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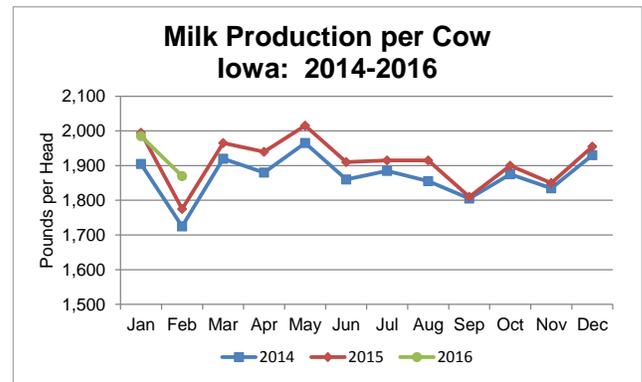
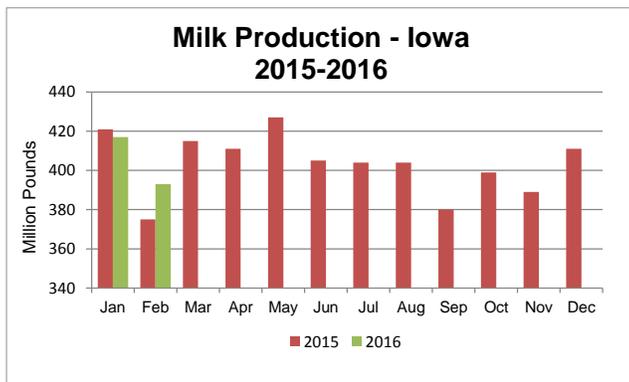
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## MILK PRODUCTION

**Milk production** in Iowa during February 2016 totaled 393 million pounds, up 5 percent from the previous February according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to the leap year causes February milk production to be up 1 percent on a per day basis. The average number of milk cows during February, at 210,000 head, was the same as last month but 1,000 less than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,870 pounds, up 95 pounds from last February.

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### Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: February 2015 and 2016

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	Change from 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	195	195	1,990	2,070	388	404	4.1
California .....	1,779	1,774	1,845	1,860	3,282	3,300	0.5
Colorado .....	145	148	1,970	2,050	286	303	5.9
Florida .....	124	126	1,780	1,785	221	225	1.8
Idaho .....	581	588	1,810	1,890	1,052	1,111	5.6
Illinois .....	95	94	1,590	1,660	151	156	3.3
Indiana .....	181	184	1,705	1,815	309	334	8.1
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Kansas .....	143	142	1,740	1,825	249	259	4.0
Michigan .....	403	414	1,900	2,065	766	855	11.6
Minnesota .....	460	460	1,590	1,670	731	768	5.1
New Mexico .....	323	311	1,880	1,900	607	591	-2.6
New York .....	616	620	1,715	1,845	1,056	1,144	8.3
Ohio .....	268	266	1,570	1,655	421	440	4.5
Oregon .....	125	126	1,570	1,645	196	207	5.6
Pennsylvania .....	530	530	1,585	1,640	840	869	3.5
South Dakota .....	101	112	1,700	1,760	172	197	14.5
Texas .....	468	455	1,740	1,815	814	826	1.5
Utah .....	96	95	1,770	1,820	170	173	1.8
Vermont .....	132	131	1,545	1,650	204	216	5.9
Virginia .....	93	91	1,500	1,570	140	143	2.1
Washington .....	277	277	1,830	1,895	507	525	3.6
Wisconsin .....	1,275	1,280	1,715	1,860	2,187	2,381	8.9
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,621</b>	<b>8,629</b>	<b>1,754</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>15,124</b>	<b>15,820</b>	<b>4.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves

## CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,270,000 head on March 1, 2016, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is up 2 percent from February 1, 2016, but down 2 percent from March 1, 2015. Feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more had 630,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but down 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with capacity of less than 1,000 had 640,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year.

**Placements** during February totaled 166,000 head, a decrease of 7 percent from last month but up 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head placed 92,000 head, up 3 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 74,000 head. This is down 18 percent from last month but up 19 percent from last year.

**Marketings** for February were 130,000 head, down 19 percent from last month but up 14 percent from last year. Feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head marketed 78,000 head, down 9 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 52,000 head, down 31 percent from last month but up 30 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 6,000 head.

### All Cattle on Feed – Iowa <sup>1</sup>

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ capacity	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
January placements <sup>2</sup> .....	89	90	179
January marketings <sup>2</sup> .....	86	75	161
Cattle on feed, February 1, 2016 <sup>2</sup> .....	620	620	1,240
February placements .....	92	74	166
February marketings .....	78	52	130
February other disappearance <sup>3</sup> .....	4	2	6
Cattle on feed, March 1, 2016 .....	630	640	1,270

<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> Revisions were made to feedlots with less than 1,000 capacity.

<sup>3</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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

[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 March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February disappearance other than slaughter <sup>1</sup>		
	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	243	297	122	19	43	226	19	21	111	4	1	25
California .....	440	440	100	48	46	96	43	46	107	5	5	100
Colorado .....	890	890	100	150	170	113	145	155	107	5	5	100
Idaho .....	230	240	104	31	38	123	29	41	141	2	2	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>400</b>
Kansas .....	2,080	2,160	104	355	375	106	355	345	97	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	145	163	112	18	23	128	13	17	131	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,500	2,420	97	400	395	99	385	420	109	15	15	100
Oklahoma .....	275	290	105	42	54	129	30	43	143	2	1	50
South Dakota ...	235	270	115	41	48	117	35	37	106	1	1	100
Texas .....	2,450	2,450	100	285	345	121	315	315	100	10	10	100
Washington .....	215	195	91	43	38	88	36	36	100	2	2	100
Other States ....	325	325	100	34	43	126	37	37	100	2	1	50
United States ....	10,688	10,770	101	1,551	1,710	110	1,516	1,591	105	60	58	97

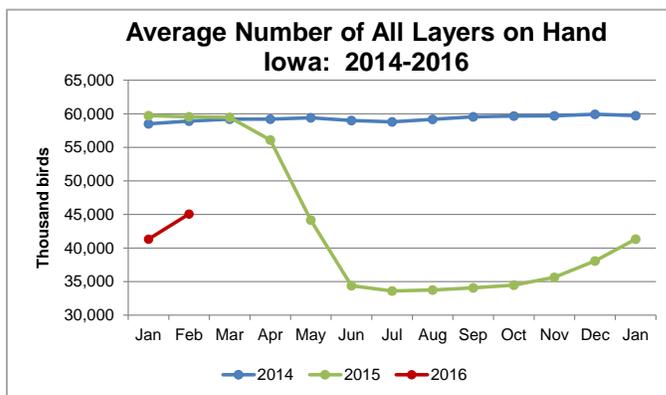
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<sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa Egg production during February 2016 was 930 million eggs, up 5 percent from last month, but down 27 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 February 2016** was 45.1 million, up 9 percent from last month, but down 24 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for February were 2,064, down 4 percent from last month and last year.



### Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: February 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.]

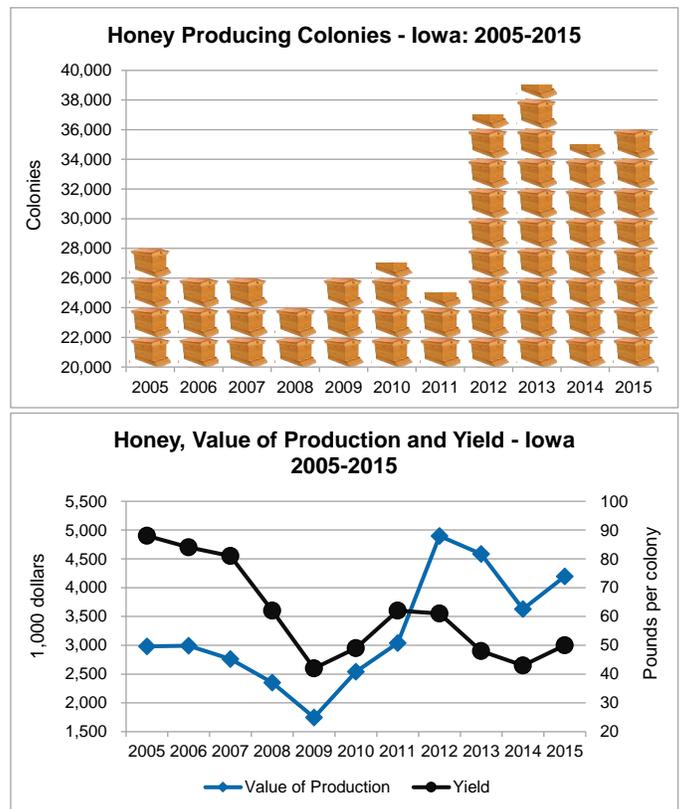
State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	1,475	1,562	9,108	9,329	1,768	1,822	161	170	33	37
Arkansas .....	4,030	3,903	13,085	14,065	1,888	1,991	247	280	95	99
California .....	10,918	11,785	11,412	12,277	2,156	2,248	246	276	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	3,747	4,233	4,120	4,701	2,306	2,319	95	109	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	8,681	8,592	9,061	8,960	2,086	2,210	189	198	185	194
Georgia .....	9,890	10,040	18,777	19,167	1,955	2,066	367	396	212	232
Illinois .....	4,210	4,483	4,663	4,935	2,230	2,371	104	117	100	113
Indiana .....	26,798	28,734	27,670	29,674	2,006	2,312	555	686	540	670
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>58,330</b>	<b>43,825</b>	<b>59,562</b>	<b>45,061</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>913</b>
Maryland .....	2,629	2,621	2,795	2,777	2,182	2,341	61	65	60	64
Michigan .....	12,894	13,164	13,147	13,383	2,236	2,376	294	318	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	11,369	8,806	11,825	9,262	2,190	2,257	259	209	253	203
Mississippi .....	1,564	1,462	5,755	5,722	1,877	1,922	108	110	35	33
Missouri .....	7,422	7,340	11,016	10,837	2,115	2,279	233	247	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	9,446	8,449	9,554	8,557	2,303	2,244	220	192	220	192
New York .....	4,710	5,302	5,069	5,674	2,249	2,344	114	133	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	6,654	6,783	14,420	14,481	1,928	2,044	278	296	148	161
Ohio .....	31,136	32,300	31,998	33,159	2,175	2,277	696	755	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	2,253	2,418	2,392	2,557	2,383	2,464	57	63	57	63
Pennsylvania .....	23,844	23,789	25,955	25,868	2,300	2,374	597	614	569	586
South Carolina .....	3,173	3,127	4,456	4,398	2,065	2,115	92	93	71	71
South Dakota .....	2,545	1,460	2,687	1,602	2,121	2,185	57	35	57	35
Texas .....	14,759	16,481	19,004	20,495	1,989	2,118	378	434	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	4,337	4,583	4,375	4,621	2,194	2,142	96	99	96	99
Virginia .....	1,167	1,271	2,924	3,028	1,984	2,015	58	61	29	31
Washington .....	7,056	6,936	7,221	7,101	2,160	2,267	156	161	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	4,586	4,916	5,326	5,604	2,197	2,391	117	134	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	18,919	19,309	28,063	28,432	2,045	2,142	574	609	450	480
United States .....	298,542	287,674	365,440	355,727	2,104	2,190	7,688	7,790	6,685	6,726

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. <sup>1</sup> Includes data for states not published in this table.

## BEE & HONEY

Honey production from producers with 5 or more colonies in Iowa totaled 1.80 million pounds in 2015 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service *Honey* report. This was a 20 percent increase from the 1.51 million pounds produced in 2014. The number of honey producing colonies in the state rose from 35,000 colonies in 2014 to 36,000 colonies in 2015. This number does not include producers with fewer than 5 colonies or producers who did not harvest honey. Colonies that produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state where they produced honey. Yield per colony in Iowa averaged 50 pounds, up from 43 pounds per colony in 2014. Iowa moved to eighteenth place nationally in honey production, up from nineteenth place in 2014.

On December 15, 2015, producer honey stocks in Iowa, excluding stocks under government loan programs, were 990 million pounds, a 6 percent increase from 2014. The state's 2015 honey crop was valued at \$4.19 million, up 16 percent from the previous year's \$3.63 million. The average price per pound for all marketing channels in Iowa was \$2.33, down 8 cents from 2014.



### Honey – Selected States and United States: 2014 and 2015

State	Producing Colonies <sup>1</sup>		Yield		Production		Honey Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2</sup>		Average Price per Pound <sup>3</sup>		Value of Production <sup>4</sup>	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(cents)	(cents)	(1,000)	(1,000)
					(lbs)	(lbs)	(lbs)	(lbs)			(dollars)	(dollars)
California .....	320	275	39.0	30.0	12,480	8,250	2,995	1,485	206.0	204.0	25,709	16,830
Florida .....	245	220	60.0	54.0	14,700	11,880	1,029	832	208.0	197.0	30,576	23,404
Georgia .....	73	69	62.0	40.0	4,526	2,760	362	221	219.0	242.0	9,912	6,679
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>241.0</b>	<b>233.0</b>	<b>3,627</b>	<b>4,194</b>
Louisiana .....	48	44	84.0	99.0	4,032	4,356	524	348	218.0	193.0	8,790	8,407
Michigan .....	91	90	63.0	58.0	5,733	5,220	1,835	1,984	249.0	243.0	14,275	12,685
Minnesota .....	132	122	60.0	68.0	7,920	8,296	1,426	2,157	206.0	183.0	16,315	15,182
Montana .....	162	146	88.0	83.0	14,256	12,118	5,132	3,757	209.0	194.0	29,795	23,509
New York .....	60	58	55.0	62.0	3,300	3,596	1,518	899	283.0	294.0	9,339	10,572
North Dakota .....	490	490	86.0	74.0	42,140	36,260	9,271	9,428	199.0	180.0	83,859	65,268
South Dakota .....	280	290	87.0	66.0	24,360	19,140	5,846	9,379	208.0	179.0	50,669	34,261
Texas .....	116	126	78.0	66.0	9,048	8,316	2,081	1,164	224.0	209.0	20,268	17,380
Wisconsin .....	53	52	54.0	67.0	2,862	3,484	1,030	1,603	238.0	241.0	6,812	8,396
United States .....	2,740	2,660	65.1	58.9	178,270	156,544	41,192	42,203	217.3	209.0	387,381	327,177

<sup>1</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the year.

<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>3</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

<sup>4</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.