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Iowa Egg production during October 2015 was 753 million eggs, up 2 percent from last month, but down 47 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of **all layers on hand during October 2015** was 34.5 million, up 1 percent from last month, but down 42 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for October were 2,184, up 1 percent from last month, but down 8 percent from last year.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During October 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	1,467	1,560	9,074	9,704	2,006	1,999	182	194	38	41
Arkansas	3,717	3,657	12,317	12,987	2,070	2,010	255	261	89	90
California	15,033	13,195	15,449	13,709	2,408	2,320	372	318	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,281	4,224	4,654	4,713	2,535	2,461	118	116	(D)	(D)
Connecticut ¹	2,210	(NA)	2,304	(NA)	2,431	(NA)	56	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida	8,328	8,728	8,718	9,126	2,363	2,202	206	201	201	196
Georgia	9,609	9,921	18,328	18,871	2,215	2,210	406	417	235	239
Illinois	4,411	4,577	4,897	5,048	2,532	2,536	124	128	119	123
Indiana	26,226	28,258	27,120	29,247	2,389	2,431	648	711	631	691
Iowa	58,522	33,367	59,677	34,481	2,385	2,184	1,423	753	1,406	739
Maine ¹	3,505	(NA)	3,560	(NA)	2,331	(NA)	83	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland	2,564	2,239	2,730	2,412	2,454	2,488	67	60	66	58
Michigan	12,888	12,650	13,103	12,868	2,503	2,580	328	332	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,814	8,844	11,270	9,302	2,360	2,376	266	221	259	214
Mississippi	1,429	1,524	5,403	5,688	2,036	2,057	110	117	34	36
Missouri	6,460	6,458	8,700	8,671	2,379	2,364	207	205	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,371	5,828	9,479	5,936	2,606	2,460	247	146	247	146
New York	4,676	5,072	5,025	5,426	2,567	2,506	129	136	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,283	6,829	13,821	14,438	2,120	2,147	293	310	152	164
Ohio	30,328	31,035	31,197	31,885	2,391	2,418	746	771	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,129	2,257	2,268	2,396	2,690	2,588	61	62	61	62
Pennsylvania	23,849	23,741	25,750	25,744	2,559	2,513	659	647	632	619
South Carolina	2,952	3,198	4,175	4,436	2,323	2,299	97	102	75	78
South Dakota	2,328	1,400	2,470	1,542	2,551	2,335	63	36	63	36
Texas	15,081	15,728	19,112	19,658	2,224	2,172	425	427	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,495	4,454	4,533	4,492	2,471	2,248	112	101	112	101
Virginia	1,276	1,253	3,037	2,946	2,239	2,342	68	69	36	38
Washington	6,797	6,985	6,963	7,150	2,427	2,503	169	179	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,444	4,267	5,221	5,044	2,375	2,419	124	122	(D)	116
Other States ²	12,864	19,095	21,679	28,198	2,223	2,291	482	646	348	507
United States	298,337	270,344	362,034	336,118	2,355	2,317	8,526	7,788	7,433	6,660

(NA) Not available. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
¹ Included in Other States in 2015. ² Includes data for states not published in this table.

PRICES

The average price received by farmers for corn during October in Iowa was \$3.58 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This is up \$0.01 from the September price, but \$0.04 lower than October 2014.

The October 2015 average price received by farmers for soybeans, at \$8.69 per bushel, was \$0.14 below the September price, and \$1.31 lower than the October 2014 price.

The October average oat price per bushel was \$3.11, up \$0.49 from September, but \$0.28 below October 2014.

All hay prices in Iowa averaged \$107.00 per ton in October, \$25.00 per ton less than October 2014. Alfalfa hay prices fell \$26.00 per ton from one year ago, to \$118.00 and other hay prices were \$14.00 per ton lower than last year, at \$91.00.

The October average price was \$17.60 per cwt for milk, down \$0.20 per cwt from the September price, and \$8.00 per cwt below one year ago.

Prices Received by Farmers - Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	October 2014	September 2015	October 2015	October 2014	September 2015	October 2015
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Cornbu	3.62	3.57	3.58	3.57	3.68	3.67
Hay, all, baledton	132.00	110.00	107.00	171.00	145.00	146.00
Alfalfaton	144.00	117.00	118.00	193.00	157.00	156.00
Otherton	105.00	87.00	91.00	128.00	119.00	124.00
Oatsbu	3.39	2.62	3.11	3.16	2.03	2.20
Soybeansbu	10.00	8.83	8.69	9.97	9.05	8.81
Milk, allcwt	25.60	17.80	17.60	24.90	17.50	17.70

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,145,000 on November 1, 2015, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is up 3 percent from October 1, 2015, and up 5 percent from November 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 640,000 head on feed, up 7 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. This marks the highest November inventory since estimates began in 1994. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 505,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month but up 1 percent from last year.

Placements during October totaled 238,000 head, an increase of 65 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 156,000 head, up 84 percent from last month and up 18 percent from last year. This is the greatest number of cattle on feed placed in a month since estimates began in 1994. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 82,000 head. This is up 39 percent from last month but down 14 percent from last year.

Marketings for October were 198,000 head, up 21 percent from last month and up 23 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 113,000 head, up 12 percent from last month and up 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 85,000 head, up 37 percent from last month and up 39 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 5,000 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, October 1, 2015.....	600	510	1,110
October Placements	156	82	238
October Marketing	113	85	198
October Other Disappearance ²	3	2	5
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2015	640	505	1,145

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 ¹ November 1			Placements during October			Marketings during October			October Disappearance other than Slaughter ²		
	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	250	243	97	22	23	105	21	19	90	3	1	33
California	420	460	110	53	43	81	40	38	95	8	5	63
Colorado	880	880	100	210	195	93	145	140	97	5	5	100
Idaho	210	230	110	61	58	95	45	47	104	1	1	100
Iowa	590	640	108	132	156	118	100	113	113	2	3	150
Kansas	2,080	2,150	103	420	445	106	320	300	94	30	15	50
Minnesota.....	131	151	115	30	30	100	11	16	145	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,440	2,450	100	660	645	98	430	445	103	20	20	100
Oklahoma	260	270	104	60	61	102	43	45	105	2	1	50
South Dakota ...	220	240	109	84	75	89	43	39	91	1	1	100
Texas	2,550	2,560	100	520	450	87	420	360	86	20	20	100
Washington	215	205	95	62	50	81	35	39	111	2	1	50
Other States	325	315	97	54	50	93	32	29	91	2	1	50
United States....	10,571	10,794	102	2,368	2,281	96	1,685	1,630	97	97	75	77

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