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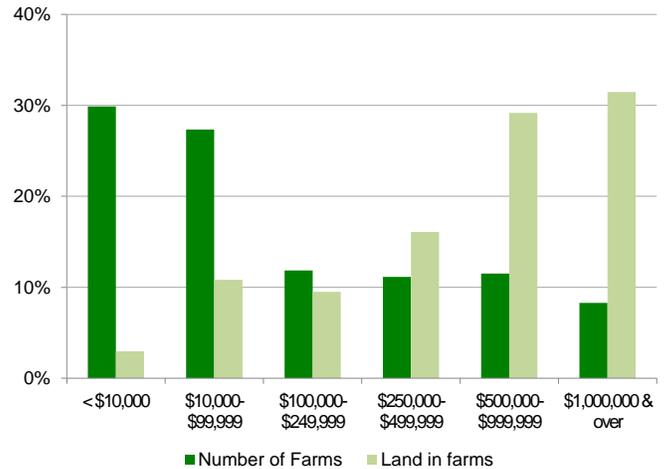
*Farms/
Land in Farms
Milk Production*

The total number of farms in Iowa in 2016 was 87,000, down 500 farms compared to a year ago, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The largest decrease in number of farms came in the \$1,000-\$9,999 range with a decrease of 600 farms from 26,600 in 2015 to 26,000 in 2016.

Total land in farms in Iowa in 2016 was 30.5 million acres, unchanged since 2014, however, total land in farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 range fell to 0.9 million acres, while total land in farms in the \$1,000,000 and over range rose to 9.6 million acres.

The average farm size in Iowa in 2016 was 351 acres, up two acres since last year. The average farm size in the \$1,000,000 and over sales class increased 32 acres from 1,301 in 2015 to 1,333 in 2016.

Farms and Land in Farms
Percent by Sales Class - Iowa: 2016



Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class - Iowa: 2012-2016

[Farms and ranches are classified in "sales classes" by summing sales of agricultural products and government program payments.]

	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$999,999 ¹	\$1,000,000 & over ¹	Total
Number of Farms							
2012	28,000	23,600	10,200	9,800	17,000	(NA)	88,600
2013	27,500	23,600	10,300	9,700	10,000	7,400	88,500
2014	27,100	23,600	10,400	9,600	10,000	7,300	88,000
2015	26,600	23,600	10,400	9,700	9,900	7,300	87,500
2016	26,000	23,800	10,300	9,700	10,000	7,200	87,000
Land in Farms, 1,000 acres							
2012	1,300	3,100	3,000	5,000	18,200	(NA)	30,600
2013	1,200	3,100	3,000	5,000	8,800	9,500	30,600
2014	1,200	3,100	3,000	5,000	8,700	9,500	30,500
2015	1,100	3,100	3,000	5,100	8,700	9,500	30,500
2016	900	3,300	2,900	4,900	8,900	9,600	30,500
Average Farm Size, acres							
2012	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	345
2013	44	131	291	515	880	1,284	346
2014	44	131	288	521	870	1,301	347
2015	41	131	288	526	879	1,301	349
2016	35	139	282	505	890	1,333	351

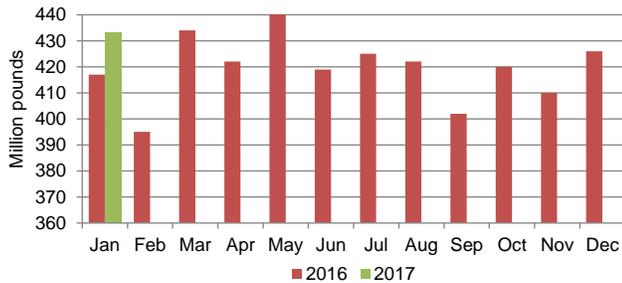
(NA) Not available.

¹ Beginning in 2013, the \$500,000-\$999,999 and \$1,000,000 and over categories are published separately. Prior to that, the information was combined in the \$500,000 and over category.

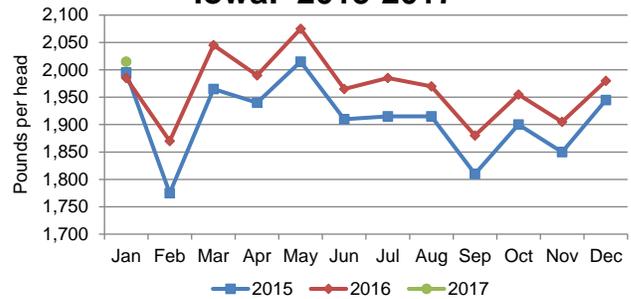
MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during January 2017 totaled 433 million pounds, up 4 percent from the previous January according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during January, at 215,000 head, was the same as last month but 5,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,015 pounds, up 30 pounds from last January.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2016-2017**



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



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: January 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	195	196	2,110	2,110	411	414	0.7
California	1,769	1,755	1,940	1,945	3,432	3,413	-0.6
Colorado	148	155	2,160	2,200	320	341	6.6
Florida	126	122	1,810	1,845	228	225	-1.3
Idaho	588	600	2,005	1,985	1,179	1,191	1.0
Illinois	94	93	1,745	1,765	164	164	0.0
Indiana	184	186	1,915	1,930	352	359	2.0
Iowa	210	215	1,985	2,015	417	433	3.8
Kansas	142	151	1,905	1,950	271	294	8.5
Michigan	413	425	2,170	2,180	896	927	3.5
Minnesota	460	460	1,770	1,800	814	828	1.7
New Mexico	310	325	1,900	2,090	589	679	15.3
New York	620	621	1,960	2,030	1,215	1,261	3.8
Ohio	266	262	1,765	1,780	469	466	-0.6
Oregon	126	124	1,720	1,700	217	211	-2.8
Pennsylvania	530	525	1,715	1,765	909	927	2.0
South Dakota	112	116	1,890	1,875	212	218	2.8
Texas	455	494	1,835	2,015	835	995	19.2
Utah	94	92	1,845	1,925	173	177	2.3
Vermont	131	129	1,755	1,805	230	233	1.3
Virginia	91	87	1,645	1,710	150	149	-0.7
Washington	277	275	2,005	2,010	555	553	-0.4
Wisconsin	1,280	1,280	1,965	1,985	2,515	2,541	1.0
23-State Total	8,621	8,688	1,920	1,957	16,553	16,999	2.7

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.