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CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa Egg production during November 2015 was 729 million eggs, down 3 percent from last month, and 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 November 2015** was 34.8 million, up 1 percent from last month, but down 42 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for November were 2,093, down 4 percent from last month, and down 10 percent from last year.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During November 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	1,500	1,568	9,138	9,601	1,937	1,916	177	184	38	39
Arkansas	3,866	3,909	12,462	13,396	2,022	1,956	252	262	94	92
California	14,653	11,694	15,110	12,202	2,369	2,246	358	274	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,390	4,220	4,763	4,708	2,456	2,421	117	114	(D)	(D)
Connecticut ¹	2,249	(NA)	2,343	(NA)	2,262	(NA)	53	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida	8,536	8,803	8,936	9,196	2,406	2,240	215	206	210	202
Georgia	9,812	10,176	18,609	19,050	2,166	2,147	403	409	237	239
Illinois	4,481	4,647	4,963	5,109	2,297	2,427	114	124	109	120
Indiana	26,017	28,994	26,884	29,981	2,347	2,408	631	722	615	703
Iowa	58,523	33,654	59,688	34,826	2,317	2,093	1,383	729	1,367	713
Maine ¹	3,511	(NA)	3,566	(NA)	2,299	(NA)	82	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland	2,613	2,480	2,778	2,652	2,340	2,376	65	63	64	62
Michigan	12,985	12,904	13,200	13,120	2,409	2,454	318	322	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,848	8,861	11,305	9,319	2,326	2,339	263	218	257	212
Mississippi	1,489	1,462	5,490	5,646	2,058	2,019	113	114	37	35
Missouri	6,736	7,478	8,944	9,688	2,337	2,364	209	229	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,447	6,528	9,555	6,636	2,501	2,215	239	147	239	147
New York	4,762	5,290	5,110	5,652	2,485	2,424	127	137	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,546	7,012	14,176	14,738	2,088	2,083	296	307	158	167
Ohio	30,416	30,928	31,278	31,778	2,407	2,395	753	761	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,121	2,166	2,260	2,305	2,566	2,516	58	58	58	58
Pennsylvania	23,942	23,489	25,823	25,476	2,509	2,449	648	624	621	598
South Carolina	2,895	3,092	4,156	4,338	2,238	2,282	93	99	71	76
South Dakota	2,473	1,414	2,615	1,556	2,371	2,185	62	34	62	34
Texas	15,163	16,048	19,188	20,048	2,272	2,160	436	433	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,417	4,470	4,455	4,508	2,424	2,218	108	100	108	100
Virginia	1,268	1,247	2,977	2,947	2,183	2,273	65	67	35	37
Washington	6,838	7,090	6,981	7,255	2,364	2,412	165	175	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,656	4,327	5,435	5,105	2,392	2,370	130	121	(D)	(D)
Other States ²	12,953	19,154	21,829	28,237	2,190	2,220	478	627	346	494
United States	300,106	273,105	364,017	339,073	2,311	2,259	8,411	7,660	7,353	6,571

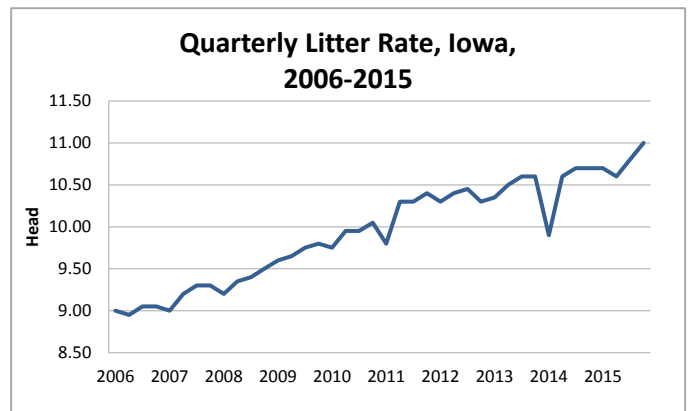
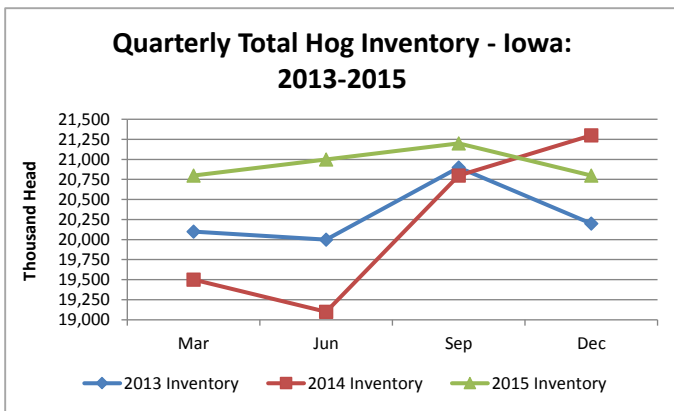
(NA) Not available. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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

HOGS & PIGS

On December 1, 2015, there were 20.8 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service *Hogs and Pigs* report. The December 1 inventory was down 2 percent from September and down 2 percent from last December's 21.3 million head.

The September-November quarterly pig crop was 5.61 million head, up 4 percent from the previous quarter and 3 percent above 2014. A total of 510,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.00 for the September-November quarter, a record high. As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 500,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2015-February 2016 quarter and 495,000 head during the March-May 2016 quarter.



Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: December 1, 2014-2015 [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
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	500	490	98	4,200	4,560	109	4,700	5,050	107
Iowa	1,010	1,030	102	20,290	19,770	97	21,300	20,800	98
Minnesota	560	560	100	7,540	7,390	98	8,100	7,950	98
Missouri	400	395	99	2,450	2,605	106	2,850	3,000	105
Nebraska	400	420	105	2,800	2,880	103	3,200	3,300	103
North Carolina	880	870	99	7,920	7,930	100	8,800	8,800	100
United States	5,939	6,002	101	61,838	62,297	101	67,776	68,299	101

Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States, and United States: December 1, 2014-2015 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Illinois	1,360	1,390	1,180	1,330	800	910	860	930
Iowa	5,310	5,100	6,500	6,300	4,740	4,660	3,740	3,710
Minnesota	2,650	2,560	2,200	2,200	1,520	1,420	1,170	1,210
Missouri	1,170	1,240	470	525	380	400	430	440
Nebraska	950	950	840	750	535	580	475	600
North Carolina	3,010	2,950	1,830	1,880	1,580	1,590	1,500	1,510
United States	19,801	19,508	17,366	17,282	13,000	13,210	11,671	12,296

PRICES

The average price received by farmers for **corn** during November in Iowa was \$3.53 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This is down \$0.05 from the October price, and \$0.10 lower than November 2014.

The November 2015 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$8.58 per bushel, was \$0.11 below the October price, and \$1.62 lower than the November 2014 price.

The November average **oat** price per bushel was \$2.71, down \$0.40 from October, and \$0.66 below November 2014.

All hay prices in Iowa averaged \$120.00 per ton in November, \$23.00 per ton less than November 2014. **Alfalfa hay** prices fell \$22.00 per ton from one year ago, to \$125.00, and **other hay** prices were \$17.00 per ton lower than last year, at \$95.00.

The November average price was \$18.00 per cwt for **milk**, up \$0.40 per cwt from the October price, but \$5.70 per cwt below one year ago.

Prices Received by Farmers - Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Corn	3.63	3.58	3.53	3.60	3.67	3.60
Hay, all, baled	143.00	107.00	120.00	162.00	146.00	142.00
Alfalfa	147.00	118.00	125.00	182.00	156.00	150.00
Other	112.00	91.00	95.00	127.00	124.00	127.00
Oats	3.37	3.11	2.71	2.95	2.20	2.10
Soybeans	10.20	8.69	8.58	10.20	8.81	8.68
Milk, all	23.70	17.60	18.00	23.00	17.70	18.20