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CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa **egg production** during October 2017 was 1.33 billion eggs, up 4 percent from last month and up 3 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 October 2017 was 55.5 million, a slight increase from last month and up 3 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for September were 2,403, up 3 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year.

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Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During October 2016 and 2017

[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	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,514	1,373	8,955	9,486	1,981	1,924	177.4	182.5	39.6	37.0
Arkansas	3,772	3,870	13,373	13,850	2,104	2,052	281.4	284.2	96.0	98.9
California	10,979	11,874	11,498	12,511	2,527	2,335	290.6	292.1	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,250	4,176	4,696	4,578	2,511	2,650	117.9	121.3	(D)	(D)
Florida	7,917	6,944	8,317	7,346	2,334	2,307	194.1	169.5	189.2	164.4
Georgia	9,477	9,447	18,524	19,405	2,157	2,124	399.5	412.1	221.8	225.8
Illinois	4,413	4,412	4,868	4,870	2,662	2,509	129.6	122.2	125.1	117.8
Indiana	30,462	31,275	31,444	32,140	2,503	2,481	787.2	797.3	767.9	780.7
Iowa	52,456	54,108	53,708	55,529	2,421	2,403	1,300.2	1,334.3	1,282.6	1,317.5
Maryland	2,520	2,625	2,691	2,786	2,475	2,495	66.6	69.5	65.2	68.5
Michigan	13,723	14,099	13,961	14,320	2,411	2,508	336.6	359.1	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,363	9,979	10,822	10,424	2,376	2,428	257.1	253.1	250.5	246.7
Mississippi	1,353	1,406	5,459	5,521	2,138	2,193	116.7	121.1	35.4	37.6
Missouri	7,941	6,394	11,560	9,959	2,540	2,404	293.6	239.4	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	8,850	7,440	8,958	7,696	2,564	2,513	229.7	193.4	229.7	189.7
New York	5,096	4,992	5,482	5,364	2,572	2,623	141.0	140.7	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	7,276	6,941	14,780	15,148	2,202	2,168	325.4	328.4	180.3	173.1
Ohio	31,648	30,404	32,495	31,313	2,461	2,420	799.6	757.7	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,300	2,203	2,439	2,342	2,608	2,635	63.6	61.7	63.6	61.7
Pennsylvania	25,025	26,109	27,113	27,989	2,552	2,505	691.8	701.1	661.2	675.7
South Carolina	2,680	2,913	3,856	4,151	2,272	2,320	87.6	96.3	65.1	73.3
South Dakota	2,474	2,435	2,616	2,577	2,305	2,495	60.3	64.3	60.3	64.3
Texas	16,303	17,641	20,403	21,902	2,327	2,278	474.8	499.0	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,781	4,862	4,819	4,900	2,391	2,584	115.2	126.6	115.2	126.6
Virginia	1,203	849	2,867	2,527	2,358	2,339	67.6	59.1	35.8	28.5
Washington	6,688	6,638	6,853	6,803	2,399	2,517	164.4	171.2	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	5,128	6,024	5,817	6,691	2,457	2,249	142.9	150.5	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	23,537	23,237	32,490	32,180	2,272	2,241	738.2	721.2	603.1	588.9
United States	304,129	304,670	370,864	374,308	2,386	2,359	8,850.6	8,828.9	7,711.8	7,672.9

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

AG PRICES

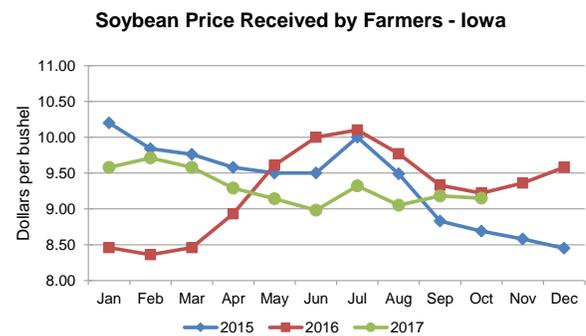
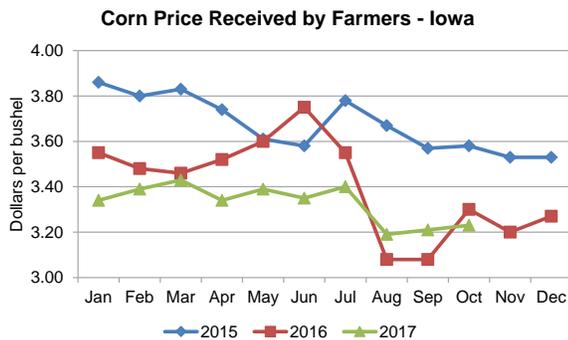
The average price received by farmers for **corn** during October in Iowa was \$3.23 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was up \$0.02 from the September price but \$0.07 below October 2016.

The October 2017 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$9.15 per bushel, was down \$0.03 from the September price and \$0.07 below the October 2016 price.

The October average **oat** price per bushel was \$2.79, up \$0.27 from September and \$0.52 above October 2016.

All hay prices in Iowa averaged \$100.00 per ton in October. This was down \$1.00 from the September price but \$10.00 more than October 2016. The October 2017 **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$106.00, up \$1.00 from the previous month and \$9.00 above October 2016. The average price received for **other hay** during October was \$91.00 per ton. This was up \$3.00 from the September price and \$13.00 more than last year.

The average price was \$18.70 per cwt for **milk**, up \$0.50 from the September price and \$1.40 above one year ago.

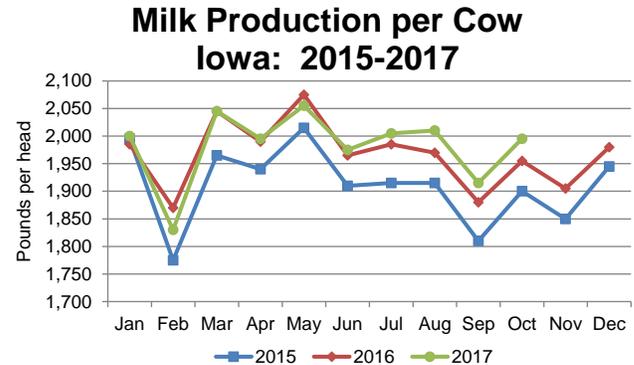
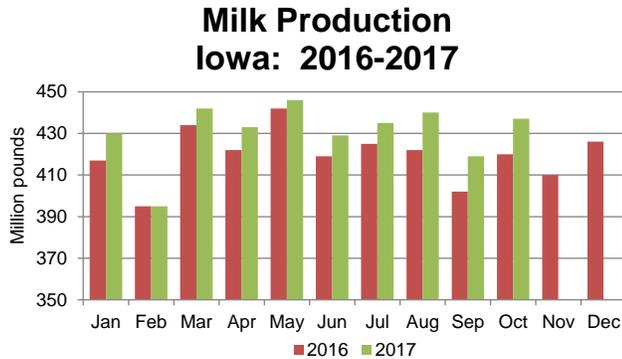


Prices Received by Farmers – Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	October 2016	September 2017	October 2017	October 2016	September 2017	October 2017
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Cornbu	3.30	3.21	3.23	3.29	3.27	3.26
Hay, all, baled ton	90.00	101.00	100.00	129.00	136.00	141.00
Alfalfa ton	97.00	105.00	106.00	135.00	149.00	152.00
Other ton	78.00	88.00	91.00	118.00	113.00	118.00
Oatsbu	2.27	2.52	2.79	2.03	2.56	2.55
Soybeansbu	9.22	9.18	9.15	9.30	9.35	9.18
Milk, allcwt	17.30	18.20	18.70	16.70	17.80	17.90

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during October 2017 totaled 437 million pounds, up 4 percent from the previous October according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 219,000 head, was the same as last month and 4,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,995 pounds, up 40 pounds from last October.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 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	197	206	1,930	1,965	380	405	6.6
California	1,758	1,745	1,880	1,865	3,305	3,254	-1.5
Colorado	153	162	2,175	2,175	333	352	5.7
Florida	120	123	1,475	1,445	177	178	0.6
Idaho	599	603	2,065	2,055	1,237	1,239	0.2
Illinois	93	93	1,620	1,680	151	156	3.3
Indiana	184	187	1,880	1,910	346	357	3.2
Iowa	215	219	1,955	1,995	420	437	4.0
Kansas	147	152	1,925	1,945	283	296	4.6
Michigan	422	428	2,140	2,180	903	933	3.3
Minnesota	461	457	1,720	1,785	793	816	2.9
New Mexico	321	329	2,025	2,000	650	658	1.2
New York	620	624	2,000	1,985	1,240	1,239	-0.1
Ohio	263	264	1,750	1,780	460	470	2.2
Oregon	124	122	1,695	1,680	210	205	-2.4
Pennsylvania	526	525	1,695	1,710	892	898	0.7
South Dakota	115	118	1,870	1,890	215	223	3.7
Texas	490	515	1,885	1,890	924	973	5.3
Utah	91	97	1,955	1,950	178	189	6.2
Vermont	129	128	1,750	1,765	226	226	0.0
Virginia	88	87	1,585	1,650	139	144	3.6
Washington	275	274	2,005	2,000	551	548	-0.5
Wisconsin	1,277	1,277	1,950	1,995	2,490	2,548	2.3
23-State Total	8,668	8,735	1,904	1,917	16,503	16,744	1.5

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 690,000 head on November 1, 2017, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 6 percent from October 1, 2017, and up 15 percent from November 1, 2016. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 470,000 head on feed, up 8 percent from last month but down 10 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,160,000 head, up 7 percent from last month and up 4 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 142,000 head, an increase of 34 percent from last month and up 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 106,000 head, up 51 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 248,000 head, up 41 percent from last month and up 10 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 99,000 head, up 4 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 70,000 head, down 4 percent from last month but up 27 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 169,000 head, up 1 percent from last month and up 12 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 4,000 head.

All Cattle on Feed ¹, Iowa

Item	Feedlots 1,000+ capacity	Feedlots less than 1,000 capacity	All feedlots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle on feed ¹ , October 1, 2017	650	435	1,085
October placements	142	106	248
October marketings	99	70	169
October other disappearance ²	3	1	4
Cattle on feed, November 1, 2017	690	470	1,160

¹ 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.

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

Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2016-2017

State	Cattle on feed ¹ November 1			Placements during October			Marketings during October			October disappearance other than slaughter ²		
	2016	2017	'16 as % of '15	2016	2017	'16 as % of '15	2016	2017	'16 as % of '15	2016	2017	'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	253	252	100	14	25	179	23	20	87	1	1	100
California	420	440	105	46	63	137	39	49	126	2	4	200
Colorado	910	980	108	205	195	95	140	150	107	5	5	100
Idaho	250	255	102	50	58	116	39	46	118	1	2	200
Iowa	600	690	115	129	142	110	96	99	103	3	3	100
Kansas	2,240	2,290	102	390	430	110	350	375	107	20	15	75
Minnesota	142	150	106	39	43	110	14	12	86	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,320	2,520	109	615	680	111	445	435	98	10	15	150
Oklahoma	295	320	108	63	59	94	57	57	100	1	2	200
South Dakota ...	240	260	108	71	87	123	40	45	113	1	2	200
Texas	2,490	2,640	106	445	505	113	395	445	113	10	20	200
Washington	195	210	108	50	50	100	39	38	97	1	2	200
Other States	310	325	105	54	56	104	28	30	107	1	1	100
United States....	10,665	11,332	106	2,171	2,393	110	1,705	1,801	106	57	73	128

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