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**Celebrate May Egg Month: Eggs Are A Great Food for the Iowa Economy**

URBANDALE, IA—Iowa’s egg farmers lead the nation in egg production and in egg processing. This year the Iowa men and women involved in producing eggs will see some 15 billion eggs laid.

We know that eggs are delicious, versatile and economical. Eggs provide the least cost per per serving of high-quality protein plus 13 vitamins and minerals. But, in addition to being a great food for people, they also feed the Iowa economy.

The Iowa State University report, “Economic Importance of the Iowa Egg Industry”, shows the following contributions to Iowa’s economy:

- ✓ More than **\$2.02 billion in total sales** (all economic activity associated with egg production and processing).
  
- ✓ More than **\$657 Million in Value Added to Gross Domestic Product (GDP)**.

- ✓ More than **\$424 million in personal income.**
  
- ✓ Nearly **8,000 direct and indirect jobs.**
  
- ✓ A **\$19.3 million contribution to state general tax revenues each year.**

Iowa Egg Council Executive Director, Kevin Vinchattle, said the report shows the positive value-added impact of eggs. “We are learning more all the time about the increased nutritional benefits of eggs, like lower cholesterol and higher vitamin D. But this report also illustrates other benefits eggs provide to our state,” Vinchattle said.

Vinchattle said the economic impact of Iowa’s egg farms helps us understand the important role animal agriculture plays in the Iowa economy. “Iowa is an ideal place for producing food. We have more mouths to feed every day. Eggs are a great food and our farmers feed the Iowa economy as well. It’s just a natural win-win all around.”

For more information on eggs visit [www.iowaegg.org](http://www.iowaegg.org).