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## CHICKENS & EGGS

**Iowa Egg production during July 2015** was 775 million eggs, up 2 percent from last month, but down 44 percent from last year, and the lowest egg production since February 2002, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* report from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of **all layers on hand during July 2015** was 33.6 million, down 2 percent from last month, down 43 percent from last year, and the lowest inventory since October of 2001. Eggs per 100 layers for July were 2,307, up 4 percent from last month, but down 3 percent from last year.

### Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During July 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 .....	1,529	1,514	9,309	9,551	2,009	1,989	187	190	41	40
Arkansas .....	3,584	3,697	12,271	12,906	2,086	2,069	256	267	88	90
California .....	15,585	13,042	15,997	13,545	2,400	2,289	384	310	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,628	4,033	5,001	4,516	2,500	2,613	125	118	(D)	(D)
Connecticut <sup>1</sup> .....	2,311	(NA)	2,404	(NA)	2,454	(NA)	59	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida .....	8,170	8,533	8,583	8,926	2,319	2,319	199	207	194	202
Georgia .....	9,407	9,586	18,159	18,429	2,159	2,187	392	403	223	228
Illinois .....	4,268	4,168	4,761	4,642	2,520	2,262	120	105	115	100
Indiana .....	26,486	25,924	27,467	26,884	2,403	2,425	660	652	641	632
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>57,584</b>	<b>32,448</b>	<b>58,787</b>	<b>33,593</b>	<b>2,375</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>758</b>
Maine <sup>1</sup> .....	3,422	(NA)	3,477	(NA)	2,358	(NA)	82	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland .....	2,603	2,539	2,774	2,703	2,451	2,516	68	68	66	66
Michigan .....	12,865	12,799	13,082	13,016	2,523	2,435	330	317	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	10,632	7,854	11,088	8,314	2,444	2,418	271	201	264	194
Mississippi .....	1,318	1,536	5,501	5,801	2,036	2,103	112	122	33	39
Missouri .....	6,481	6,085	8,725	8,278	2,338	2,319	204	192	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	9,468	5,769	9,576	5,877	2,600	2,569	249	151	249	151
New York .....	4,737	4,567	5,094	4,927	2,493	2,578	127	127	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	6,009	6,831	13,728	14,745	2,120	2,089	291	308	151	158
Ohio .....	30,268	30,926	31,145	31,778	2,459	2,410	766	766	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	2,239	2,306	2,378	2,445	2,691	2,618	64	64	64	64
Pennsylvania .....	23,329	23,729	25,146	25,683	2,513	2,507	632	644	607	616
South Carolina .....	2,966	3,066	4,201	4,306	2,166	2,346	91	101	69	78
South Dakota .....	2,409	1,408	2,551	1,550	2,430	2,516	62	39	62	39
Texas .....	14,827	15,360	18,901	19,424	2,312	2,265	437	440	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	4,160	4,192	4,198	4,230	2,382	2,506	100	106	100	106
Virginia .....	1,300	1,113	3,073	2,836	2,180	2,080	67	59	35	27
Washington .....	6,686	7,162	6,852	7,327	2,481	2,470	170	181	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	4,116	3,527	4,892	4,307	2,433	2,484	119	107	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	12,771	18,989	21,666	28,192	2,229	2,302	483	649	349	508
<b>United States .....</b>	<b>296,158</b>	<b>262,703</b>	<b>360,787</b>	<b>328,731</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>8,503</b>	<b>7,669</b>	<b>7,404</b>	<b>6,525</b>

(NA) Not available. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Included in Other States in 2015. <sup>2</sup> Includes data for states not published in this table.

## CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,170,000 on August 1, 2015, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is down 3 percent from July 1, 2015, but up 8 percent from August 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 630,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 540,000 head on feed, down 4 percent from last month but up 13 percent from last year.

**Placements** during July totaled 97,000 head, a decrease of 16 percent from last month but up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 71,000 head, up 6 percent from last month and up 27 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 26,000 head. This is down 47 percent from last month and down 33 percent from last year.

**Marketings** for July were 129,000 head, down 22 percent from last month and down 19 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 80,000 head, up 5 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 49,000 head, down 46 percent from last month and down 43 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, July 1, 2015 .....	640	565	1,205
July Placements .....	71	26	97
July Marketing .....	80	49	129
July Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	1	2	3
Cattle on Feed, August 1, 2015 .....	630	540	1,170

## Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2014-2015

[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> August 1			Placements during July			Marketings during July			July Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14
	(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 .....	262	239	91	23	23	100	26	22	85	7	2	29
California .....	420	455	108	39	41	105	47	41	87	7	5	71
Colorado .....	790	790	100	90	90	100	145	125	86	5	5	100
Idaho .....	175	220	126	37	37	100	41	41	100	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>
Kansas .....	1,900	1,930	102	400	395	99	390	395	101	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	115	133	116	10	11	110	15	18	120	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,140	2,200	103	375	390	104	465	455	98	10	15	150
Oklahoma .....	240	250	104	32	38	119	46	47	102	1	1	100
South Dakota .....	175	210	120	20	17	85	39	34	87	1	3	300
Texas .....	2,470	2,440	99	410	365	89	415	395	95	15	10	67
Washington .....	170	210	124	36	34	94	40	38	95	1	1	100
Other States .....	295	295	100	31	35	113	44	34	77	2	1	50
United States....	9,752	10,002	103	1,559	1,547	99	1,787	1,725	97	63	56	89

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

## PRICES

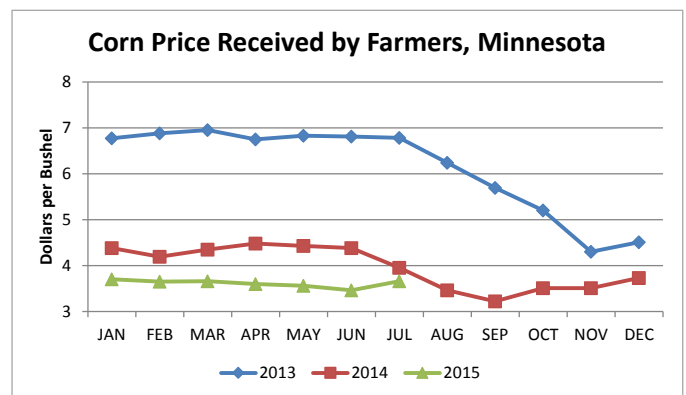
The average price received by farmers for **corn** during July in Iowa was \$3.78 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This is up \$0.22 from the June price, but \$0.28 lower than July 2014.

The July 2015 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$10.00 per bushel, was \$0.50 above the June price, but \$3.00 lower than the July 2014 price.

The July average **oat** price per bushel was \$2.55, down \$0.91 from June, and \$1.40 below July 2014.

**All hay** prices in Iowa averaged \$104.00 per ton in July, \$31.00 per ton less than July 2014. **Alfalfa hay** prices fell \$35.00 per ton from one year ago, to \$115.00 and **other hay** prices were \$22.00 per ton lower than last year, at \$85.00.

The July average price was \$17.00 per cwt for **milk**, down \$0.30 per cwt from the June price, and \$6.80 per cwt below one year ago.



## Prices Received by Farmers - Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Corn .....	4.06	3.56	3.78	4.06	3.58	3.80
Hay, all, baled .....	135.00	115.00	104.00	185.00	162.00	156.00
Alfalfa .....	150.00	125.00	115.00	217.00	178.00	169.00
Other .....	107.00	86.00	85.00	133.00	127.00	129.00
Oats .....	3.95	3.46	2.55	3.49	2.83	2.33
Soybeans .....	13.00	9.50	10.00	13.10	9.58	9.96
Milk, all .....	23.80	17.30	17.00	23.30	16.90	16.60