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CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa **egg production** during December 2017 was 1.32 billion eggs, up 1 percent from last month but down 5 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 December 2017 was 55.4 million, down 1 percent from last month but up slightly from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for December were 2,377, up 1 percent from last month but down 5 percent from last year.

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Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During December 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	1,406	1,352	8,947	9,229	1,965	1,914	175.8	176.6	36.6	36.1
Arkansas	4,005	4,010	13,912	13,999	1,997	2,039	277.8	285.5	95.4	106.7
California	11,546	14,367	12,160	15,005	2,487	2,479	302.4	372.0	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,243	4,173	4,688	4,575	2,517	2,536	118.0	116.0	(D)	(D)
Florida	7,937	7,084	8,284	7,429	2,373	2,396	196.6	178.0	193.2	174.2
Georgia	9,608	9,618	18,687	19,560	2,203	2,167	411.7	423.9	231.4	239.4
Illinois	4,555	4,616	5,029	5,059	2,607	2,536	131.1	128.3	126.5	124.5
Indiana	31,443	31,750	32,296	32,580	2,516	2,489	812.7	810.9	795.7	794.5
Iowa	53,884	53,982	55,168	55,369	2,500	2,377	1,379.1	1,315.9	1,362.7	1,299.3
Maryland	2,520	2,632	2,689	2,780	2,507	2,486	67.4	69.1	66.1	68.2
Michigan	13,858	14,560	14,109	14,796	2,559	2,504	361.1	370.5	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,674	10,222	11,130	10,742	2,426	2,367	270.0	254.3	263.4	247.2
Mississippi	1,470	1,497	5,463	5,729	2,134	2,107	116.6	120.7	35.9	37.1
Missouri	7,729	6,649	11,286	10,132	2,583	2,505	291.5	253.8	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	8,849	7,388	8,957	7,660	2,582	2,658	231.3	203.6	231.3	198.9
New York	5,170	5,158	5,565	5,514	2,571	2,597	143.1	143.2	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	7,628	7,159	15,062	15,165	2,280	2,250	343.4	341.2	200.7	190.1
Ohio	30,793	30,907	31,649	31,832	2,473	2,417	782.6	769.3	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,411	2,149	2,550	2,288	2,671	2,662	68.1	60.9	68.1	60.9
Pennsylvania	25,811	26,731	28,088	28,693	2,504	2,504	703.4	718.4	669.1	692.8
South Carolina	2,685	2,793	3,857	4,050	2,297	2,225	88.6	90.1	66.7	67.8
South Dakota	2,643	2,621	2,785	2,763	2,492	2,606	69.4	72.0	69.4	72.0
Texas	16,853	17,764	21,129	22,170	2,256	2,325	476.6	515.5	(D)	(D)
Utah	5,319	5,142	5,357	5,180	2,479	2,568	132.8	133.0	132.8	133.0
Virginia	988	794	2,666	2,505	2,198	2,359	58.6	59.1	28.1	28.0
Washington	6,972	6,673	7,137	6,838	2,550	2,473	182.0	169.1	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,980	6,166	5,651	6,826	2,592	2,505	146.5	171.0	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	23,408	24,554	32,269	33,548	2,309	2,243	745.1	752.4	613.1	620.7
United States	309,388	312,511	376,570	382,016	2,412	2,375	9,083.3	9,074.3	7,950.4	7,935.3

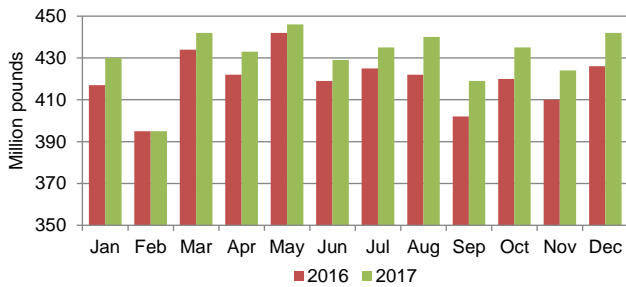
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.

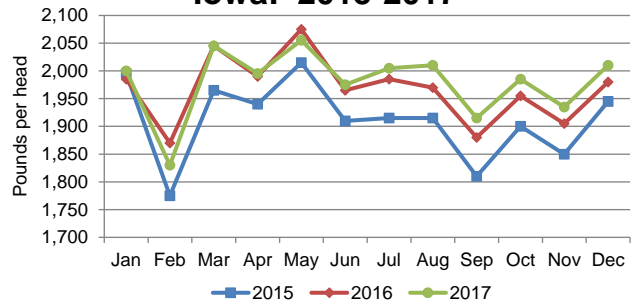
MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during December 2017 totaled 442 million pounds, up 4 percent from the previous December according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 220,000 head, was 1,000 more than last month and 5,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,010 pounds, up 30 pounds from last December.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2016-2017**



**Milk Production per Cow
Iowa: 2015-2017**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: December 2016 and 2017

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	Change from 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	196	203	2,050	2,010	402	408	1.5
California	1,756	1,742	1,925	1,935	3,380	3,371	-0.3
Colorado	155	166	2,180	2,225	338	369	9.2
Florida	122	124	1,785	1,675	218	208	-4.6
Idaho	600	600	2,015	2,010	1,209	1,206	-0.2
Illinois	93	93	1,720	1,770	160	165	3.1
Indiana	185	187	1,890	1,900	350	355	1.4
Iowa	215	220	1,980	2,010	426	442	3.8
Kansas	150	153	1,925	1,950	289	298	3.1
Michigan	425	428	2,140	2,180	910	933	2.5
Minnesota	461	456	1,770	1,810	816	825	1.1
New Mexico	325	332	2,055	2,075	668	689	3.1
New York	620	625	2,010	1,950	1,246	1,219	-2.2
Ohio	262	264	1,750	1,755	459	463	0.9
Oregon	124	124	1,670	1,675	207	208	0.5
Pennsylvania	525	525	1,735	1,745	911	916	0.5
South Dakota	116	118	1,875	1,865	218	220	0.9
Texas	490	515	1,945	2,000	953	1,030	8.1
Utah	92	97	1,920	1,935	177	188	6.2
Vermont	129	128	1,775	1,775	229	227	-0.9
Virginia	88	87	1,640	1,690	144	147	2.1
Washington	275	274	1,990	1,975	547	541	-1.1
Wisconsin	1,279	1,276	1,970	1,995	2,520	2,546	1.0
23-State Total	8,683	8,737	1,932	1,943	16,777	16,974	1.2

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

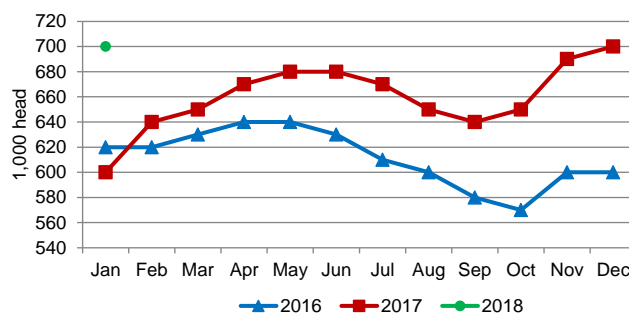
CATTLE ON FEED

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 January 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from December 1, 2017, but up 17 percent from January 1, 2017.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 100,000 head, a decrease of 18 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year. **Marketings** of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 98,000 head, down 11 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year.

Other disappearance from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head in Iowa totaled 2,000 head.

Cattle on Feed, Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots - Iowa: 2016-2018



Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2016-2018

State	Cattle on feed ¹ January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December other disappearance ²		
	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	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.....	250	269	108	30	29	97	30	20	67	1	1	100
California.....	430	490	114	65	83	128	52	60	115	3	3	100
Colorado.....	900	970	108	130	120	92	135	135	100	5	5	100
Idaho.....	260	255	98	38	35	92	36	38	106	2	2	100
Iowa.....	600	700	117	104	100	96	102	98	96	2	2	100
Kansas.....	2,170	2,290	106	395	400	101	430	405	94	15	15	100
Minnesota.....	150	160	107	19	21	111	14	15	107	1	1	100
Nebraska.....	2,370	2,610	110	450	460	102	440	425	97	10	15	150
Oklahoma.....	300	315	105	54	54	100	43	52	121	1	2	200
South Dakota....	230	250	109	38	32	84	46	39	85	2	3	150
Texas.....	2,420	2,640	109	365	385	105	365	385	105	10	20	200
Washington.....	185	210	114	32	27	84	41	30	73	1	2	200
Other States.....	340	330	97	65	53	82	43	50	116	2	3	150
United States....	10,605	11,489	108	1,785	1,799	101	1,777	1,752	99	55	74	135

¹ 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.

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

Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2017-2018

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	January 1, 2017	October 1, 2017	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2017	October 1, 2017	January 1, 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	242	241	258	8	7	11
California	400	400	440	30	30	50
Colorado	570	560	565	330	380	405
Idaho	180	165	175	80	80	80
Iowa	460	480	530	140	170	170
Kansas	1,170	1,160	1,190	1,000	1,090	1,100
Minnesota	125	98	127	25	22	33
Nebraska	1,510	1,490	1,640	860	800	970
Oklahoma	190	185	185	110	135	130
South Dakota ...	135	135	145	95	85	105
Texas	1,710	1,700	1,730	710	900	910
Washington	115	130	140	70	70	70
Other States	215	190	210	125	110	120
United States....	7,022	6,934	7,335	3,583	3,879	4,154