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CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa **egg production** during January 2019 was 1.44 billion eggs, up 1 percent from last month and up 11 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 January 2019 was 57.0 million, down 1 percent from last month but up 3 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for January were 2,520, up 1 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year.

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Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During January 2018 and 2019

[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	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,309	1,447	9,230	9,882	1,889	1,883	174.4	186.1	33.8	35.5
Arkansas	4,076	4,096	14,290	14,392	1,969	2,000	281.3	287.9	100.5	104.4
California	13,723	13,728	14,372	14,600	2,497	2,434	358.8	355.4	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,214	4,246	4,616	4,641	2,500	2,594	115.4	120.4	(D)	(D)
Florida	6,970	6,921	7,344	7,308	2,327	2,365	170.9	172.8	167.0	168.3
Georgia	9,355	9,752	19,291	19,957	2,096	2,169	404.4	432.8	221.8	240.6
Illinois	4,491	5,659	4,962	6,143	2,568	2,613	127.4	160.5	123.5	156.5
Indiana	31,227	33,851	32,025	34,733	2,434	2,479	779.4	861.2	763.9	844.7
Iowa	54,178	55,631	55,618	57,045	2,331	2,520	1,296.4	1,437.4	1,280.1	1,415.1
Maryland	2,647	2,640	2,784	2,807	2,471	2,380	68.8	66.8	68.0	65.5
Michigan	14,545	15,826	14,796	16,079	2,457	2,495	363.6	401.1	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,508	10,534	11,058	11,111	2,389	2,485	264.2	276.1	256.6	267.6
Mississippi	1,494	1,407	5,779	5,616	2,063	2,076	119.2	116.6	35.6	33.8
Missouri	7,135	8,054	10,800	11,764	2,420	2,512	261.4	295.5	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	7,298	8,177	7,555	8,450	2,633	2,633	198.9	222.5	194.6	217.8
New York	5,204	5,138	5,558	5,533	2,530	2,525	140.6	139.7	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	7,063	5,932	15,168	14,214	2,195	2,115	333.0	300.6	180.2	147.2
Ohio	30,907	31,547	31,853	32,556	2,401	2,493	764.7	811.6	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,287	2,170	2,426	2,309	2,568	2,672	62.3	61.7	62.3	61.7
Pennsylvania	26,163	25,860	28,145	27,952	2,507	2,492	705.5	696.6	679.6	665.3
South Carolina	3,053	3,239	4,304	4,457	2,235	2,266	96.2	101.0	74.0	78.2
South Dakota	2,443	2,741	2,585	2,883	2,662	2,320	68.8	66.9	68.8	66.9
Texas	17,722	17,749	22,115	21,963	2,262	2,276	500.2	499.8	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,999	4,790	5,037	4,828	2,496	2,591	125.7	125.1	125.7	125.1
Virginia	793	793	2,545	2,498	2,338	2,182	59.5	54.5	27.7	23.6
Washington	6,982	6,816	7,147	6,981	2,664	2,606	190.4	181.9	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	5,959	6,170	6,624	6,896	2,511	2,384	166.3	164.4	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	24,915	25,810	34,228	35,200	2,300	2,308	787.2	812.4	653.2	676.6
United States	311,660	320,724	382,255	392,798	2,350	2,395	8,984.9	9,409.3	7,841.8	8,227.6

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

¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.

CATTLE

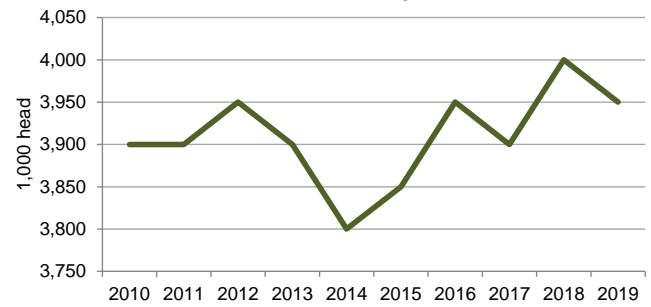
All cattle and calves in Iowa as of January 1, 2019, totaled 3.95 million head, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle* report. This was down 50,000 head from January 1, 2018. **Beef cows**, at 950,000 head, were unchanged from last year. **Milk cow** inventory was also unchanged at 220,000 head.

All heifers 500 pounds and over were down 1 percent to 845,000 head. **Heifers for beef cow replacement** were down 3 percent from 2018 to 160,000 head; **heifers for milk cow replacement**, at 125,000 head, were down 7 percent from the previous year; and **all other heifers** were up 2 percent to 560,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were down 2 percent from last year at 1.36 million head. **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** remained at 70,000 head. **Calves under 500 pounds** on January 1, 2019, totaled 505,000 head, down 3 percent from last year.

The 2018 **calf crop** was estimated at 1.11 million head, up 2 percent from the 2017 calf crop. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2018, totaled 1.32 million head, up 2 percent from one year ago.

**All Cattle and Calves Inventory
Iowa: January 1**



Cattle and Calves, Number by Class – Iowa and United States: January 1, 2018 and 2019

Class	Iowa			United States		
	2018	2019	2019 as % of 2018	2018	2019	2019 as % of 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All cattle and calves	4,000	3,950	99	94,298	94,760	100
All cows that have calved	1,170	1,170	100	40,898	41,119	101
Beef cows	950	950	100	31,466	31,766	101
Milk cows	220	220	100	9,432	9,353	99
Heifers 500 pounds and over						
For beef cow replacement	165	160	97	6,108	5,925	97
For milk cow replacement	135	125	93	4,768	4,702	99
Other heifers	550	560	102	9,341	9,604	103
Steers 500 pounds and over	1,390	1,360	98	16,528	16,633	101
Bulls 500 pounds and over	70	70	100	2,252	2,263	100
Calves under 500 pounds	520	505	97	14,401	14,515	101
Cattle on feed ¹	1,300	1,320	102	14,146	14,371	102

¹ 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. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

Calf Crop – Iowa and United States: 2017 and 2018

	Iowa			United States		
	2017	2018	2018 as % of 2017	2017	2018	2018 as % of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Calf crop	1,090	1,110	102	35,758	36,403	102

SHEEP

All sheep and lambs inventory in Iowa as of January 1, 2019, totaled 153,000 head according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. The sheep and lambs inventory is down 12,000 head from last year. Total **breeding stock**, at 103,000 head, was 10 percent below one year ago. **Market sheep and lambs** was unchanged from a year ago and totaled 50,000 head. The **lamb crop** for 2018 decreased 4 percent to 110,000 head. **Wool production** for the State was 760,000 pounds, with fleece weights averaging 5.4 pounds.

All Sheep and Lambs, Number by Class – Iowa and United States: January 1, 2018 and 2019

Class	Iowa			United States		
	2018	2019	2019 as % of 2018	2018	2019	2019 as % of 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	165.0	153.0	93	5,265.0	5,230.0	99
Total breeding sheep	115.0	103.0	90	3,865.0	3,820.0	99
Ewes	91.0	80.0	88	3,033.0	3,000.0	99
Rams	5.0	4.0	80	170.0	170.0	100
Replacement lambs	19.0	19.0	100	662.0	650.0	98
Total market	50.0	50.0	100	1,400.0	1,410.0	101

Lamb Crop – Iowa and United States: 2017 and 2018

	Iowa			United States		
	2017	2018	2018 as % of 2017	2017	2018	2018 as % of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Lamb crop	115.0	110.0	96	3,230.0	3,235.0	100

Wool Production, Price and Value – Iowa and United States: 2017 and 2018

Class	Iowa			United States		
	2017	2018	2018 as % of 2017	2017	2018	2018 as % of 2017
Sheep shorn.....(1,000 head)	140.0	140.0	100	3,435.0	3,372.0	98
Weight per fleece.....(pounds)	5.6	5.4	96	7.2	7.2	100
Production.....(1,000 pounds)	780	760	97	24,810	24,400	98
Price per pound.....(dollars)	0.52	0.59	113	1.48	1.75	118
Value ¹(1,000 dollars)	406	448	110	36,774	42,772	116

¹ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. United States value is the summation of State values.

GOATS

Milk goat inventory in Iowa as of January 1, 2019, was 32,000 head, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. Iowa ranked third in total milk goats. The inventory was up 3 percent from January 2018. Total **meat and other** goat inventory was 37,000 head, a decrease of 7 percent from the previous year.

Goat Inventory – Selected States and United States: 2018 and 2019

	Milk Goats		Meat & Other Goats	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
California.....	40,000	42,000	85,000	90,000
Iowa.....	31,000	32,000	40,000	37,000
Minnesota	14,000	13,000	24,000	25,000
Tennessee	7,500	7,000	96,000	89,000
Texas	29,000	27,000	765,000	740,000
Wisconsin ¹	67,000	72,000	(NA)	(NA)
United States	420,000	430,000	2,075,000	2,055,000

(NA) Not Available

¹ Beginning in 2017, Meat and Other Goats for Wisconsin is no longer published individually. It is now included in the Other States total.

AG PRICES

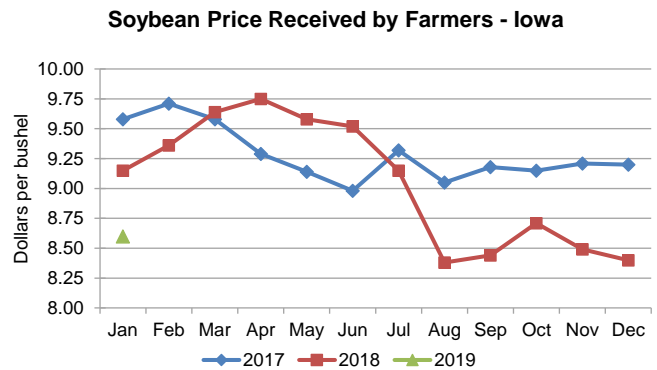
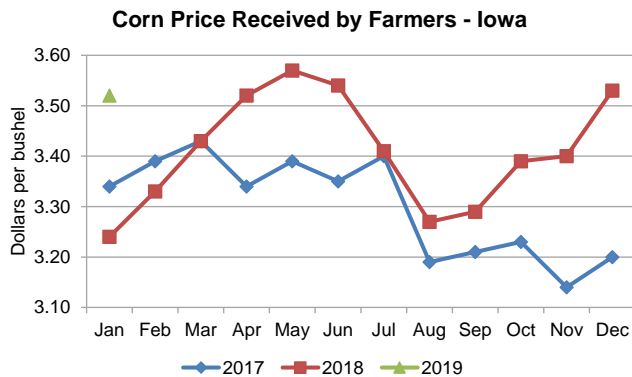
The average price received by farmers for **corn** during January in Iowa was \$3.52 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was down 1 cent from the December price but 28 cents above January 2018.

The January 2019 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$8.60 per bushel, was up 20 cents from the December price but 55 cents below the January 2018 price.

The January average **oat** price per bushel was \$3.82, up 42 cents from December and \$1.07 above January 2018.

All hay prices in Iowa averaged \$122.00 per ton in January. This was down \$16.00 from the December price but \$11.00 above the January 2018 price. The January 2019 **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$127.00, down \$18.00 from the previous month but \$11.00 above January 2018. The average price received for **other hay** during January was \$114.00 per ton. This was down \$14.00 from the December price but \$12.00 above the January 2018 price.

The average price was \$16.30 per cwt for **milk**, unchanged from the December price and equal to one year ago.



Prices Received by Farmers – Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	January 2018	December 2018	January 2019	January 2018	December 2018	January 2019
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Cornbu	3.24	3.53	3.52	3.29	3.54	3.56
Hay, all, baledton	111.00	138.00	122.00	140.00	164.00	166.00
Alfalfaton	116.00	145.00	127.00	153.00	180.00	181.00
Otherton	102.00	128.00	114.00	123.00	140.00	146.00
Oatsbu	2.75	3.40	3.82	3.29	2.77	2.70
Soybeansbu	9.15	8.40	8.60	9.30	8.57	8.63
Milk, allcwt	16.30	16.30	16.30	16.10	16.40	16.60