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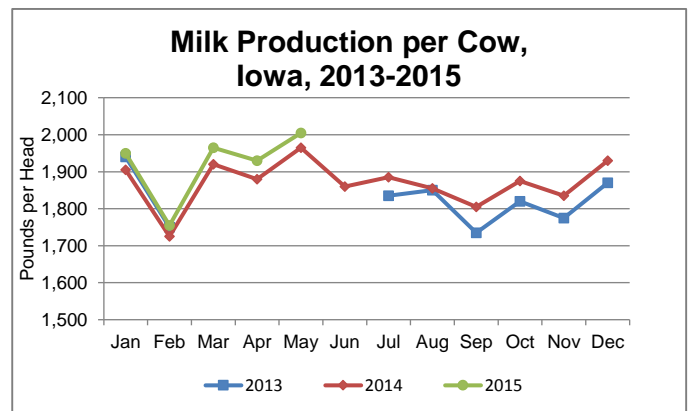
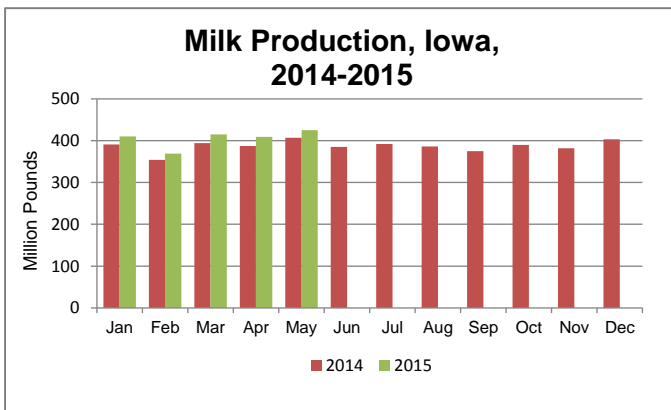
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## MILK PRODUCTION

**Milk production** in Iowa during May 2015 totaled 425 million pounds, up 4 percent from May 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during May, at 212,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 5,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,005 pounds, up 40 pounds from last May. This is the first time that monthly milk per cow has exceeded 2,000 pounds.

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

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2014
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	192	195	2,225	2,185	427	426	-0.2
California .....	1,779	1,779	2,110	2,050	3,754	3,647	-2.9
Colorado .....	144	145	2,165	2,200	312	319	2.2
Florida .....	123	125	1,885	1,905	232	238	2.6
Idaho .....	574	585	2,090	2,100	1,200	1,229	2.4
Illinois .....	94	95	1,765	1,830	166	174	4.8
Indiana .....	177	181	1,935	1,935	342	350	2.3
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Kansas .....	141	144	1,950	1,990	275	287	4.4
Michigan .....	384	406	2,145	2,185	824	887	7.6
Minnesota .....	460	460	1,715	1,780	789	819	3.8
New Mexico .....	323	323	2,240	2,190	724	707	-2.3
New York .....	615	618	1,935	1,975	1,190	1,221	2.6
Ohio .....	266	268	1,800	1,810	479	485	1.3
Oregon .....	125	124	1,825	1,800	228	223	-2.2
Pennsylvania .....	530	530	1,760	1,815	933	962	3.1
South Dakota .....	97	103	1,855	1,905	180	196	8.9
Texas .....	465	462	1,990	1,970	925	910	-1.6
Utah .....	95	96	1,990	2,040	189	196	3.7
Vermont .....	131	132	1,755	1,775	230	234	1.7
Virginia .....	93	92	1,700	1,735	158	160	1.3
Washington .....	274	277	2,110	2,100	578	582	0.7
Wisconsin .....	1,269	1,278	1,885	1,955	2,392	2,498	4.4
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,558</b>	<b>8,630</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>16,934</b>	<b>17,175</b>	<b>1.4</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 1,260,000 on June 1, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is down 2 percent from May 1, 2015, but up 5 percent from June 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 650,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 610,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 9 percent from last year.

**Placements** during May totaled 109,000 head, a decrease of 8 percent from last month but up 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 65,000 head, up 3 percent from last month and up 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 44,000 head. This is down 20 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year.

**Marketings** for May were 123,000 head, down 11 percent from last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 74,000 head, up 3 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 49,000 head, down 26 percent from last month and down 28 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 <sup>1</sup> , May 1, 2015.....	660		620		1,280	
May Placements .....	65		44		109	
May Marketing .....	74		49		123	
May Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	1		5		6	
Cattle on Feed <sup>1</sup> , June 1, 2015 .....	650		610		1,260	

### 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 <sup>1</sup> June 1			Placements during May			Marketings during May			May Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</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 .....	275	238	87	24	275	238	87	24	275	238	87	24
California .....	435	460	106	50	435	460	106	50	435	460	106	50
Colorado .....	910	890	98	140	910	890	98	140	910	890	98	140
Idaho .....	195	235	121	23	195	235	121	23	195	235	121	23
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>54</b>
Kansas .....	2,020	2,020	100	435	2,020	2,020	100	435	2,020	2,020	100	435
Minnesota.....	122	143	117	8	122	143	117	8	122	143	117	8
Nebraska .....	2,380	2,400	101	425	2,380	2,400	101	425	2,380	2,400	101	425
Oklahoma .....	265	275	104	67	265	275	104	67	265	275	104	67
South Dakota ...	210	230	110	34	210	230	110	34	210	230	110	34
Texas .....	2,550	2,490	98	580	2,550	2,490	98	580	2,550	2,490	98	580
Washington .....	180	230	128	37	180	230	128	37	180	230	128	37
Other States ....	315	300	95	32	315	300	95	32	315	300	95	32
United States....	10,497	10,561	101	1,909	10,497	10,561	101	1,909	10,497	10,561	101	1,909

<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.

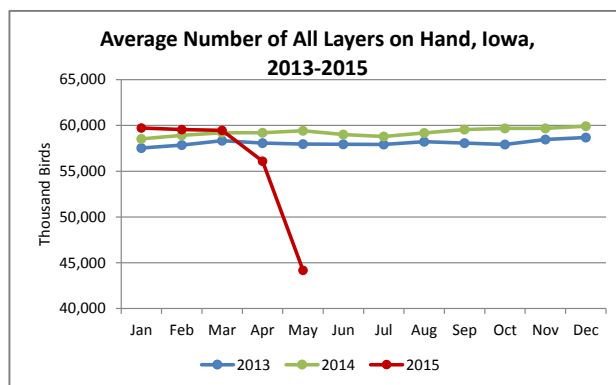
<sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

# CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa Egg production during May 2015 was 1.03 billion eggs, down 21 percent from last month, and down 28 percent from last year, and the lowest egg production since February 2005, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* report from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of all layers on hand during May 2015 was 44.2 million, down 21 percent from last month, down 26 percent from last year, and the lowest inventory since May of 2004. Eggs per 100 layers for April were 2,325, up fractionally from last month, but down 3 percent from last year.

In May, avian influenza affected a number of Iowa flocks. Losses resulting from the disease are reflected in these estimates. The July 21st Chicken and Egg report will reflect average inventory for the month of June. Additional information about the current avian influenza situation in the United States is available at [www.usda.gov/avian\\_influenza.html](http://www.usda.gov/avian_influenza.html).



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During May 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 .....	1,509	1,377	9,562	9,741	1,945	1,940	186	189	39	35
Arkansas .....	3,652	3,569	12,152	12,878	2,057	2,089	250	269	88	91
California .....	15,791	12,772	16,215	13,273	2,381	2,434	386	323	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,357	4,182	4,730	4,628	2,600	2,420	123	112	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	2,272	(NA)	2,366	(NA)	2,451	(NA)	58	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida .....	8,066	8,499	8,460	8,853	2,329	2,282	197	202	192	197
Georgia .....	9,526	9,483	18,407	18,529	2,184	2,191	402	406	232	230
Illinois .....	4,206	4,239	4,690	4,718	2,495	2,395	117	113	112	108
Indiana .....	26,449	25,558	27,423	26,452	2,407	2,382	660	630	641	613
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>58,188</b>	<b>43,007</b>	<b>59,422</b>	<b>44,172</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>2,325</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>1,010</b>
Maine .....	3,434	(NA)	3,489	(NA)	2,436	(NA)	85	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland .....	2,635	2,402	2,804	2,570	2,389	2,490	67	64	66	63
Michigan .....	12,760	12,537	12,991	12,780	2,486	2,535	323	324	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	10,329	9,531	10,784	9,986	2,328	2,403	251	240	245	234
Mississippi .....	1,530	1,528	5,662	5,841	2,031	2,072	115	121	37	37
Missouri .....	6,202	6,357	8,472	8,579	2,408	2,378	204	204	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	9,338	8,089	9,446	8,197	2,594	2,562	245	210	245	210
New York .....	4,694	4,499	5,052	4,859	2,474	2,531	125	123	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	5,718	6,344	13,232	14,141	2,139	2,150	283	304	144	158
Ohio .....	30,197	30,820	31,053	31,680	2,328	2,399	723	760	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	2,181	2,069	2,320	2,208	2,716	2,672	63	59	63	59
Pennsylvania .....	23,102	23,399	24,958	25,342	2,516	2,569	628	651	602	622
South Carolina .....	3,080	3,119	4,361	4,441	2,224	2,184	97	97	75	74
South Dakota .....	2,532	2,050	2,674	2,192	2,244	2,600	60	57	60	57
Texas .....	14,800	14,927	18,920	18,958	2,262	2,252	428	427	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	3,956	4,232	3,994	4,270	2,379	2,342	95	100	95	100
Virginia .....	1,197	1,179	3,006	2,976	2,196	2,117	66	63	32	31
Washington .....	6,836	6,805	7,002	6,970	2,314	2,468	162	172	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	4,183	3,760	4,957	4,539	2,401	2,379	119	108	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	12,884	18,880	21,779	28,101	2,236	2,285	487	642	353	502
United States .....	295,604	275,213	360,383	341,874	2,339	2,339	8,428	7,997	7,336	6,856

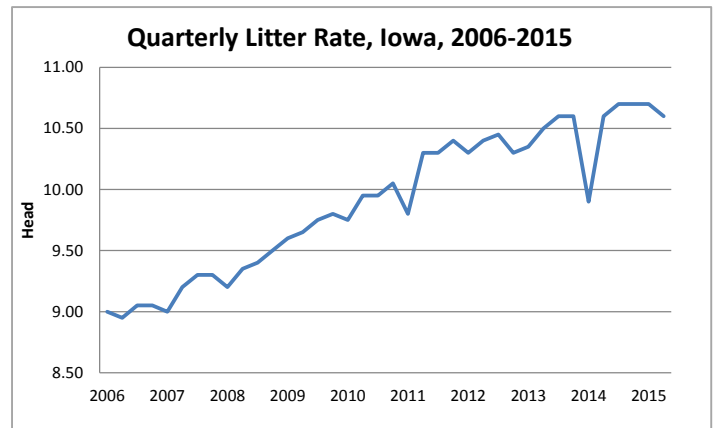
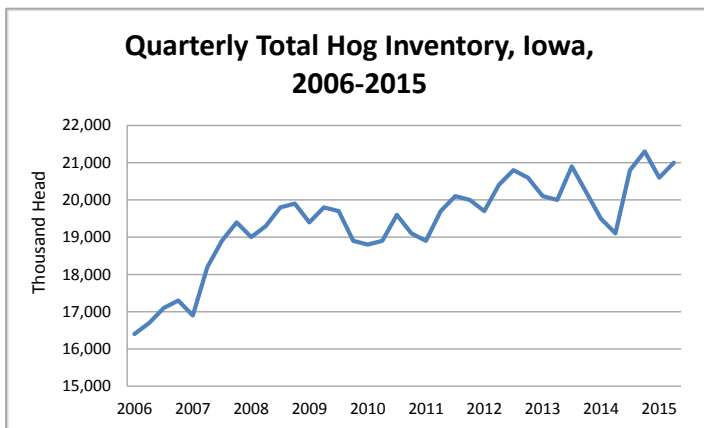
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. <sup>1</sup> Includes data for states not published in this table.

## HOGS & PIGS

On June 1, 2015, there were 21.0 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. This is the second highest inventory since records began in 1870, behind only December 2014's inventory of 21.3 million. The June 1 inventory was up 2 percent from March and up 10 percent from last June's 19.1 million head.

The March-May quarterly pig crop was 5.25 million head, down 2 percent from the previous quarter, but 5 percent above last year. A total of 495,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.60 for the March-May quarter.

As of June 1, producers planned to farrow 490,000 head of sows and gilts in the June-August quarter and 490,000 head during the September-November quarter.



### Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory by Selected States and United States, June 1, 2013-2014

[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
Illinois .....	(1,000 head) 490	(1,000 head) 490	(percent) 100	(1,000 head) 3,810	(1,000 head) 4,110	(percent) 108	(1,000 head) 4,300	(1,000 head) 4,600	(percent) 107
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>18,100</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>19,100</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>110</b>
Minnesota .....	570	550	96	7,080	7,500	106	7,650	8,050	105
Missouri .....	380	395	104	2,070	2,505	121	2,450	2,900	118
Nebraska .....	390	410	105	2,610	2,790	107	3,000	3,200	107
North Carolina .....	860	880	102	6,740	7,120	106	7,600	8,000	105
United States .....	5,855	5,926	101	55,713	60,975	109	61,568	66,900	109

### Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States, and United States: June 1, 2014-2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Illinois .....	(1,000 head) 1,220	(1,000 head) 1,270	(1,000 head) 1,160	(1,000 head) 1,210	(1,000 head) 770	(1,000 head) 850	(1,000 head) 660	(1,000 head) 780
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>4,890</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>5,640</b>	<b>6,380</b>	<b>4,470</b>	<b>4,820</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>3,700</b>
Minnesota .....	2,580	2,570	2,150	2,200	1,290	1,540	1,060	1,190
Missouri .....	1,005	1,255	405	475	315	370	345	405
Nebraska .....	840	860	770	765	510	615	490	550
North Carolina .....	2,750	2,830	1,590	1,650	1,230	1,320	1,170	1,320
United States .....	18,254	19,455	15,801	17,181	11,491	12,810	10,166	11,529