



A milking machine in action

farms also grow their own feed, typically including **corn**, **alfalfa**, and **hay**. This is fed directly to the cows, or stored as **silage** for use during the winter season. Additional dietary supplements are added to the feed to improve milk production. ^[10]

4.2 Poultry farms

Poultry farms are devoted to raising **chickens** (egg layers or broilers), **turkeys**, **ducks**, and other **fowl**, generally for



Typical cattle yard in Northern Iowa, USA

accompanied by the decoupling of political power from farm ownership.

5.1 Forms of ownership

In some societies (especially **socialist** and **communist**), **collective farming** is the norm, with either government ownership of the land or common ownership by a local group. Especially in societies without widespread industrialized farming, **tenant farming** and **sharecropping** are common; farmers either pay landowners for the right to use farmland or give up a portion of the crops.