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PRICES

The average price received by farmers for **corn** during April in Iowa was \$3.52 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was up \$0.09 from the March price and \$0.18 above a year ago.

The April 2018 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$9.75 per bushel, was up \$0.11 from the March price and \$0.46 above the April 2017 price.

The April average **oat** price per bushel was \$2.78, down \$0.32 from March and \$0.17 below April 2017.

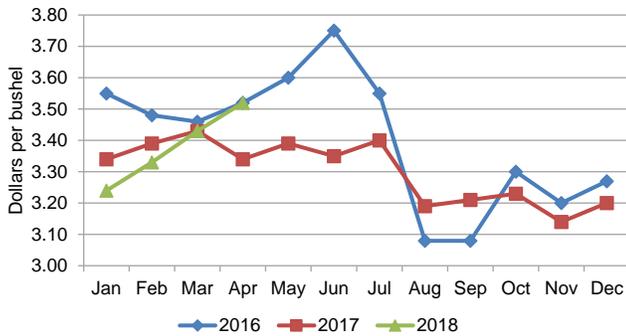
All hay prices in Iowa averaged \$136.00 per ton in April. This was up \$12.00 from the March price and \$51.00 above the April 2017 price. The April 2018 **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$142.00, up \$15.00 from the previous month and \$53.00 above April 2017. The average price received for **other hay** during April was \$122.00 per ton. This was up \$6.00 from the March price and \$47.00 above the April 2017 price.

The average price for **milk** was \$16.30 per cwt, up \$0.20 from the March price but \$0.90 below one year ago.

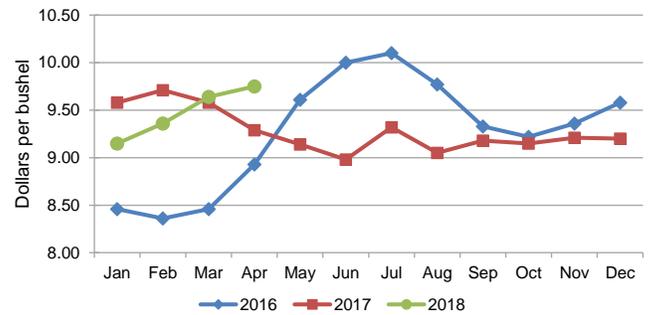
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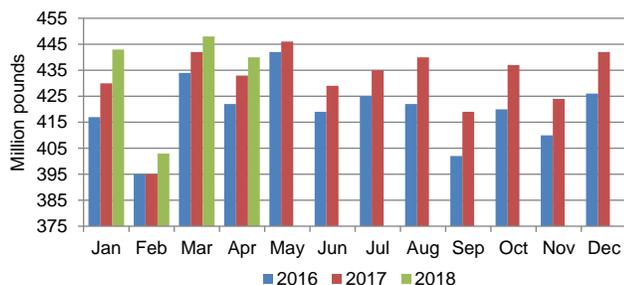
Prices Received by Farmers – Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	April 2017	March 2018	April 2018	April 2017	March 2018	April 2018
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Cornbu	3.34	3.43	3.52	3.43	3.51	3.58
Hay, all, baledton	85.00	124.00	136.00	143.00	148.00	162.00
Alfalfaton	89.00	127.00	142.00	150.00	166.00	183.00
Otherton	75.00	116.00	122.00	131.00	123.00	124.00
Oatsbu	2.95	3.10	2.78	2.32	2.80	2.93
Soybeansbu	9.29	9.64	9.75	9.33	9.81	9.83
Milk, allcwt	17.20	16.10	16.30	16.50	15.60	15.80

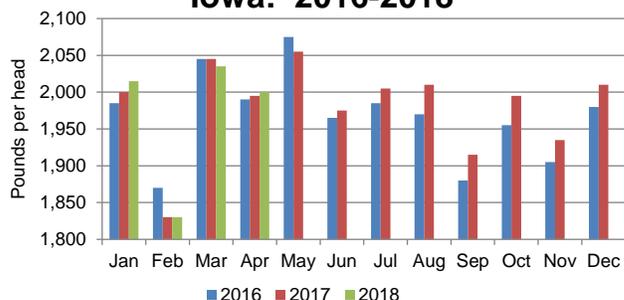
MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during April 2018 totaled 440 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous April according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during April, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 3,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,000 pounds, up 5 pounds from last April.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2016-2018**



**Milk Production per Cow
Iowa: 2016-2018**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: April 2017 and 2018

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	Change from 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	204	207	2,205	2,200	450	455	1.1
California	1,755	1,736	1,960	1,990	3,440	3,455	0.4
Colorado	159	171	2,165	2,210	344	378	9.9
Florida	124	123	1,830	1,805	227	222	-2.2
Idaho	596	605	2,000	2,040	1,192	1,234	3.5
Illinois	93	93	1,810	1,800	168	167	-0.6
Indiana	186	187	1,955	1,960	364	367	0.8
Iowa	217	220	1,995	2,000	433	440	1.6
Kansas	152	157	1,955	1,990	297	312	5.1
Michigan	426	423	2,225	2,210	948	935	-1.4
Minnesota	459	454	1,810	1,790	831	813	-2.2
New Mexico	328	334	2,150	2,165	705	723	2.6
New York	623	625	2,035	1,980	1,268	1,238	-2.4
Ohio	262	257	1,835	1,825	481	469	-2.5
Oregon	124	121	1,725	1,720	214	208	-2.8
Pennsylvania	525	525	1,805	1,775	948	932	-1.7
South Dakota	117	120	1,855	1,840	217	221	1.8
Texas	510	520	2,010	2,110	1,025	1,097	7.0
Utah	94	97	1,940	1,975	182	192	5.5
Vermont	129	127	1,785	1,755	230	223	-3.0
Virginia	87	85	1,765	1,740	154	148	-3.9
Washington	273	275	1,990	2,035	543	560	3.1
Wisconsin	1,279	1,274	1,985	1,980	2,539	2,523	-0.6
23-State Total	8,722	8,736	1,972	1,982	17,200	17,312	0.7

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

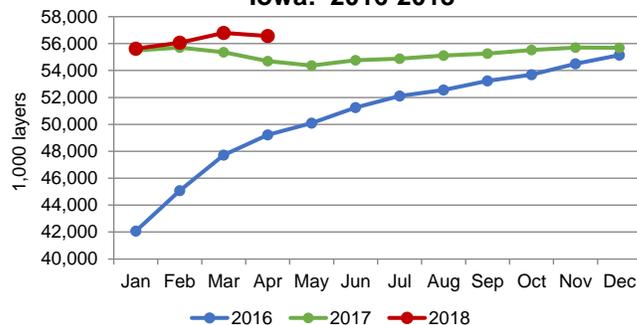
² Excludes milk sucked by calves

CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa egg production during April 2018 was 1.31 billion eggs, down 3 percent from last month but up 1 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 April 2018 was 56.6 million, down slightly from last month but up 3 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for April were 2,322, down 2 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year.

Average Number of All Layers on Hand
Iowa: 2016-2018



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: April 2017 and 2018

[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	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,287	1,275	9,044	9,796	1,853	1,805	167.6	176.8	32.4	28.6
Arkansas	3,755	4,032	13,988	14,333	2,021	1,951	282.7	279.7	97.2	102.0
California	12,296	13,394	12,902	14,046	2,332	2,471	300.9	347.1	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,026	4,333	4,456	4,735	2,534	2,507	112.9	118.7	(D)	(D)
Florida	7,496	7,040	7,882	7,483	2,285	2,180	180.1	163.1	175.2	157.8
Georgia	9,408	9,200	19,259	19,347	2,111	1,993	406.6	385.6	226.8	203.7
Illinois	4,543	5,222	5,016	5,690	2,456	2,388	123.2	135.9	118.4	131.8
Indiana	31,967	31,646	32,830	32,425	2,375	2,332	779.7	756.3	763.4	742.5
Iowa	53,408	55,055	54,694	56,569	2,388	2,322	1,306.2	1,313.3	1,291.0	1,297.0
Maryland	2,709	2,398	2,877	2,545	2,426	2,287	69.8	58.2	68.6	57.3
Michigan	14,023	14,948	14,286	15,188	2,486	2,513	355.2	381.7	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	9,984	10,533	10,504	11,093	2,456	2,411	258.0	267.5	250.4	259.9
Mississippi	1,428	1,462	5,628	5,791	1,986	2,029	111.8	117.5	34.2	35.8
Missouri	7,305	7,046	10,888	10,796	2,433	2,455	264.9	265.0	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	8,146	7,522	8,254	7,764	2,455	2,472	202.6	191.9	202.6	188.2
New York	5,255	4,848	5,631	5,231	2,484	2,409	139.9	126.0	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	7,192	7,165	15,285	15,606	2,117	2,114	323.6	329.9	177.9	178.0
Ohio	29,667	31,518	30,585	32,500	2,350	2,207	718.8	717.2	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,167	2,201	2,306	2,340	2,593	2,585	59.8	60.5	59.8	60.5
Pennsylvania	25,840	25,861	27,951	27,934	2,416	2,436	675.2	680.5	643.5	651.9
South Carolina	2,578	3,146	3,770	4,369	2,324	2,152	87.6	94.0	65.5	72.7
South Dakota	2,607	2,571	2,749	2,713	2,364	2,503	65.0	67.9	65.0	67.9
Texas	17,330	17,803	21,639	22,278	2,167	2,209	468.9	492.1	(D)	(D)
Utah	5,096	5,141	5,134	5,179	2,429	2,356	124.7	122.0	124.7	122.0
Virginia	987	780	2,711	2,507	2,162	2,190	58.6	54.9	27.8	24.8
Washington	6,954	6,592	7,119	6,757	2,545	2,439	181.2	164.8	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	5,362	6,189	6,013	6,854	2,435	2,336	146.4	160.1	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	23,535	24,660	32,347	34,109	2,209	2,226	714.7	759.3	589.2	626.9
United States	306,351	313,581	375,748	385,978	2,312	2,277	8,686.6	8,787.5	7,572.8	7,646.3

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.

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 730,000 head on May 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was down 1 percent from April 1, 2018 but up 7 percent from May 1, 2017. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 555,000 head on feed, down 3 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,285,000 head, down 2 percent from last month but up 1 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April totaled 80,000 head, a decrease of 25 percent from last month and down 16 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 34,000 head, down 11 percent from last month and down 17 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 114,000 head, down 21 percent from last month and down 16 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April totaled 87,000 head, down 6 percent from last month but up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 47,000 head, down 8 percent from last month and down 18 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 134,000 head, down 7 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 5,000 head.

NOTE: This report is a combination of estimates from the USDA *Cattle on Feed* survey for Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship-funded *Cattle on Feed* survey for Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head.

Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2017-2018

State	Cattle on feed ¹ May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			Other disappearance ² during April		
	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17
	(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.....	243	298	123	27	26	96	22	21	95	1	1	100
California.....	425	500	118	65	59	91	53	56	106	2	3	150
Colorado.....	960	940	98	155	145	94	125	150	120	10	5	50
Idaho.....	275	255	93	40	28	70	24	21	88	1	2	200
Iowa.....	680	730	107	95	80	84	82	87	106	3	3	100
Kansas.....	2,280	2,290	100	420	380	90	385	420	109	15	10	67
Minnesota.....	155	155	100	12	12	100	16	16	100	1	1	100
Nebraska.....	2,450	2,660	109	395	420	106	390	430	110	15	20	133
Oklahoma.....	310	310	100	72	60	83	60	59	98	2	1	50
South Dakota...	255	255	100	34	25	74	27	27	100	2	3	150
Texas.....	2,460	2,630	107	460	385	84	450	445	99	10	10	100
Washington.....	200	210	105	36	27	75	29	26	90	2	1	50
Other States.....	305	325	107	37	48	130	40	45	113	2	3	150
United States ...	10,998	11,558	105	1,848	1,695	92	1,703	1,803	106	66	63	95

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.

All Cattle on Feed – 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 , April 1, 2018.....	740	570	1,310
April placements	80	34	114
April marketings	87	47	134
April other disappearance ²	3	2	5
Cattle on feed, May 1, 2018.....	730	555	1,285

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