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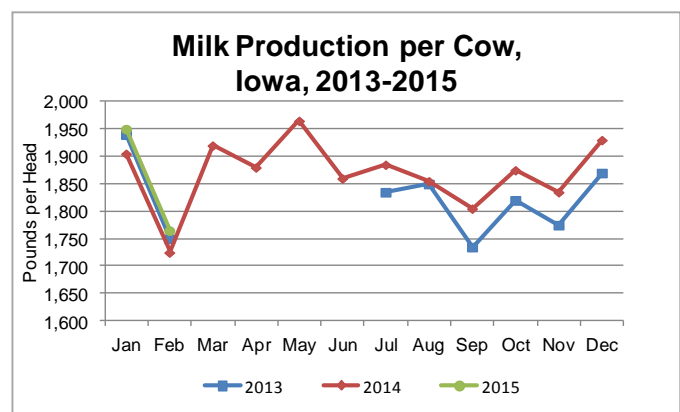
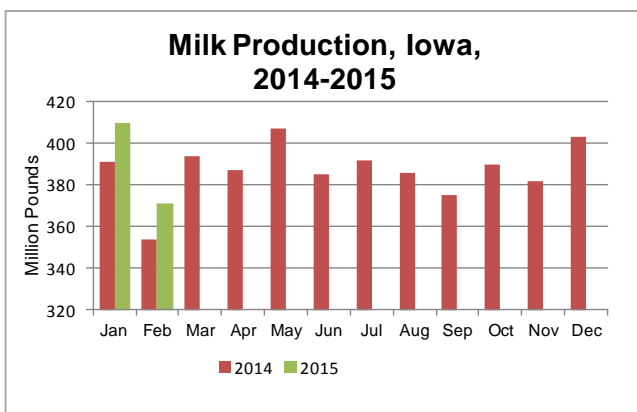
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## MILK PRODUCTION

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**Milk production** in Iowa during February 2015 totaled 371 million pounds, up 5 percent from February 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. This is the highest February milk production for Iowa since 1969. The average number of milk cows during February, at 210,000 head, was unchanged from last month, but 5,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,765 pounds, up 40 pounds from last February.



### Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, February 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change from 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	192	195	1,965	1,990	377	388	2.9
California .....	1,780	1,778	1,910	1,840	3,400	3,272	-3.8
Colorado .....	140	145	1,885	1,960	264	284	7.6
Florida .....	123	124	1,715	1,775	211	220	4.3
Idaho .....	567	580	1,820	1,805	1,032	1,047	1.5
Illinois .....	95	95	1,545	1,580	147	150	2.0
Indiana .....	176	181	1,660	1,705	292	309	5.8
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Kansas .....	137	143	1,695	1,730	232	247	6.5
Michigan .....	381	403	1,880	1,915	716	772	7.8
Minnesota .....	460	460	1,530	1,595	704	734	4.3
New Mexico .....	323	323	1,950	1,880	630	607	-3.7
New York .....	615	616	1,690	1,725	1,039	1,063	2.3
Ohio .....	266	268	1,545	1,570	411	421	2.4
Oregon .....	124	125	1,595	1,590	198	199	0.5
Pennsylvania .....	531	530	1,565	1,600	831	848	2.0
South Dakota .....	95	101	1,650	1,700	157	172	9.6
Texas .....	447	470	1,745	1,730	780	813	4.2
Utah .....	95	97	1,685	1,765	160	171	6.9
Vermont .....	132	132	1,545	1,545	204	204	0.0
Virginia .....	93	93	1,500	1,500	140	140	0.0
Washington .....	269	277	1,850	1,840	498	510	2.4
Wisconsin .....	1,270	1,276	1,665	1,730	2,115	2,207	4.3
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,516</b>	<b>8,622</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>14,892</b>	<b>15,149</b>	<b>1.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves

## CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,295,000 on March 1, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Cattle on Feed report. The inventory is up 2 percent from February 1, 2015, and up 5,000 head from March 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 660,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 635,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year.

**Placements** during February totaled 147,000 head, a decrease of 21 percent from last month but up 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 85,000 head, down 6 percent from last month and down 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 62,000 head. This is down 35 percent from last month but up 38 percent from last year.

**Marketings** for February were 114,000 head, down 15 percent from last month but up 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 74,000 head, down 5 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 40,000 head, down 29 percent from last month but up 21 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 3,000 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, February 1, 2015 .....	650	615	1,265
February Placements .....	85	62	147
February Marketings .....	74	40	114
February Other Disappearance .....	1	2	3
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2015 .....	660	635	1,295

### 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.]

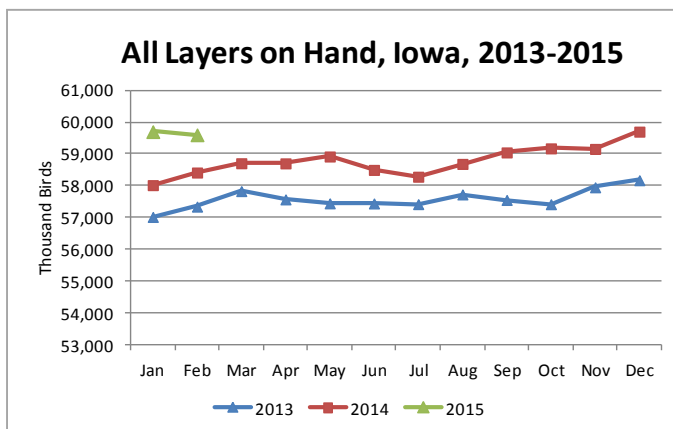
State	Cattle on Feed March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>1</sup>		
	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	272	243	89	28	272	243	89	28	272	243	89	28
California .....	500	440	88	38	500	440	88	38	500	440	88	38
Colorado .....	920	870	95	135	920	870	95	135	920	870	95	135
Idaho .....	205	230	112	37	205	230	112	37	205	230	112	37
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>86</b>
Kansas .....	2,060	2,080	101	335	2,060	2,080	101	335	2,060	2,080	101	335
Minnesota .....	134	145	108	11	134	145	108	11	134	145	108	11
Nebraska .....	2,470	2,490	101	430	2,470	2,490	101	430	2,470	2,490	101	430
Oklahoma .....	270	275	102	43	270	275	102	43	270	275	102	43
South Dakota ...	220	235	107	39	220	235	107	39	220	235	107	39
Texas .....	2,470	2,450	99	410	2,470	2,450	99	410	2,470	2,450	99	410
Washington .....	200	215	108	38	200	215	108	38	200	215	108	38
Other States ....	325	325	100	28	325	325	100	28	325	325	100	28
United States ....	10,716	10,658	99	1,658	10,716	10,658	99	1,658	10,716	10,658	99	1,658

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

# CHICKENS & EGGS

**Iowa Egg production** during February 2015 was 1.28 billion eggs, down 11 percent from last month, but up 4 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 February was 59.6 million, down slightly from last month, but up 1 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of February were 2,147, down 11 percent from January, but up 3 percent from 2,086 of February last year.



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: February 2014 and 2015

[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	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	1,502	1,475	9,292	9,208	1,722	1,759	160	162	32	33
Arkansas .....	3,672	3,814	11,873	12,715	1,845	1,880	219	239	80	87
California .....	16,261	12,835	16,691	13,329	2,127	2,153	355	287	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,472	3,830	4,847	4,203	2,269	2,284	110	96	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	2,242	2,242	2,336	2,335	2,055	2,056	48	48	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	8,193	8,681	8,578	9,061	2,133	2,086	183	189	179	185
Georgia .....	9,289	9,779	18,200	18,666	1,978	1,955	360	365	206	210
Illinois .....	4,423	4,172	4,894	4,625	2,166	2,227	106	103	102	99
Indiana .....	26,491	25,744	27,434	26,616	2,183	2,006	599	534	583	519
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>57,728</b>	<b>58,330</b>	<b>58,918</b>	<b>59,562</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,262</b>
Maine .....	3,503	3,503	3,558	3,558	2,192	2,192	78	78	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	2,546	2,648	2,709	2,814	2,178	2,203	59	62	58	61
Michigan .....	12,724	12,894	12,962	13,147	2,245	2,236	291	294	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	10,129	11,369	10,552	11,825	2,170	2,190	229	259	224	253
Mississippi .....	1,530	1,564	5,801	5,755	1,862	1,877	108	108	34	35
Missouri .....	6,248	6,526	8,556	8,776	2,069	2,097	177	184	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	9,318	9,446	9,426	9,554	2,313	2,303	218	220	218	220
New York .....	4,608	4,710	4,964	5,069	2,256	2,249	112	114	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	5,727	6,649	13,075	14,415	1,973	1,929	258	278	134	148
Ohio .....	28,948	29,936	29,800	30,798	2,211	2,175	659	670	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	2,127	2,253	2,266	2,392	2,295	2,383	52	57	52	57
Pennsylvania .....	23,842	23,657	25,777	25,768	2,254	2,301	581	593	556	565
South Carolina .....	3,024	3,173	4,260	4,456	1,995	2,065	85	92	67	71
South Dakota .....	2,517	2,537	2,659	2,679	2,181	2,128	58	57	58	57
Texas .....	14,786	14,759	18,916	19,004	2,072	1,989	392	378	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	3,897	4,179	3,935	4,217	2,135	2,205	84	93	84	93
Virginia .....	990	1,167	2,775	2,924	1,910	1,984	53	58	24	29
Washington .....	6,662	6,992	6,827	7,157	2,109	2,152	144	154	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	4,274	4,586	5,048	5,366	2,080	2,199	105	118	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	13,008	13,138	22,038	22,170	1,992	2,030	439	450	317	324
<b>United States .....</b>	<b>294,681</b>	<b>296,588</b>	<b>358,967</b>	<b>362,164</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>7,551</b>	<b>7,619</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>6,612</b>

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

## BEE & HONEY

Honey production from producers with 5 or more colonies in Iowa totaled 1.51 million pounds in 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Honey* report. This was a 20 percent decrease from the 1.87 million pounds produced in 2013 and the lowest honey production for Iowa since 2010. The number of honey producing colonies in the state fell from 39,000 colonies last year to 35,000 colonies in 2014. This number does not include producers with fewer than 5 colonies or producers who did not harvest honey. Colonies that produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state where they produced honey. Yield per colony in Iowa averaged 43 pounds, down from 48 pounds per colony in 2013. Iowa ranked nineteenth nationally in honey production, unchanged from last year.

On December 15, 2014, producer honey stocks in Iowa, excluding stocks under government loan programs, were 933 million pounds, a 23 percent decrease from 2013. The state's 2014 honey crop was valued at \$3.78 million, down 18 percent from the previous year's \$4.59 million. The average price per pound for all marketing channels in Iowa was \$2.51, up 6 cents from 2013.

### Honey – Selected States and United States: 2013 & 2014

State	Producing Colonies <sup>1</sup>		Yield		Production		Honey Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2</sup>		Average Price per Pound <sup>3</sup>		Value of Production <sup>4</sup>	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(cents)	(cents)	(1,000) (dollars)	(1,000) (dollars)
California .....	330	320	33	39	10,890	12,480	2,505	2,995	211	203	22,978	25,334
Florida .....	220	245	61	60	13,420	14,700	1,074	1,029	203	208	27,243	30,576
Georgia .....	67	73	50	62	3,350	4,526	637	362	226	219	7,571	9,912
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>4,586</b>	<b>3,778</b>
Louisiana .....	50	48	98	84	4,900	4,032	490	524	189	226	9,261	9,112
Michigan .....	85	91	55	63	4,675	5,733	982	1,835	216	250	10,098	14,333
Minnesota .....	130	132	58	60	7,540	7,920	1,282	1,426	199	206	15,005	16,315
Montana .....	159	162	94	88	14,946	14,256	5,231	5,132	209	205	31,237	29,225
New York .....	55	60	48	55	2,640	3,300	1,030	1,518	212	272	5,597	8,976
North Dakota ....	480	490	69	86	33,120	42,140	6,955	9,271	204	200	67,565	84,280
South Dakota ....	265	280	56	87	14,840	24,360	6,381	5,846	207	209	30,719	50,912
Texas .....	106	116	59	78	6,254	9,048	1,689	2,081	210	223	13,133	20,177
Wisconsin .....	59	53	60	54	3,540	2,862	1,558	1,030	238	232	8,425	6,640
United States ....	2640	2,740	56.6	65.1	149,499	178,270	38,160	41,192	214.1	216.1	320,077	385,241

<sup>1</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the year.

<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>3</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

<sup>4</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.