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Iowa **egg production** during November 2017 was 1.31 billion eggs, down 2 percent from last month but up 1 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 2017 was 55.7 million, up slightly from last month and up 2 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for November were 2,351, down 2 percent from last month and down 1 percent from last year.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: November 2016 and 2017

[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	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,449	1,373	8,938	9,370	1,924	1,871	172.0	175.3	37.1	35.8
Arkansas	3,989	3,912	13,678	13,853	2,011	1,998	275.1	276.8	92.9	101.7
California	11,193	12,639	11,766	13,275	2,426	2,284	285.4	303.2	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,195	4,056	4,649	4,458	2,471	2,541	114.9	113.3	(D)	(D)
Florida	7,931	7,007	8,311	7,366	2,286	2,326	190.0	171.3	186.2	167.2
Georgia	9,735	9,733	18,847	19,660	2,114	2,112	398.5	415.3	223.7	234.5
Illinois	4,368	4,638	4,832	5,069	2,568	2,393	124.1	121.3	119.7	117.7
Indiana	30,960	31,884	31,863	32,744	2,420	2,420	771.1	792.3	753.9	775.9
Iowa	**53,300**	**54,258**	**54,522**	**55,675**	**2,377**	**2,351**	**1,296.1**	**1,308.7**	**1,280.3**	**1,291.6**
Maryland	2,526	2,624	2,696	2,782	2,418	2,401	65.2	66.8	63.8	65.8
Michigan	14,000	14,349	14,238	14,570	2,432	2,451	346.3	357.1	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,444	9,928	10,902	10,411	2,353	2,319	256.5	241.4	250.1	234.8
Mississippi	1,364	1,440	5,422	5,594	2,086	2,095	113.1	117.2	34.0	36.2
Missouri	7,897	6,417	11,475	9,914	2,478	2,431	284.4	241.0	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	8,852	7,421	8,960	7,694	2,493	2,534	223.4	195.0	223.4	190.4
New York	5,111	5,058	5,501	5,424	2,498	2,528	137.4	137.1	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	7,574	7,120	15,027	15,237	2,163	2,122	325.0	323.3	186.3	174.5
Ohio	31,147	30,890	31,995	31,810	2,396	2,360	766.6	750.6	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,365	2,231	2,504	2,370	2,576	2,540	64.5	60.2	64.5	60.2
Pennsylvania	25,742	26,530	27,923	28,460	2,413	2,433	673.9	692.4	643.4	667.6
South Carolina	2,672	2,781	3,844	4,013	2,216	2,198	85.2	88.2	63.6	66.6
South Dakota	2,601	2,621	2,743	2,763	2,315	2,457	63.5	67.9	63.5	67.9
Texas	16,634	17,760	20,822	22,036	2,231	2,256	464.6	497.2	(D)	(D)
Utah	5,032	5,043	5,070	5,081	2,391	2,490	121.2	126.5	121.2	126.5
Virginia	1,115	843	2,747	2,516	2,217	2,297	60.9	57.8	31.5	28.1
Washington	6,742	6,503	6,907	6,668	2,428	2,365	167.7	157.7	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,956	6,178	5,638	6,821	2,485	2,297	140.1	156.7	(D)	(D)
Other States [1]	23,359	23,516	32,220	32,458	2,236	2,174	720.4	705.5	592.0	577.9
United States	307,253	308,753	374,040	378,092	2,328	2,306	8,707.1	8,717.1	7,602.4	7,604.4

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
[1] Includes data for states not published in this table.

AG PRICES

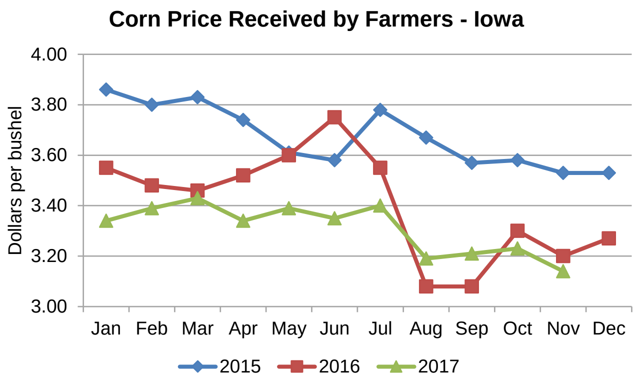
The average price received by farmers for **corn** during November in Iowa was $3.14 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was down $0.09 from the October price and $0.06 below November 2016.

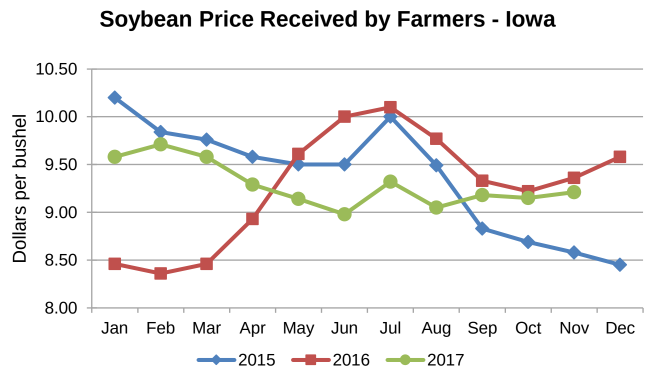
The November 2017 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at $9.21 per bushel, was up $0.06 from the October price but $0.15 below the November 2016 price.

The November average **oat** price per bushel was $3.16, up $0.37 from October and $0.72 above November 2016.

All hay prices in Iowa averaged $128.00 per ton in November. This was up $28.00 from the October price as well as the November 2016 price. The November 2017 **alfalfa hay** price averaged $133.00, up $27.00 from the previous month and $30.00 above November 2016. The average price received for **other hay** during November was $103.00 per ton. This was up $12.00 from the October price and $19.00 more than last year.

The average price was $18.80 per cwt for **milk**, up $0.10 from the October price and $0.20 above one year ago.





Prices Received by Farmers – Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	November 2016	October 2017	November 2017	November 2016	October 2017	November 2017
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Corn ....bu	3.20	3.23	3.14	3.24	3.26	3.15
Hay, all, baled ....ton	100.00	100.00	128.00	126.00	141.00	138.00
Alfalfa ....ton	103.00	106.00	133.00	130.00	152.00	148.00
Other ....ton	84.00	91.00	103.00	120.00	118.00	118.00
Oats ....bu	2.44	2.79	3.16	2.23	2.55	2.68
Soybeans ....bu	9.36	9.15	9.21	9.47	9.18	9.22
Milk, all ....cwt	18.60	18.70	18.80	17.80	17.90	18.10

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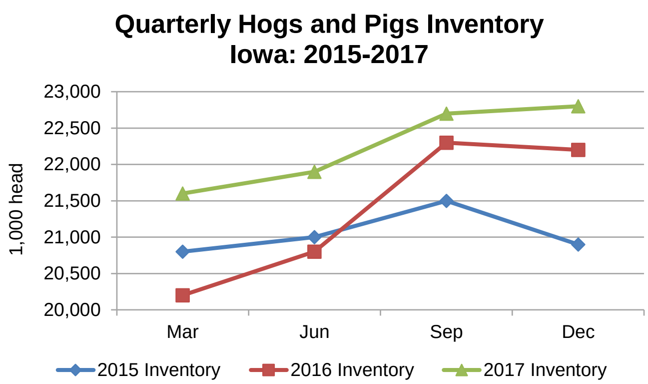
HOGS & PIGS

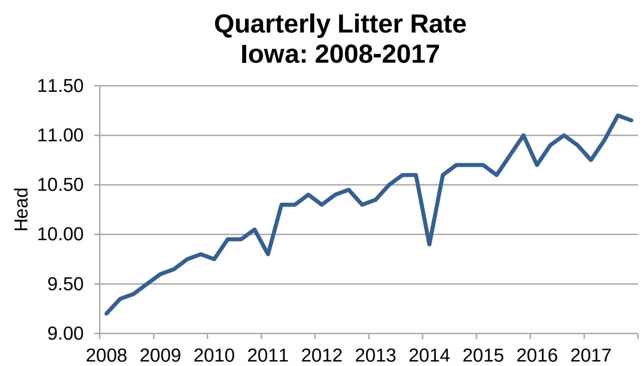
On December 1, 2017, there were 22.8 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. The December 1 inventory is a record high, up 3 percent from the previous year.

The September-November quarterly pig crop was 6.13 million head, up 197,000 head from the previous quarter and 2 percent above last year. A total of 550,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.15, down slightly from last quarter.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 530,000 sows and gilts in the December 2017-February 2018 quarter and 535,000 head during the March-May 2018 quarter.

Note: All hogs and pigs estimates for March 2016 through September 2017 were reviewed for revisions. Revisions were made to inventory and pig crop estimates based on final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data.





Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: December 1, 2016-2017 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2016	2017	'17 as % of '16	2016	2017	'17 as % of '16	2016	2017	'17 as % of '16
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	540	530	98	4,560	4,820	106	5,100	5,350	105
Iowa	**1,030**	**1,000**	**97**	**21,170**	**21,800**	**103**	**22,200**	**22,800**	**103**
Minnesota	570	570	100	7,930	7,930	100	8,500	8,500	100
Missouri	435	450	103	2,665	2,950	111	3,100	3,400	110
Nebraska	415	430	104	2,985	3,170	106	3,400	3,600	106
North Carolina	880	900	102	8,420	8,100	96	9,300	9,000	97
United States	6,110	6,179	101	65,435	67,051	102	71,545	73,230	102

Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States, and United States: December 1, 2016-2017
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State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(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	1,450	1,530	1,360	1,450	890	940	860	900
Iowa	**5,620**	**5,830**	**6,550**	**6,820**	**5,010**	**5,080**	**3,990**	**4,070**
Minnesota	2,720	2,720	2,350	2,330	1,560	1,620	1,300	1,260
Missouri	1,340	1,450	520	560	375	445	430	495
Nebraska	955	1,030	790	840	650	640	590	660
North Carolina	3,160	3,190	1,950	1,790	1,680	1,590	1,630	1,530
United States	20,887	21,447	18,102	18,549	13,786	14,105	12,660	12,949

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CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 700,000 head on December 1, 2017, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 1 percent from November 1, 2017, and up 17 percent from December 1, 2016. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 500,000 head on feed, up 6 percent from last month but down 9 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,200,000 head, up 3 percent from last month and up 4 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 122,000 head, a decrease of 14 percent from last month but up 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 101,000 head, down 5 percent from last month but up 15 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 223,000 head, down 10 percent from last month but up 17 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 110,000 head, up 11 percent from last month and up 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 69,000 head, down 1 percent from last month but up 23 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 179,000 head, up 6 percent from last month and up 15 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 4,000 head.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ capacity	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle on feed [1], November 1, 2017	690	470	1,160
November placements	122	101	223
November marketings	110	69	179
November other disappearance [2]	2	2	4
Cattle on feed, December 1, 2017	700	500	1,200

[1] Cattle and calves 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.
[2] Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2016-2017

State	Cattle on feed [1] December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November disappearance other than slaughter [2]		
	2016	2017	'17 as % of '16	2016	2017	'17 as % of '16	2016	2017	'17 as % of '16	2016	2017	'17 as % of '16
	(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	251	261	104	27	34	126	28	24	86	1	1	100
California	420	470	112	48	71	148	45	38	84	3	3	100
Colorado	910	990	109	140	150	107	135	135	100	5	5	100
Idaho	260	260	100	51	48	94	39	41	105	2	2	100
Iowa	**600**	**700**	**117**	**102**	**122**	**120**	**100**	**110**	**110**	**2**	**2**	**100**
Kansas	2,220	2,310	104	370	420	114	370	380	103	20	20	100
Minnesota	146	155	106	19	26	137	14	20	143	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,370	2,590	109	510	545	107	445	460	103	15	15	100
Oklahoma	290	315	109	52	60	115	55	63	115	2	2	100
South Dakota	240	260	108	47	54	115	46	53	115	1	1	100
Texas	2,430	2,660	109	390	480	123	435	445	102	15	15	100
Washington	195	215	110	41	43	105	40	36	90	1	2	200
Other States	320	330	103	46	46	100	35	39	111	1	2	200
United States	10,652	11,516	108	1,843	2,099	114	1,787	1,844	103	69	71	103

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