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May is National Egg Month: Iowa Egg Industry

Urbandale, Iowa (April 25, 2016) – May is National Egg Month! A month set aside to recognize the incredible egg, as well as the farmers that produce nutritious, delicious and economical eggs for you and your family and friends.

Eggs are economical and consistently recognized by the USDA as the lowest cost per serving of high quality protein costing approximately 17 cents per serving and providing 35.3 grams of protein per dollar spent; and eggs are versatile because they can be prepared for any meal or snack or used as an ingredient in countless recipes. Eggs are delicious, people love to eat them and associate meals that include eggs as happy, memorable times spent with family and friends.

Did you know Iowa's egg farmers lead the nation in egg production? Egg farmers care for nearly 59 million laying hens that produce approximately 16 billion eggs per year. Iowa's egg farmers achieve this level of production by providing the best care for their hens. The buildings for the laying hens are environmentally controlled for temperature and humidity, as well as feed and water being consistently monitored.

Iowa also leads the nation in the processing of more eggs than any other state in the United States. Eggs are being made into frozen egg products, liquid, dried, or specialty egg products.

According to Iowa State University, the Iowa Egg Industry generates about 8,800 jobs statewide, more than \$502 million in labor income, nearly \$23 million in general tax revenues to Iowa, and the industry contributes more than \$2 billion in total statewide sales annually.

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