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Iowa Ag News – Hay Stocks



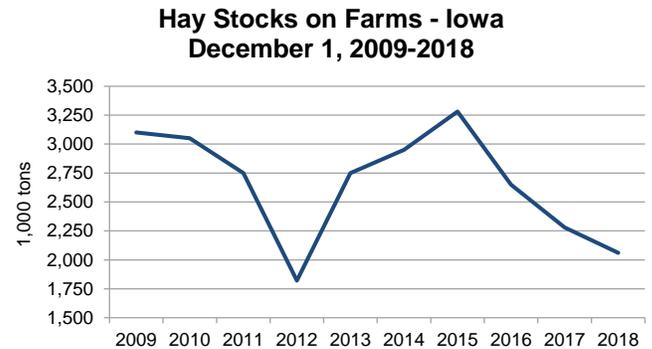
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All hay stored on Iowa farms as of December 1, 2018, is estimated at 2.06 million tons, a decrease of 10 percent from December 1, 2017, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Disappearance from May 1, 2018, through December 1, 2018, totaled 1.30 million tons, compared with 1.62 million tons for the same period in 2017.



Hay Stocks on Farms – Iowa and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2017-2018

	May 1		December 1	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Iowa	630	360	2,280	2,060
United States	24,400	15,348	84,422	79,055

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2018 totaled 79.1 million tons, down 6 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2018 - December 1, 2018 totaled 59.9 million tons, compared with 68.2 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

This marks the lowest December 1 hay stocks since the drought of 2012 and second lowest since 1977.