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CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa **egg production** during November 2018 was 1.36 billion eggs, down 3 percent from last month and up 4 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 November 2018 was 57.8 million, down slightly from last month but up 4 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for November were 2,363, down 2 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year.

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Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: November 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	1,373	1,331	9,374	9,497	1,870	1,865	175.3	177.1	35.8	34.4
Arkansas	3,983	4,180	13,917	14,153	2,000	2,032	278.4	287.6	103.3	108.1
California	14,064	13,972	14,706	14,625	2,284	2,402	335.9	351.3	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,056	4,609	4,458	5,029	2,541	2,527	113.3	127.1	(D)	(D)
Florida	7,007	6,913	7,366	7,302	2,326	2,327	171.3	169.9	167.2	165.8
Georgia	9,733	9,356	19,660	19,949	2,112	2,125	415.3	424.0	234.5	225.0
Illinois	4,634	5,811	5,079	6,267	2,392	2,331	121.5	146.1	117.9	142.2
Indiana	31,884	33,293	32,744	34,069	2,420	2,392	792.3	814.8	775.9	800.0
Iowa	54,258	56,349	55,710	57,753	2,351	2,363	1,309.6	1,364.9	1,292.5	1,344.3
Maryland	2,628	2,609	2,786	2,768	2,401	2,489	66.9	68.9	65.9	67.7
Michigan	14,349	15,718	14,570	15,942	2,451	2,433	357.1	387.8	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	9,928	10,575	10,411	11,064	2,322	2,416	241.7	267.3	235.1	261.2
Mississippi	1,440	1,433	5,594	5,554	2,095	2,117	117.2	117.6	36.2	37.5
Missouri	6,452	7,554	10,012	11,245	2,432	2,426	243.5	272.8	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	7,421	8,286	7,694	8,571	2,534	2,443	195.0	209.4	190.4	204.4
New York	5,058	5,059	5,424	5,470	2,528	2,406	137.1	131.6	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	7,075	5,096	15,206	12,990	2,124	2,042	323.0	265.3	174.2	120.2
Ohio	30,890	32,049	31,810	33,049	2,360	2,354	750.6	777.9	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,231	2,110	2,370	2,249	2,540	2,454	60.2	55.2	60.2	55.2
Pennsylvania	26,615	26,023	28,545	28,140	2,433	2,451	694.4	689.6	669.6	658.2
South Carolina	2,781	3,115	4,013	4,359	2,198	2,241	88.2	97.7	66.6	75.5
South Dakota	2,621	2,630	2,763	2,772	2,457	2,561	67.9	71.0	67.9	71.0
Texas	17,760	18,013	22,036	22,071	2,256	2,337	497.2	515.7	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,980	4,561	5,018	4,599	2,489	2,442	124.9	112.3	124.9	112.3
Virginia	843	924	2,516	2,579	2,297	2,187	57.8	56.4	28.1	26.9
Washington	6,503	6,783	6,668	6,948	2,365	2,527	157.7	175.6	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	6,178	6,119	6,821	6,790	2,297	2,222	156.7	150.9	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	24,415	25,393	33,549	34,688	2,208	2,257	740.8	782.8	611.5	650.8
United States	311,160	319,864	380,820	390,492	2,308	2,322	8,790.8	9,068.6	7,676.3	7,922.6

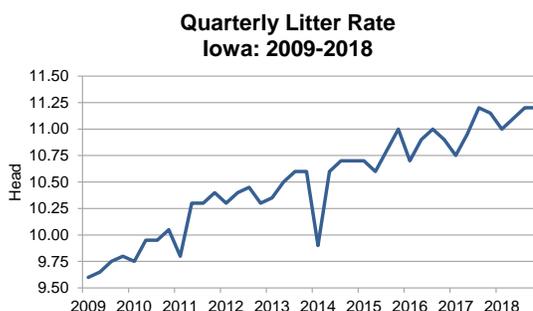
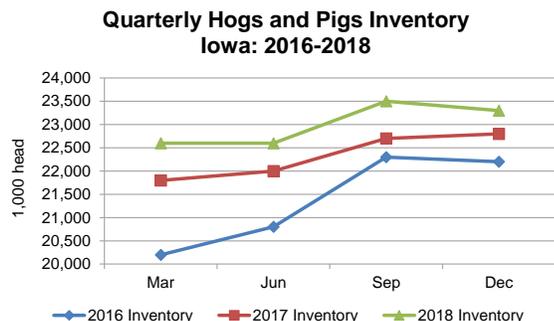
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.

HOGS & PIGS

On December 1, 2018, there were 23.3 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. Inventory is up 2 percent from the previous year, and is a record December 1 inventory.

The September-November quarterly pig crop was 6.27 million head, down 112,000 head from the previous quarter but 2 percent above last year. A total of 560,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.20, equal to last quarter.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 520,000 sows and gilts in the December 2018-February 2019 quarter and 520,000 head during the March-May 2019 quarter.



Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: December 1, 2017-2018 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	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)
Illinois	530	560	106	4,870	4,740	97	5,400	5,300	98
Iowa	1,000	1,020	102	21,800	22,280	102	22,800	23,300	102
Minnesota	570	570	100	7,930	8,330	105	8,500	8,900	105
Missouri	450	470	104	2,950	3,080	104	3,400	3,550	104
Nebraska	430	440	102	3,170	3,060	97	3,600	3,500	97
North Carolina	900	900	100	8,100	8,200	101	9,000	9,100	101
United States	6,179	6,326	102	66,966	68,225	102	73,145	74,550	102

Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States, and United States: December 1, 2017-2018 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Illinois	1,550	1,480	1,480	1,500	920	910	920	850
Iowa	5,800	5,700	6,870	7,100	5,080	5,260	4,050	4,220
Minnesota	2,720	2,790	2,350	2,400	1,600	1,830	1,260	1,310
Missouri	1,450	1,550	560	550	445	510	495	470
Nebraska	1,030	1,030	840	790	640	610	660	630
North Carolina	3,190	3,190	1,790	1,780	1,570	1,600	1,550	1,630
United States	21,407	21,599	18,544	18,932	13,925	14,412	13,089	13,282

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 700,000 head on December 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was unchanged from November 1, 2018, and December 1, 2017. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 430,000 head on feed, up 6 percent from last month but down 17 percent from last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,130,000 head, up 2 percent from last month but down 7 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 106,000 head, down 1 percent from last month and down 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 70,000 head, up 35 percent from last month but down 31 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 176,000 head, up 11 percent from last month but down 21 percent from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 104,000 head, up 12 percent from last month but down 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 43,000 head, down 4 percent from last month and down 38 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 147,000 head, up 7 percent from last month but down 18 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 4,000 head.

NOTE: This report is a combination of estimates from the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *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.

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 , November 1, 2018.....	700	405	700	405	1,105	
November placements	106	70	106	70	176	
November marketings	104	43	104	43	147	
November other disappearance ²	2	2	2	2	4	
Cattle on feed, December 1, 2018.....	700	430	700	430	1,130	

¹ Cattle and calves 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: 2017-2018

State	Cattle on feed ¹ December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			November disappearance other than slaughter ²		
	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	261	289	111	34	30	88	24	27	113	1	1	100
California	470	535	114	71	72	101	38	54	142	3	3	100
Colorado	990	1,010	102	150	140	93	135	145	107	5	5	100
Idaho	260	285	110	48	59	123	41	41	100	2	3	150
Iowa	700	700	100	122	106	87	110	104	95	2	2	100
Kansas	2,310	2,360	102	420	400	95	380	385	101	20	15	75
Minnesota.....	155	160	103	26	25	96	20	14	70	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,590	2,600	100	545	520	95	460	490	107	15	20	133
Oklahoma	315	325	103	60	52	87	63	50	79	2	2	100
South Dakota ...	260	240	92	54	47	87	53	44	83	1	3	300
Texas	2,660	2,680	101	480	450	94	445	430	97	15	20	133
Washington	215	235	109	43	40	93	36	34	94	2	1	50
Other States	330	320	97	46	55	120	39	51	131	2	4	200
United States....	11,516	11,739	102	2,099	1,996	95	1,844	1,869	101	71	80	113

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