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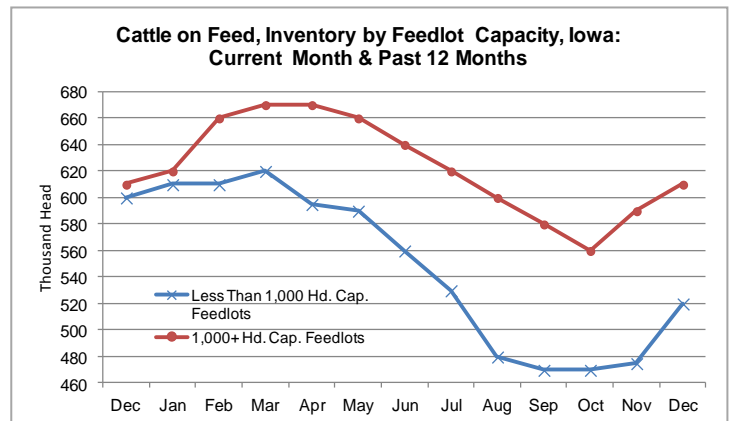
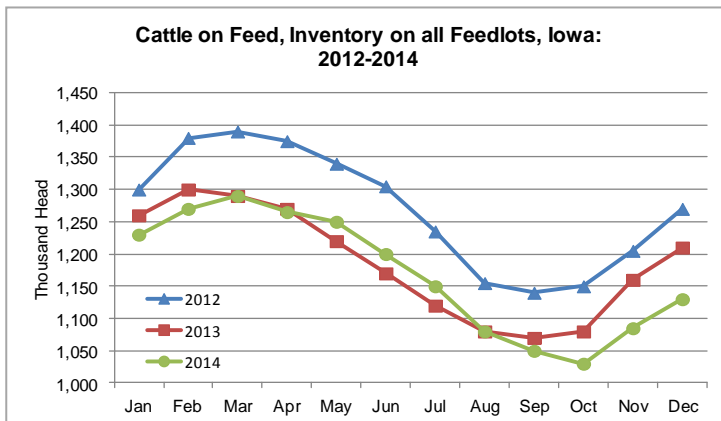
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,130,000 on December 1, 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office. The inventory is up 4 percent from November 1, 2014 but down 7 percent from December 1, 2013. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 610,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 520,000 head on feed, up 5 percent from last month but down 13 percent from last year.

Placements during November totaled 227,000 head, unchanged from last month but down 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 117,000 head, down 11 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 110,000 head. This is up 16 percent from last month but down 15 percent from last year.

Marketings for November were 175,000 head, up 5 percent from last month but down 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 95,000 head, down 5 percent from last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 80,000 head, up 21 percent from last month but down 16 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 7,000 head.

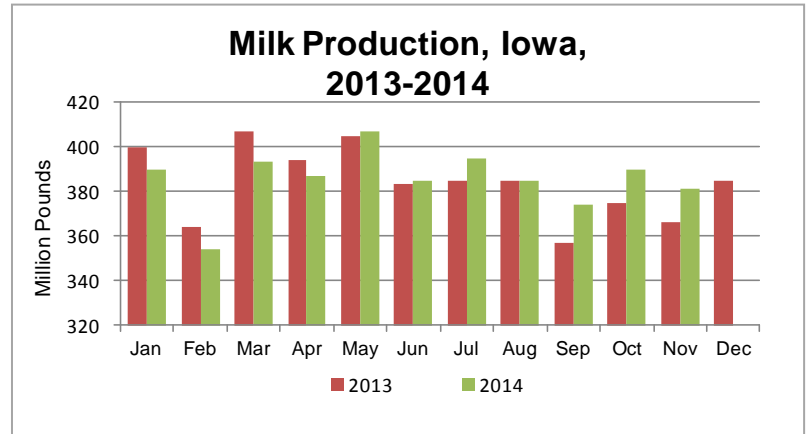
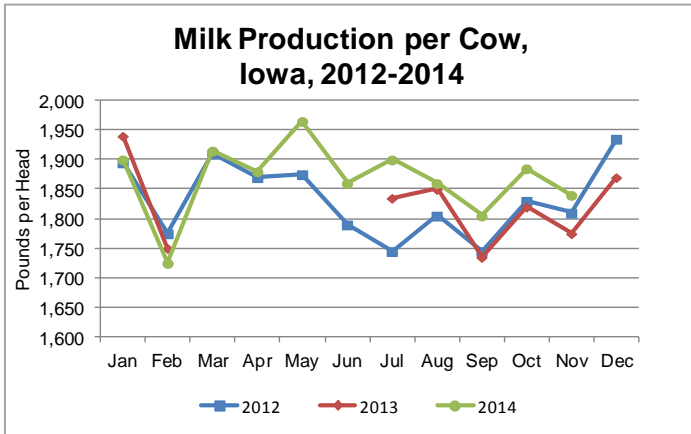
All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head (1,000 head)	Lots Less than 1,000 Head (1,000 head)	All Lots (1,000 head)
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2014	590	495	1,085
November Placements	117	110	227
November Marketings	95	80	175
November Other Disappearance	2	5	7
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2014	610	520	1,130



MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during November 2014 totaled 381 million pounds, up 4 percent from November 2013 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during November, at 207,000 head, was unchanged from last month, but 1,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,840 pounds in November 2014, up 65 pounds from last November. This is the highest November milk per cow for Iowa on record.



Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, November 2013 and 2014

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change from 2013 (percent)
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	
Arizona	190	193	1,860	1,930	353	372	5.4
California	1,780	1,780	1,840	1,880	3,275	3,346	2.2
Colorado	138	145	1,975	2,030	273	294	7.7
Florida	123	123	1,495	1,535	184	189	2.7
Idaho	567	579	1,885	1,920	1,069	1,112	4.0
Illinois	96	92	1,550	1,550	149	143	-4.0
Indiana	178	179	1,730	1,775	308	318	3.2
Iowa	206	207	1,775	1,840	366	381	4.1
Kansas	135	143	1,800	1,800	243	257	5.8
Michigan	380	399	1,930	1,965	733	784	7.0
Minnesota	461	460	1,565	1,615	721	743	3.1
New Mexico	322	323	1,990	1,975	641	638	-0.5
New York	611	615	1,750	1,805	1,069	1,110	3.8
Ohio	268	267	1,600	1,630	429	435	1.4
Oregon	123	124	1,625	1,615	200	200	0.0
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,585	1,640	840	869	3.5
South Dakota	95	97	1,735	1,810	165	176	6.7
Texas	440	470	1,770	1,785	779	839	7.7
Utah	93	96	1,775	1,855	165	178	7.9
Vermont	132	132	1,570	1,630	207	215	3.9
Virginia	94	92	1,490	1,535	140	141	0.7
Washington	266	276	1,885	1,905	501	526	5.0
Wisconsin	1,271	1,270	1,725	1,775	2,192	2,254	2.8
23-State Total	8,499	8,592	1,765	1,806	15,002	15,520	3.5

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves

COUNTY ESTIMATES - OATS

In 2014, Clayton County was the largest oat-producing county in Iowa at 248,000 bushels, according to estimates released today by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Winneshiek and Allamakee were second and third, respectively, making northeast Iowa the largest oat-producing district.

Widely variable conditions across the State resulted in some counties reporting lower yields than 2013 while others reported higher yields than last year. The lowest yielding county was Worth at 39.0 bushels per acre. Mitchell had the second lowest yield at 45.3, with Harden and Polk both reporting yields less than 50 bushels per acre. The central district in Iowa had the largest drop in yield, with Story and Tama having the largest decreases at 18.0 and 17.5 bushels, respectively.

The highest yielding county was Lyon with a yield of 110.4. Plymouth had the second highest yield at 95.3, the only other county with a yield above 90 bushels per acre. Iowa County had the greatest increase in yield from 2013, at 24.7 bushels per acre, followed by Ringgold which increased 19.4 bushels.

Oats: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production; Iowa by County, 2013-2014

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County and District	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)
Cherokee.....	600	(D)	80	(D)	88.8	(D)	7,100	(D)
Dickinson.....	500	(D)	290	(D)	76.6	(D)	22,200	(D)
Lyon.....	(D)	900	(D)	270	(D)	110.4	(D)	29,800
O'Brien.....	(D)	800	(D)	490	(D)	59.0	(D)	28,900
Palo Alto.....	4,700	(D)	870	(D)	72.5	(D)	63,100	(D)
Plymouth.....	1,300	1,400	610	300	95.2	95.3	58,100	28,600
Sioux.....	600	500	350	180	81.4	86.1	28,500	15,500
Other Counties.....	5,300	4,400	1,440	2,660	75.0	64.0	108,000	170,200
Northwest.....	13,000	8,000	3,640	3,900	78.8	70.0	287,000	273,000
Butler.....	1,600	(D)	420	(D)	75.7	(D)	31,800	(D)
Cerro Gordo.....	5,800	800	440	410	75.5	62.2	33,200	25,500
Floyd.....	(D)	1,000	(D)	370	(D)	59.7	(D)	22,100
Mitchell.....	7,500	800	430	300	54.9	45.3	23,600	13,600
Winnebago.....	4,000	(D)	340	(D)	41.8	(D)	14,200	(D)
Worth.....	(D)	800	(D)	310	(D)	39.0	(D)	12,100
Other Counties.....	25,400	3,400	3,970	1,850	66.8	59.3	265,200	109,700
North Central.....	44,300	6,800	5,600	3,240	65.7	56.5	368,000	183,000
Allamakee.....	8,600	7,800	1,770	1,840	71.2	63.0	126,000	116,000
Black Hawk.....	(D)	700	(D)	100	(D)	50.0	(D)	5,000
Bremer.....	(D)	1,000	(D)	440	(D)	59.3	(D)	26,100
Buchanan.....	2,000	1,200	410	700	61.5	54.3	25,200	38,000
Chickasaw.....	(D)	1,600	(D)	1,100	(D)	51.8	(D)	57,000
Clayton.....	7,100	7,000	3,850	3,480	62.9	71.3	242,000	248,000
Delaware.....	4,700	4,000	1,150	860	67.0	65.2	77,000	56,100
Dubuque.....	(D)	5,700	(D)	2,870	(D)	61.0	(D)	175,000
Fayette.....	5,500	4,100	1,070	2,480	67.1	50.0	71,800	124,000
Howard.....	(D)	1,700	(D)	1,030	(D)	50.3	(D)	51,800
Winneshiek.....	12,300	8,400	5,700	3,000	69.3	55.0	395,000	165,000
Other Counties.....	20,700	(X)	9,250	(X)	69.2	(X)	640,000	(X)
Northeast.....	60,900	43,200	23,200	17,900	68.0	59.3	1,577,000	1,062,000
Audubon.....	1,000	1,200	140	710	78.6	72.3	11,000	51,300
Carroll.....	500	500	140	120	79.3	75.0	11,100	9,000
Crawford.....	1,400	1,100	170	180	67.1	73.3	11,400	13,200
Harrison.....	600	(D)	30	(D)	80.0	(D)	2,400	(D)
Ida.....	600	(D)	300	(D)	86.7	(D)	26,000	(D)
Sac.....	500	(D)	100	(D)	93.0	(D)	9,300	(D)
Shelby.....	700	500	340	240	75.3	72.9	25,600	17,500
Other Counties.....	6,400	5,600	1,450	2,850	66.3	78.9	96,200	225,000
West Central.....	11,700	8,900	2,670	4,100	72.3	77.1	193,000	316,000

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County and District	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)
Boone.....	(D)	800	(D)	310	(D)	52.3	(D)	16,200
Grundy.....	500	(D)	240	(D)	73.3	(D)	17,600	(D)
Hardin.....	1,100	500	600	280	58.5	47.5	35,100	13,300
Jasper.....	(D)	1,900	(D)	290	(D)	67.2	(D)	19,500
Marshall.....	700	(D)	340	(D)	67.9	(D)	23,100	(D)
Polk.....	(D)	600	(D)	220	(D)	49.1	(D)	10,800
Poweshiek.....	2,100	2,000	560	320	64.5	60.3	36,100	19,300
Story.....	1,000	700	230	340	70.4	52.4	16,200	17,800
Tama.....	2,000	2,500	320	580	80.9	63.4	25,900	36,800
Webster.....	1,900	(D)	460	(D)	93.5	(D)	43,000	(D)
Other Counties.....	6,300	2,800	1,710	1,460	83.6	56.4	143,000	82,300
Central.....	15,600	11,800	4,460	3,800	76.2	56.8	340,000	216,000
Benton.....	1,600	1,600	740	790	69.3	64.6	51,300	51,000
Clinton.....	1,400	1,900	660	640	73.5	82.0	48,500	52,500
Iowa.....	2,100	2,000	840	560	52.4	77.1	44,000	43,200
Jackson.....	(D)	4,900	(D)	810	(D)	67.8	(D)	54,900
Johnson.....	2,100	2,400	810	1,400	63.1	65.7	51,100	92,000
Jones.....	2,300	2,200	440	920	52.3	56.7	23,000	52,200
Linn.....	1,500	(D)	240	(D)	55.8	(D)	13,400	(D)
Muscatine.....	1,200	900	200	290	57.0	74.5	11,400	21,600
Other Counties.....	6,900	2,500	3,070	1,260	69.5	63.2	213,300	79,600
East Central.....	19,100	18,400	7,000	6,670	65.1	67.0	456,000	447,000
Adair.....	4,300	(D)	980	(D)	64.7	(D)	63,400	(D)
Adams.....	2,300	(D)	600	(D)	62.3	(D)	37,400	(D)
Cass.....	1,300	900	250	380	59.2	67.9	14,800	25,800
Pottawattamie.....	(D)	1,200	(D)	560	(D)	88.0	(D)	49,300
Taylor.....	2,100	(D)	90	(D)	68.9	(D)	6,200	(D)
Other Counties.....	4,000	9,400	570	1,720	70.5	77.8	40,200	133,900
Southwest.....	14,000	11,500	2,490	2,660	65.1	78.6	162,000	209,000
Appanoose.....	(D)	1,700	(D)	1,070	(D)	57.8	(D)	61,800
Clarke.....	(D)	2,200	(D)	530	(D)	69.6	(D)	36,900
Ringgold.....	4,400	3,800	1,600	1,320	52.4	71.8	83,900	94,800
Union.....	3,600	2,100	340	650	66.5	81.2	22,600	52,800
Other Counties.....	20,900	13,400	4,340	3,940	46.2	61.3	200,500	241,700
South Central.....	28,900	23,200	6,280	7,510	48.9	65.0	307,000	488,000
Davis.....	2,200	1,800	190	360	58.9	58.1	11,200	20,900
Henry.....	800	(D)	130	(D)	49.2	(D)	6,400	(D)
Jefferson.....	700	(D)	330	(D)	65.2	(D)	21,500	(D)
Lee.....	(D)	700	(D)	140	(D)	65.7	(D)	9,200
Van Buren.....	(D)	1,100	(D)	660	(D)	73.8	(D)	48,700
Wapello.....	(D)	1,400	(D)	330	(D)	64.5	(D)	21,300
Washington.....	1,300	900	850	740	58.5	54.7	49,700	40,500
Other Counties.....	7,500	7,300	3,160	2,990	57.3	62.0	181,200	185,400
Southeast.....	12,500	13,200	4,660	5,220	57.9	62.5	270,000	326,000
State.....	220,000	145,000	60,000	55,000	66.0	64.0	3,960,000	3,520,000

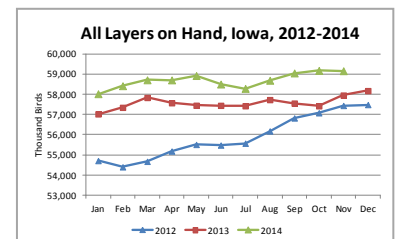
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CHICKENS & EGGS

Egg production in Iowa during November 2014 was 1.37 billion eggs, down 3 percent from last month, but up 13 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 November was 59.2 million, virtually unchanged from last month, but up 2 percent from 57.9 million last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of November were 2,318, down 3 percent from last month, but up 2 percent from 2,280 last year.



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