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PRICES

The average price received by farmers for **corn** during February in Iowa was \$3.54 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was up 2 cents from the January price and 21 cents above February 2018.

The February 2019 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$8.38 per bushel, was down 22 cents from the January price and 98 cents below the February 2018 price.

The February average **oat** price per bushel was \$3.94, up 12 cents from January and 76 cents above February 2018.

All hay prices in Iowa averaged \$138.00 per ton in February. This was up \$16.00 from the January price and \$32.00 above the February 2018 price. The February 2019 **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$141.00, up \$14.00 from the previous month and \$31.00 above February 2018. The average price received for **other hay** during February was \$127.00 per ton. This was up \$13.00 from the January price and \$33.00 above the February 2018 price.

The average price was \$16.80 per cwt for **milk**, up 50 cents from the January price and \$1.40 above one year ago.

Prices Received by Farmers – Iowa and United States

	Iowa			United States		
	February 2018	January 2019	February 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2019
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Cornbu	3.33	3.52	3.54	3.38	3.56	3.60
Hay, all, baledton	106.00	122.00	138.00	142.00	166.00	167.00
Alfalfaton	110.00	127.00	141.00	155.00	181.00	180.00
Otherton	94.00	114.00	127.00	123.00	146.00	146.00
Oatsbu	3.18	3.82	3.94	2.63	2.70	2.84
Soybeansbu	9.36	8.60	8.38	9.50	8.63	8.52
Milk, allcwt	15.40	16.30	16.80	15.30	16.60	16.80

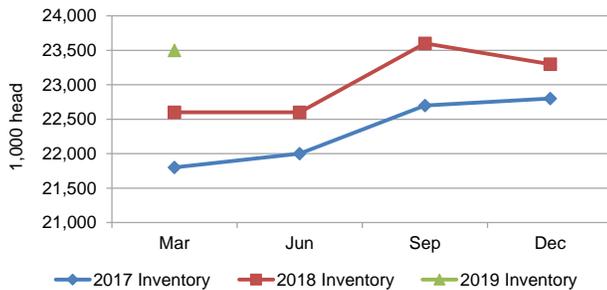
HOGS & PIGS

On March 1, 2019, there were 23.5 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. The March 1 inventory is up 4 percent from the previous year.

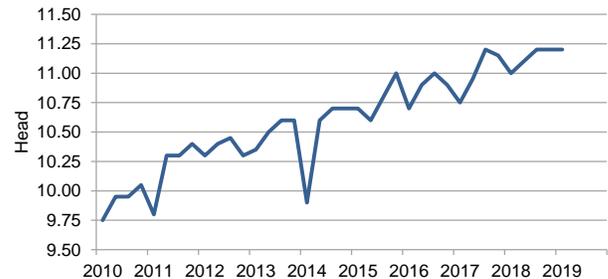
The December-February 2019 quarterly pig crop was 5.94 million head, down 5 percent from the previous quarter and 2 percent below last year. A total of 530,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.20, equal to last quarter.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 530,000 sows and gilts in the March-May 2019 quarter and 560,000 head during the June-August 2019 quarter.

**Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory
Iowa: 2017-2019**



**Quarterly Litter Rate
Iowa: 2010-2019**



Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: March 1, 2018 and 2019 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	550	560	102	4,750	4,640	98	5,300	5,200	98
Iowa	1,020	1,030	101	21,580	22,470	104	22,600	23,500	104
Minnesota	570	580	102	7,930	8,120	102	8,500	8,700	102
Missouri	455	470	103	2,995	3,030	101	3,450	3,500	101
Nebraska	420	450	107	3,030	3,100	102	3,450	3,550	103
North Carolina	900	900	100	8,000	8,000	100	8,900	8,900	100
United States	6,210	6,349	102	66,538	67,948	102	72,748	74,296	102

Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States and United States: March 1, 2018 and 2019 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(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	1,465	1,435	1,465	1,515	980	1,000	840	690
Iowa	5,490	5,610	6,670	7,210	5,460	5,780	3,960	3,870
Minnesota	2,630	2,590	2,360	2,300	1,790	1,950	1,150	1,280
Missouri	1,455	1,525	560	540	530	505	450	460
Nebraska	1,040	1,060	775	850	670	670	545	520
North Carolina	3,240	3,190	1,720	1,650	1,710	1,590	1,330	1,570
United States	20,942	21,456	18,212	18,639	14,996	15,268	12,387	12,585

CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa **egg production** during February 2019 was 1.29 billion eggs, down 10 percent from last month but up 6 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 2019 was 57.6 million, up 1 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for February were 2,245, down 11 percent from last month but up 4 percent from last year.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During February 2018 and 2019

[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	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,311	1,400	9,477	10,130	1,706	1,710	161.7	173.2	30.3	31.4
Arkansas	4,275	(NA)	14,845	(NA)	1,821	(NA)	270.4	(NA)	105.5	(NA)
California	13,605	13,053	14,348	13,783	2,238	2,203	321.1	303.6	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,164	4,332	4,684	4,845	2,289	2,332	107.2	113.0	(D)	(D)
Florida	6,847	(NA)	7,289	(NA)	2,083	(NA)	151.8	(NA)	148.1	(NA)
Georgia	9,346	9,797	19,534	20,157	1,875	1,919	366.3	386.9	197.1	211.8
Illinois	5,169	5,870	5,742	6,444	2,255	2,216	129.5	142.8	126.0	140.2
Indiana	31,861	34,190	33,083	35,492	2,138	2,247	707.3	797.6	694.2	781.9
Iowa	54,867	55,883	56,612	57,615	2,151	2,245	1,217.5	1,293.4	1,201.9	1,273.2
Maryland	2,629	2,602	2,818	2,794	2,253	2,273	63.5	63.5	62.5	62.4
Michigan	14,989	15,843	15,301	16,157	2,239	2,211	342.6	357.3	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,346	10,560	10,926	11,136	2,166	2,230	236.7	248.3	229.4	240.6
Mississippi	1,464	(NA)	5,800	(NA)	1,905	(NA)	110.5	(NA)	34.1	(NA)
Missouri	7,419	7,639	11,762	12,605	2,174	2,270	255.7	286.1	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	7,273	8,201	7,506	8,472	2,353	2,373	176.6	201.0	173.2	196.6
New York	5,149	5,120	5,660	5,664	2,300	2,327	130.2	131.8	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,917	6,087	15,363	14,691	1,923	1,933	295.4	284.0	155.8	141.5
Ohio	31,684	32,310	32,864	33,517	2,187	2,258	718.7	756.7	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,357	2,192	2,550	2,385	2,298	2,344	58.6	55.9	58.6	55.9
Pennsylvania	26,101	25,523	28,600	28,107	2,275	2,213	650.7	622.0	625.8	594.3
South Carolina	3,025	3,339	4,274	4,611	2,036	2,071	87.0	95.5	67.3	75.0
South Dakota	2,555	2,737	2,610	2,792	2,395	2,228	62.5	62.2	62.5	62.2
Texas	17,781	(NA)	22,532	(NA)	2,043	(NA)	460.4	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Utah	5,082	4,703	5,134	4,755	2,205	2,360	113.2	112.2	113.2	112.2
Virginia	787	904	2,666	2,747	2,138	1,922	57.0	52.8	28.1	25.0
Washington	6,810	6,838	6,975	7,003	2,364	2,402	164.9	168.2	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	6,006	6,047	7,080	7,173	2,201	2,107	155.8	151.1	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	24,063	54,214	34,247	84,530	2,059	2,015	705.2	1,703.6	582.7	1,266.0
United States	313,882	319,384	390,282	397,605	2,121	2,154	8,278.0	8,562.7	7,226.9	7,479.8

(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 710,000 head on March 1, 2019, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. This was up 3 percent from February 1, 2019, but down 3 percent from March 1, 2018. Iowa feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head had 645,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month and last year. Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in all Iowa feedlots totaled 1,355,000 head, up 2 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year.

Placements of cattle and calves in Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 133,000 head, up 20 percent from last month and up 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head placed 48,000 head, down 20 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year. Placements for all feedlots in Iowa totaled 181,000 head, up 6 percent from last month and last year.

Marketings of fed cattle from Iowa feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 109,000 head, unchanged from last month but up 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head marketed 39,000 head, down 15 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year. Marketings for all feedlots in Iowa were 148,000 head, down 5 percent from last month but up 1 percent from last year. Other disappearance from all feedlots in Iowa totaled 8,000 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.

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 , February 1, 2019	690	640	1,330
February placements	133	48	181
February marketings	109	39	148
February other disappearance ²	4	4	8
Cattle on feed, March 1, 2019	710	645	1,355

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: 2018-2019

State	Cattle on feed ¹ March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February other disappearance ²		
	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18
	(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	285	311	109	30	28	93	24	19	79	1	1	100
California	490	525	107	59	55	93	51	51	100	3	4	133
Colorado	950	1,050	111	165	185	112	170	170	100	5	5	100
Idaho	255	275	108	34	38	112	36	35	97	3	3	100
Iowa	730	710	97	118	133	113	106	109	103	2	4	200
Kansas	2,350	2,300	98	420	425	101	380	365	96	10	10	100
Minnesota	165	150	91	16	14	88	20	18	90	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,690	2,600	97	440	455	103	410	415	101	10	20	200
Oklahoma	315	310	98	46	44	96	50	48	96	1	1	100
South Dakota	270	260	96	46	42	91	35	34	97	1	3	300
Texas	2,680	2,770	103	365	370	101	320	340	106	15	10	67
Washington	210	225	107	36	26	72	30	30	100	1	1	100
Other States	325	310	95	42	42	100	43	49	114	4	3	75
United States	11,715	11,796	101	1,817	1,857	102	1,675	1,683	100	57	66	116

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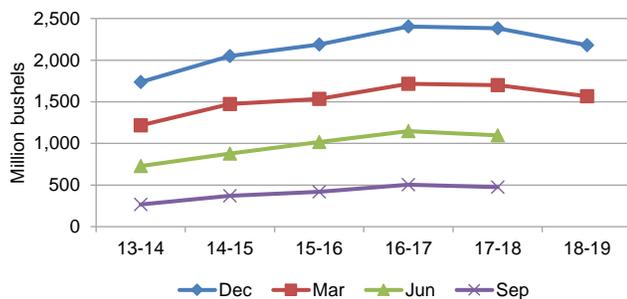
GRAIN STOCKS

Corn stored in all positions in Iowa on March 1, 2019, totaled 1.57 billion bushels, down 8 percent from March 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Grain Stocks* report. Of the total stocks, 63 percent were stored on-farm. The December-February 2019 indicated disappearance totaled 614 million bushels, 10 percent below the 685 million bushels from the same period last year.

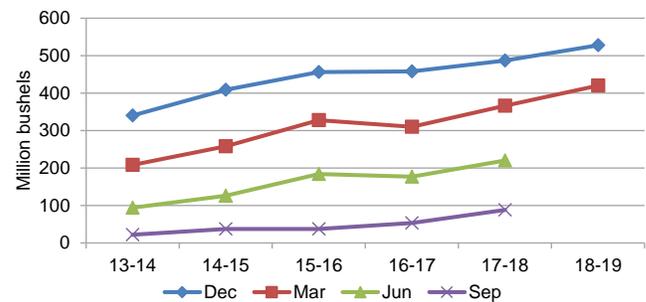
Soybeans stored in all positions in Iowa on March 1, 2019, totaled 420 million bushels 15 percent above the 366 million bushels on hand March 1, 2018. This is the largest March stocks on record, 11 percent higher than the previous record of 380 million bushels on hand March 1, 2007. Of the total stocks, 46 percent were stored on-farm. Indicated disappearance for December-February 2019 is 107 million bushels, 12 percent below the 122 million bushels from the same quarter last year.

Oats stored on-farm in Iowa on March 1, 2019, totaled 760 thousand bushels, up 1 percent from March 1, 2018.

**Corn Stocks by Marketing Year
Iowa**



**Soybean Stocks by Marketing Year
Iowa**



Grain Stocks by Position – Iowa and United States: March 1, 2018 and 2019

Position and Grain	Iowa			United States		
	March 1, 2018	March 1, 2019	'19 as % of '18	March 1, 2018	March 1, 2019	'19 as % of '18
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(percent)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(percent)
On-Farm						
Corn	1,000,000	990,000	99	5,002,000	5,131,000	103
Oats	750	760	101	17,240	18,050	105
Soybeans	150,000	195,000	130	855,000	1,270,000	149
Wheat	(D)	(D)	(X)	259,310	367,870	142
Off-Farm ¹						
Corn	698,151	576,813	83	3,890,126	3,473,882	89
Oats	(D)	(D)	(X)	37,699	32,174	85
Soybeans	215,619	225,241	104	1,254,303	1,445,552	115
Wheat	2,402	2,831	118	1,236,131	1,222,633	99
Total all positions						
Corn	1,698,151	1,566,813	92	8,892,126	8,604,882	97
Oats	(D)	(D)	(X)	54,939	50,224	91
Soybeans	365,619	420,241	115	2,109,303	2,715,552	129
Wheat	(D)	(D)	(X)	1,495,441	1,590,503	106

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

(X) Not Applicable.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Iowa farmers intend to plant 13.6 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2019 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report. This is up 400,000 acres from 2018.

Producers intend to plant 9.40 million acres of **soybeans** in Iowa this year. This is a 600,000 acre decrease from 2018.

Iowa farmers intend to plant 135,000 acres of **oats** for all purposes, unchanged from last year.

Farmers in Iowa expect to harvest 1.05 million acres of **all dry hay** for the 2019 crop year. This is 110,000 acres more than harvested in 2018.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2019 planting intentions. NASS's acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 82,400 farm operators across the United States with more than 2,800 from Iowa. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers make their final planting decisions.

Area Planted – Iowa and United States: 2017-2019

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2017	2018	2019 ¹	'19 as % of '18	2017	2018	2019 ¹	'19 as % of '18
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn, all.....	13,300	13,200	13,600	103	90,167	89,129	92,792	104
Hay, all ²	1,060	940	1,050	112	52,777	52,839	53,090	100
Oats.....	115	135	135	100	2,589	2,746	2,555	93
Soybeans	10,000	10,000	9,400	94	90,162	89,196	84,617	95

¹ Intended plantings in 2019 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested in 2019 as indicated by reports from farmers.