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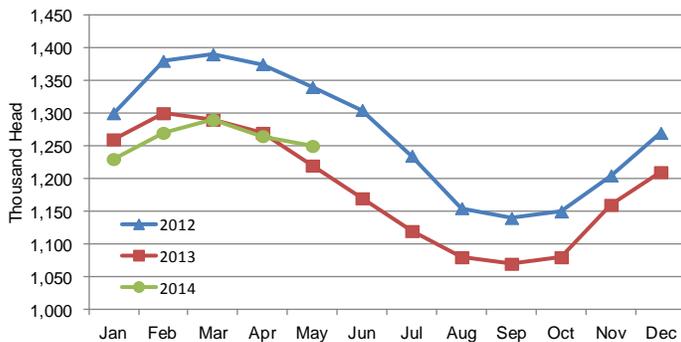
*Cattle on Feed
Milk Production
Farm Numbers*

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,250,000 on May 1, 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office. The inventory is down 1 percent from April 1, 2014 but up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 660,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month but up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 590,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year.

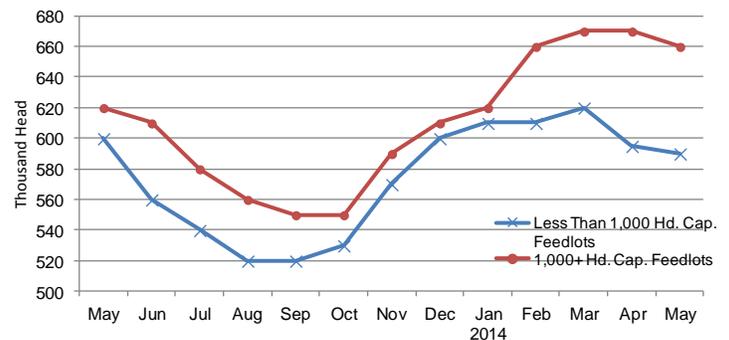
Placements during April totaled 131,000 head, an increase of 8 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 69,000 head, down 3 percent from last month and down 22 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 62,000 head. This is up 24 percent from last month and up 51 percent from last year.

Marketings for April were 141,000 head, unchanged from last month but down 19 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 76,000 head, up 10 percent from last month but down 22 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 65,000 head, down 10 percent from last month and down 17 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 5,000 head.

**Cattle on Feed, Inventory on all Feedlots, Iowa:
2012-2014**



**Cattle on Feed, Inventory by Feedlot Capacity, Iowa:
Current Month & Past 12 Months**



All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head (1,000 Head)	Lots Less than 1,000 Head (1,000 Head)	All Lots (1,000 Head)
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2014	670	595	1,265
April Placements	69	62	131
April Marketings	76	65	141
April Other Disappearance	3	2	5
Cattle on Feed, May 1, 2014	660	590	1,250

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

[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.]

State	Cattle on Feed May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			April Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13
	(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	275	277	101	26	26	100	28	25	89	1	1	100
California	495	450	91	62	57	92	49	67	137	3	15	500
Colorado	960	960	100	140	130	93	150	130	87	10	10	100
Idaho	210	215	102	33	32	97	36	26	72	2	1	50
Iowa	620	660	106	89	69	78	97	76	78	2	3	150
Kansas	2,070	2,010	97	335	325	97	350	385	110	15	20	133
Minnesota	130	138	106	16	16	100	18	13	72	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,400	2,490	104	440	420	95	460	415	90	10	15	150
Oklahoma	295	255	86	51	43	84	60	62	103	1	1	100
South Dakota ...	225	235	104	26	28	108	30	30	100	1	3	300
Texas	2,540	2,430	96	435	420	97	460	480	104	15	10	67
Washington	220	208	95	26	35	135	35	36	103	4	1	25
Other States	320	320	100	41	35	85	42	33	79	4	2	50
United States	10,760	10,648	99	1,720	1,636	95	1,815	1,778	98	69	83	120

¹Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

JUNE SURVEYS

The following surveys are being conducted during June. You may receive a mailing or be contacted by a NASDA enumerator collecting data. We know June is busy, but your information is important and we hope you will take time to respond.

The **Crops/Stocks (Agricultural Survey)** provides detailed estimates of crop acreage, yields and production, and quantities of grain and oilseeds stored on farms. Data are used for U.S. and state estimates of acres planted, harvested, production, and on-farm grain stocks. Publications include the March *Prospective Plantings*, *June Acreage*, September *Small Grains Summary*, quarterly *Grain Stocks*, monthly *Crop Production*, and January *Crop Production Summary*.

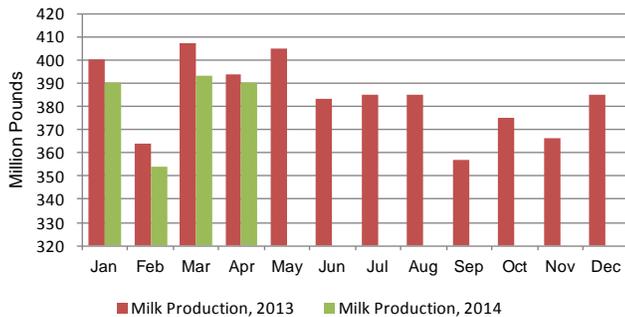
The **June Area** survey is one of the largest annual NASS survey projects. The data collected are used to supply direct estimates of acreage and measures of sampling coverage. The June Area Survey provides direct estimates or is a component of data collection and estimation for the following publications: *June Acreage*, January and July *Cattle Inventory*, quarterly *Agricultural Labor*, September *Small Grains Summary*, January *Crop Production Summary*, quarterly *Hog and Pig Inventory*, January and July *Sheep Inventory*, August *Farm Production Expenses*, August *Cash Rent and Land Values*, and February *Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations*.

The **Hog Inventory** surveys provide detailed inventory of breeding and marketing hogs and the future supply of market hogs on a quarterly basis. NASS publishes a quarterly *Hogs and Pigs* report with inventory and breeding information for each of the 16 largest hog producing states, accounting for nearly 95 percent of the total U.S. inventory. In addition, a combined total for all other states is estimated in order to publish U.S. level data. In December, NASS publishes hog information by state for all states.

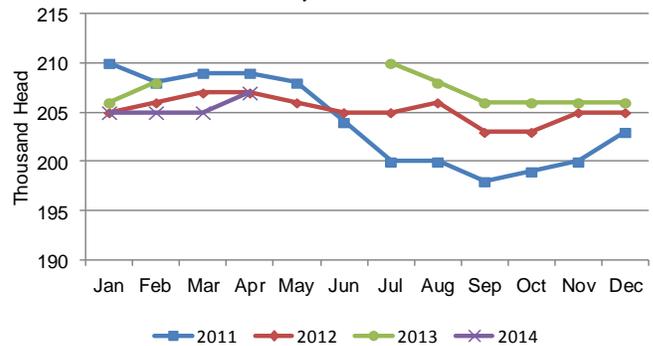
MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during April 2014 totaled 390 million pounds, down 1 percent from April 2013, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during April, at 207,000 head, was 2,000 more than last month. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,885 pounds.

Milk Production, Iowa, 2013-2014



Milk Cow Inventory, Iowa, 2011-2014



Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, April 2013 and 2014

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2013 ³	2014	2013 ³	2014	2013	2014	Change from 2013
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona		192		2,210	411	424	3.2
California	1,781		2,065		3,622	3,678	1.5
Colorado	143		2,055		271	294	8.5
Florida	123		1,830		220	225	2.3
Idaho	570		1,980		1,117	1,129	1.1
Illinois	95		1,710		166	162	-2.4
Indiana	177		1,870		328	331	0.9
Iowa	207		1,885		394	390	-1.0
Kansas	139		1,865		247	259	4.9
Michigan	383		2,050		765	785	2.6
Minnesota	459		1,640		774	753	-2.7
New Mexico	323		2,135		700	690	-1.4
New York	615		1,845		1,132	1,135	0.3
Ohio	267		1,710		473	457	-3.4
Oregon	125		1,785		213	223	4.7
Pennsylvania	531		1,705		904	905	0.1
South Dakota	96		1,780		163	171	4.9
Texas	447		1,985		816	887	8.7
Utah	95		1,830		170	174	2.4
Vermont	131		1,685		220	221	0.5
Virginia	93		1,660		153	154	0.7
Washington	270		2,055		537	555	3.4
Wisconsin	1,269		1,815		2,309	2,303	-0.3
23-State Total		8,531		1,911	16,105	16,305	1.2

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves ³ Survey was not conducted in April and July, resulting in no milk cow and milk per cow data for March through June.

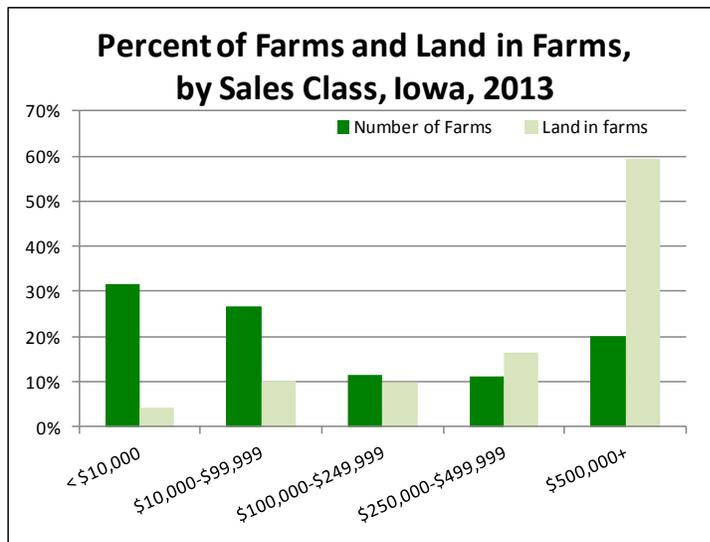
FARM NUMBERS

The total number of farms in Iowa in 2013 was 88,500, down 100 farms compared to a year ago, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office. The number of farms with sales of agricultural products and government payments in the \$500,000 and over range increased by 700 farms in 2013.

Total land in farms in Iowa in 2013 was 30.6 million acres, unchanged since 2010. Farms in the \$500,000 and over sales class showed an increase over the past five years, from 13.1 million acres in 2008 to 18.3 million acres in 2013.

The average farm size in Iowa in 2013 was 346 acres, up one acre from last year. The average farm size in the \$500,000 and over sales class decreased by 37 acres from 2012.

NASS estimates are revised periodically to provide a better foundation for current and future estimates. Revisions are made when sufficient data become available to check the accuracy of the original estimates. Revisions may also be based on a re-evaluation of previous survey data when making current estimates to improve survey-to-survey relationships. When the Census of Agriculture becomes available every 5 years, all estimates made during these 5 years are reviewed for possible revisions.



Farms and Land in Farms, Iowa, by Sales Class, * 2008-2013

	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000 & Over	Total
Number of Farms						
2008.....	29,900	27,700	13,300	9,700	10,800	91,400
2009.....	29,700	26,800	12,500	9,700	11,600	90,300
2010.....	29,200	26,100	11,900	9,500	12,400	89,100
2011.....	29,000	25,600	11,200	9,300	13,800	88,900
2012.....	28,000	23,600	10,200	9,800	17,000	88,600
2013.....	27,200	23,500	10,300	9,800	17,700	88,500
Land in Farms, 1,000 acres						
2008.....	1,700	4,500	4,900	6,500	13,100	30,700
2009.....	1,600	4,300	4,500	6,300	14,000	30,700
2010.....	1,500	4,000	4,200	6,000	14,900	30,600
2011.....	1,300	3,900	3,900	5,600	15,900	30,600
2012.....	1,300	3,100	3,000	5,000	18,200	30,600
2013.....	1,200	3,100	3,000	5,000	18,300	30,600
Average Farm Size, acres						
2008.....	57	162	368	670	1,213	336
2009.....	54	160	360	649	1,207	340
2010.....	51	153	353	632	1,202	343
2011.....	45	152	348	602	1,152	344
2012.....	46	131	294	510	1,071	345
2013.....	44	132	291	510	1,034	346

*Farms and ranches are classified into "sales classes" by summing sales of agricultural products and government program payments.