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Iowa Ag News – Hay Stocks



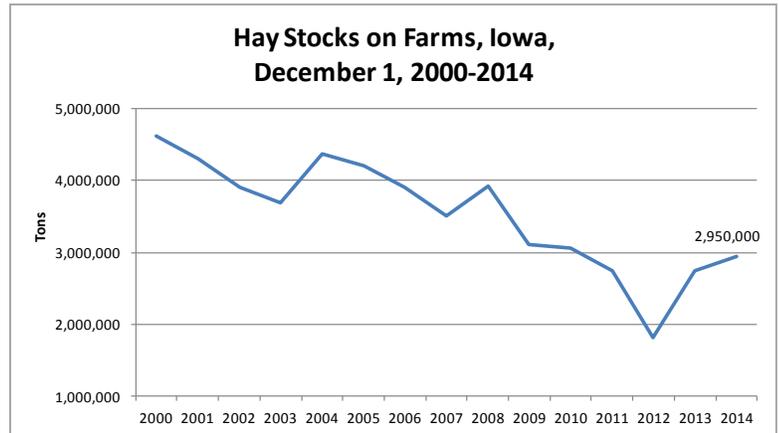
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Dry hay stored on Iowa farms as of December 1, 2014, is estimated at 2.95 million tons, an increase of 7 percent from December 2013, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Upper Midwest Regional Office. This is the fifth lowest December stocks level since records began in 1938.



Hay Stocks on Farms, Iowa and United States, May 1 and December 1, 2013-2014

	May 1		December 1	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Iowa	290	410	2,750	2,950
United States	14,156	19,176	89,304	92,052

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All hay stored on United States farms December 1, 2014, totaled 92.1 million tons, up 3 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2014 - December 1, 2014 totaled 66.9 million tons, compared with 59.9 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

December 1 hay stocks were up from 2013 in many centrally located states due to larger production totals in 2014 as a result of good weather conditions during the growing season. However, persistent dry weather in several western states limited production and hay stock levels.