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Iowa Ag News – Hay Stocks



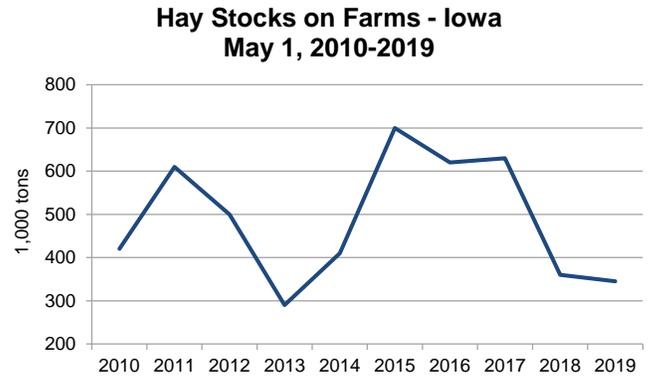
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All hay stored on Iowa farms as of May 1, 2019, is estimated at 345,000 tons, a decrease of 4 percent from May 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Disappearance from December 1, 2018, through May 1, 2019, totaled 1.72 million tons, compared with 1.92 million tons for the same period a year earlier.



Hay Stocks on Farms – Iowa and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2017-2019

	December 1		May 1	
	2017	2018	2018	2019
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Iowa	2,280	2,060	360	345
United States	84,422	79,055	15,348	14,906

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All hay stocks on farms: All hay stored on United States farms, as of May 1, 2019, totaled 14.9 million tons, down 3 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2018-May 1, 2019, totaled 64.1 million tons, compared with 69.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier. This marks the lowest May 1 hay stocks since the drought of 2012 and the second lowest since records began in 1950.