	92.80
Brw & Gilts ..... Cwt	76.00	85.00	93.20
Sows ..... Cwt	72.60	80.40	82.40
Beef Cattle ..... Cwt	120.00	147.00	155.00
Cows ..... Cwt	82.70	106.00	113.00
Strs & Hfrs ..... Cwt	121.00	148.00	156.00
Calves ..... Cwt	162.00	249.00	254.00
Milk Cows <sup>2</sup> ..... Hd	(NA)	(NA)	1,970.00
Milk (whls) ..... Cwt	19.10	23.20	23.40
Eggs (mkt) <sup>3</sup> ..... Doz	0.821	0.874	1.050

(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>	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014
	2011 Base <sup>1</sup>			1910-14=100		
Agricultural Production	107	112	108	1,107	1,159	1,120
Crop Production	107	98	90	934	855	788
Grains & Oilseeds	108	88	78	*	*	*
Feed grain	112	75	64	*	*	*
Food grain	95	90	84	*	*	*
Oilseed	120	112	100	*	*	*
Livestock Production	107	129	133	1,248	1,493	1,546
Meat Animals	107	130	138	*	*	*
Dairy Prod.	95	115	116	*	*	*
Poultry & egg	122	140	139	*	*	*

  

<b>PRICES PAID INDEX</b>	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014
	2011 Base <sup>1</sup>			1910-14=100		
Prices Paid	107	112	113	2,900	3,041	3,046
Production	109	115	115	2,259	2,387	2,392
Feed	127	117	115	1,398	1,293	1,263
Livestock & pltry	103	154	161	2,026	3,031	3,172
Seeds	111	114	114	3,643	3,752	3,752
Fertilizer	97	101	100	1,169	1,219	1,200
Chemicals	108	109	109	968	981	981
Fuels	96	102	101	2,699	2,847	2,827
Ratio	101	100	96	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Parity Ratio <sup>1</sup>	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	38	38	37

(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.

The complete report can be found under **Publications** on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).