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## MONTHLY PRICES

The March 2016 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Minnesota was \$3.25 per bushel. This was down \$0.06 from the February price, and \$0.41 lower than the March 2015 price.

The March 2016 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$8.17 per bushel, was up \$0.05 from the February price, but \$1.35 lower than the March 2015 price.

The March 2016 price for **spring wheat** was \$4.49 per bushel, up \$0.03 from February, but \$0.80 below March 2015.

**All hay** prices in Minnesota averaged \$80.00 per ton in March, down \$2.00 from the February price, and \$34.00 per ton less than March 2015. **Alfalfa hay** prices fell \$37.00 per ton from one year ago, to \$85.00, while **other hay** prices were \$19.00 per ton lower than last year, at \$61.00.

The March average price was \$15.80 per cwt for **milk**, down \$0.30 from February, and \$1.60 per cwt below one year ago. Prices for replacement milk cows averaged \$1,850 in April, down \$10.00 from the previous year.

### Prices Received by Farmers - Minnesota and United States

	Minnesota			United States		
	March 2015	February 2016	March 2016	March 2015	February 2016	March 2016
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Barley, all .....bu	5.24	4.95	5.55	4.87	5.50	5.40
Beans, dry edible .....cwt	46.50	25.10	25.00	33.80	24.80	26.60
Corn .....bu	3.66	3.31	3.25	3.81	3.57	3.57
Hay, all baled .....ton	114.00	82.00	80.00	157.00	136.00	138.00
Alfalfa .....ton	122.00	90.00	85.00	169.00	142.00	144.00
Other .....ton	80.00	65.00	61.00	140.00	125.00	126.00
Oats .....bu	3.08	1.90	2.05	2.96	2.21	2.20
Potatoes .....cwt	9.30	10.20	10.60	9.38	8.48	9.38
Soybeans .....bu	9.52	8.12	8.17	9.85	8.51	8.56
Spring wheat .....bu	5.29	4.46	4.49	5.53	4.56	4.47
Sunflowers, all .....cwt	(D)	23.30	23.20	22.50	20.50	21.40
Milk, all .....cwt	17.40	16.10	15.80	16.60	15.70	15.30
Milk cows <sup>1,2</sup> .....head	1,860.00	1,730.00	1,850.00	1,970.00	1,830.00	1,820.00

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. <sup>1</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for January, April, July, and October. <sup>2</sup> Milk cow prices are for April 2015, January 2016, and April 2016.

### Livestock Prices Received by Farmers - United States

	March 2015	February 2016	March 2016
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Calves .....cwt	290.00	201.00	199.00
Cattle, all beef .....cwt	160.00	132.00	135.00
Cows <sup>1</sup> .....cwt	114.00	77.50	80.00
Steers and heifers .....cwt	162.00	134.00	137.00
Hogs, all .....cwt	50.30	49.60	50.00
Barrows and gilts .....cwt	50.70	49.80	50.50
Sows .....cwt	38.20	45.40	36.30
Eggs (market) .....doz	1.41	0.849	0.729

<sup>1</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

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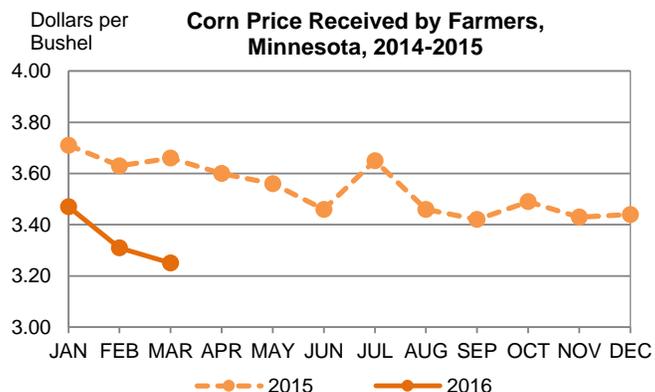
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## FLOUR MILLINGS

### All Wheat Ground, Flour Production, and Capacity – Minnesota: 2015 Summary

Region	Wheat ground for flour (1,000 bushels)	Wheat flour production (1,000 cwt)	Daily (24-hour) capacity (cwt)
January - March	14,626	6,681	117,520
April - June	14,696	6,841	117,520
July - September	15,555	7,192	115,120
October - December	15,927	7,371	115,120
<b>Total 2015</b>	<b>60,804</b>	<b>28,085</b>	<b>(X)</b>

(X) Not applicable.

### Flour Milling Production and Capacity – United States: 2015 Summary

Item	Unit	January - March 2015	April - June 2015	July - September 2015	October - December 2015	Total
<b>All wheat</b>						
Wheat ground for flour	1,000 bushels	225,289	227,452	235,001	235,884	923,626
Flour production	1,000 cwt	103,116	105,104	107,879	108,801	424,900
Whole wheat flour production	1,000 cwt	6,122	5,513	6,326	6,154	24,115
Millfeed production	tons	1,601,309	1,643,116	1,713,970	1,682,552	6,640,947
Daily 24-hour capacity	cwt	1,610,399	1,620,899	1,617,499	1,617,829	(X)
<b>Wheat, excluding durum</b>						
Wheat ground for flour	1,000 bushels	208,979	212,260	218,908	218,443	858,590
Flour production	1,000 cwt	95,433	98,032	100,429	100,612	394,506
Whole wheat production	1,000 cwt	5,967	5,343	5,987	5,965	23,262
Millfeed production	tons	1,489,375	1,538,002	1,602,633	1,561,550	6,191,560
Daily 24-hour capacity	cwt	1,483,152	1,493,152	1,489,752	1,490,082	(X)
<b>Wheat, durum</b>						
Wheat ground for flour and semolina	1,000 bushels	16,310	15,192	16,093	17,441	65,036
Durum flour and semolina production	1,000 cwt	7,683	7,072	7,450	8,189	30,394
Whole wheat durum flour and semolina production	1,000 cwt	155	170	339	189	853
Millfeed production	tons	111,934	105,114	111,337	121,002	449,387
Daily 24-hour capacity	cwt	127,247	127,747	127,747	127,747	(X)
<b>Rye</b>						
Rye ground for flour	1,000 bushels	544	523	517	549	2,133
Flour production	1,000 cwt	256	250	241	261	1,008
Millfeed production	tons	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Daily 24-hour capacity	cwt	9,365	9,365	9,365	9,365	(X)

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## TURKEY HATCHERY

### Turkey Hatchery Production - United States: 2015 Summary

Month	Eggs in incubators first of month			Poults hatched entire month			Net Turkey Poult Placements by Month <sup>1</sup>		
	2014	2015	Change 2014/2015	2014	2015	Change 2014/2015	2014	2015	Change 2014/2015
	(1,000 eggs)		(percent)	(1,000 poults)		(percent)	(1,000 poults)		(percent)
January	27,281	29,146	+7	23,441	23,921	+2	22,107	22,283	+1
February	26,927	27,155	+1	21,499	21,712	+1	20,902	20,110	-4
March	26,048	28,331	+9	22,391	24,178	+8	21,562	21,880	+1
April	27,216	28,798	+6	22,818	23,263	+2	22,630	21,852	-3
May	29,057	26,864	-8	24,208	22,164	-8	23,320	21,331	-9
June	28,945	27,252	-6	23,667	23,148	-2	23,462	23,030	-2
July	28,648	27,372	-4	24,419	22,976	-6	24,241	22,788	-6
August	27,760	27,044	-3	23,500	22,006	-6	23,224	21,863	-6
September	27,402	23,793	-13	22,855	19,528	-15	21,180	19,041	-10
October	27,856	24,211	-13	23,744	20,621	-13	21,695	20,213	-7
November	28,004	25,125	-10	21,936	20,996	-4	20,379	20,946	+3
December	28,964	25,727	-11	24,660	22,642	-8	22,516	22,562	+0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>279,138</b>	<b>267,155</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>267,218</b>	<b>257,899</b>	<b>-3</b>

(NA) Not Available 1. Includes imports and excludes exports.

## CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in Minnesota for all feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 160,000 head on April 1, 2016. This is down 2 percent from last month but up 10 percent from last year. **Placements** during March totaled 17,000 head, down 6,000 head from last month and last year. **Marketings** for March were 19,000 head, up 2,000 head from last month but down 2,000 head from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 1,000 head.

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on April 1, 2016. The inventory was 1 percent above April 1, 2015. The inventory included 7.36 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 68 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.49 million head, up 4 percent from 2015.

**Placements** in feedlots during March totaled 1.89 million head, 5 percent above 2015. Net placements were 1.83 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 352,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 275,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 495,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 770,000 head. **Marketings** of fed cattle during March totaled 1.75 million head, 7 percent above 2015. **Other disappearance** totaled 62,000 head during March, 10 percent below 2015.

### Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2015-2016

State	Cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			March disappearance other than slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15
	(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 .....	241	303	126	25	31	124	21	24	114	6	1	17
California .....	445	420	94	55	44	80	46	58	126	4	6	150
Colorado .....	890	900	101	150	165	110	140	150	107	10	5	50
Idaho .....	230	240	104	30	37	123	29	35	121	1	2	200
Iowa .....	670	640	96	90	94	104	79	81	103	1	3	300
Kansas .....	2,110	2,180	103	410	425	104	370	390	105	10	15	150
<b>Minnesota.....</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>
Nebraska .....	2,530	2,440	96	440	455	103	395	425	108	15	10	67
Oklahoma .....	285	295	104	49	53	108	38	47	124	1	1	100
South Dakota ...	235	265	113	33	34	103	32	38	119	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,470	2,500	101	420	455	108	385	395	103	15	10	67
Washington .....	225	195	87	39	38	97	28	37	132	1	1	100
Other States ....	320	315	98	45	44	98	47	48	102	3	6	200
United States ...	10,797	10,853	101	1,809	1,892	105	1,631	1,747	107	69	62	90

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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: 2015-2016

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	April 1, 2015	January 1, 2016	April 1, 2016	April 1, 2015	January 1, 2016	April 1, 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	237	247	294	4	8	9
California .....	410	420	400	35	30	20
Colorado .....	610	590	610	280	280	290
Idaho .....	150	165	165	80	75	75
Iowa .....	520	470	460	150	150	180
Kansas .....	1,190	1,160	1,200	920	930	980
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>
Nebraska .....	1,830	1,560	1,620	700	860	820
Oklahoma .....	200	185	185	85	85	110
South Dakota ..	150	150	153	85	105	112
Texas .....	1,680	1,740	1,800	790	690	700
Washington .....	140	125	125	85	70	70
Other States ....	210	225	210	110	100	105
United States....	7,455	7,164	7,361	3,342	3,411	3,492

# CHICKENS & EGGS

Minnesota **egg production** during March 2016 was 225 million eggs, up 8 percent from last month, but down 22 percent from last year. The average number of **all layers on hand** during March 2016 was 9.50 million, up 3 percent from last month, but down 19 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of March were 2,368, up 5 percent from last month, but down 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 8.50 billion during March 2016, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.36 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 91 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2016 averaged 361 million, down 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,353 eggs, down slightly from March 2015.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2016 totaled 361 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 361 million layers consisted of 303 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.74 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2016, averaged 75.5 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from April 1, 2015.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2016 totaled 52.2 million, up 4 percent from March 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 48.5 million on April 1, 2016, down 2 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 136 thousand during March 2016, down 61 percent from March 2015.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2016 totaled 804 million, up 2 percent from March 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on April 1, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Leading breeders placed 8.41 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2016, up 17 percent from March 2015.

## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During March 2015 and 2016

[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	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 layers)				(eggs)		(million eggs)			
Alabama .....	1,465	1,566	9,178	9,271	1,950	1,974	179	183	37	40
Arkansas .....	3,972	3,907	13,363	14,083	2,118	2,088	283	294	108	101
California .....	10,805	11,810	11,299	12,312	2,425	2,412	274	297	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	3,926	4,327	4,338	4,785	2,444	2,445	106	117	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	8,755	8,574	9,148	9,004	2,405	2,266	220	204	216	199
Georgia .....	10,034	9,971	18,995	19,222	2,153	2,190	409	421	238	244
Illinois .....	4,365	4,696	4,812	5,146	2,348	2,507	113	129	109	124
Indiana .....	26,680	29,229	27,591	30,215	2,356	2,519	650	761	632	743
Iowa .....	58,226	46,476	59,466	47,729	2,376	2,231	1,413	1,065	1,394	1,048
Maryland .....	2,444	2,603	2,608	2,767	2,454	2,494	64	69	63	68
Michigan .....	12,663	13,088	12,916	13,313	2,539	2,591	328	345	(D)	(D)
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>11,287</b>	<b>9,046</b>	<b>11,742</b>	<b>9,502</b>	<b>2,461</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>218</b>
Mississippi .....	1,542	1,463	5,731	5,714	2,129	2,065	122	118	41	36
Missouri .....	7,486	7,057	11,068	10,490	2,421	2,431	268	255	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	9,436	8,633	9,544	8,741	2,525	2,517	241	220	241	220
New York .....	4,672	5,293	5,036	5,668	2,542	2,523	128	143	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	6,754	6,699	14,509	14,444	2,164	2,139	314	309	170	166
Ohio .....	31,475	32,024	32,337	32,883	2,440	2,421	789	796	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	2,305	2,359	2,444	2,498	2,660	2,682	65	67	65	67
Pennsylvania .....	23,804	25,639	25,858	27,759	2,599	2,576	672	715	641	684
South Carolina .....	3,165	3,231	4,466	4,547	2,284	2,375	102	108	78	84
South Dakota .....	2,547	1,754	2,689	1,896	2,492	2,373	67	45	67	45
Texas .....	14,792	16,401	18,997	20,425	2,279	2,272	433	464	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	4,247	4,486	4,285	4,524	2,404	2,387	103	108	103	108
Virginia .....	1,183	1,354	3,041	3,114	2,039	2,152	62	67	29	34
Washington .....	6,994	7,095	7,158	7,260	2,445	2,479	175	180	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	4,575	4,873	5,316	5,562	2,408	2,571	128	143	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	18,924	19,266	28,016	28,326	2,277	2,302	638	652	502	515
United States .....	298,523	292,920	365,951	361,200	2,360	2,353	8,635	8,500	7,517	7,361

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