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INDIANA'S HOG INVENTORY DECREASES

Indiana producers had a total inventory of 3.15 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 2002, 2 percent less than a year earlier. Market hogs, at 2.82 million head was 1 percent below last year. Breeding inventory, at 330,000 head, was down 3 percent from last year. Sows farrowed totaled 150,000 during the September - November 2002 quarter, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier. Pig crop, at 1.31 million head, decreased 3 percent from last year with a litter rate averaging 8.75, up 1 percent from a year ago. Indiana producers intend to farrow 150,000 sows during both the December 2002 - February 2003 period, and the March - May 2003 period. If realized, farrowings during both periods would be down 5,000 (3 percent) from the previous quarter. The number of Indiana operations with hogs decreased to 3,400 during 2002, down 15 percent from last year.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2002 was estimated at 58.9 million head. This was 1 percent below December 1, 2001, and 2 percent below September 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was down 3 percent from December 1, 2001, and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.9 million head, was 1 percent below last year and 2 percent below last quarter. The September - November 2002 U.S. pig crop at 24.9 million head, was 2 percent less than 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.82 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.83 pigs saved per litter for the September - November 2002 period, compared to 8.82 pigs last year.

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U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.81 million sows farrow during the December 2002 - February 2003 quarter, 1 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002. Intended farrowings for March - May 2003, at 2.85 million sows, are 3 percent below the same period in 2002.

DECEMBER 1 HOGS AND PIGS INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2001-2003

Item	Indiana				United States					
	2001	2002	2003 1/	% of Prev. Year		2001	2002	2003 1/	% of Prev. Year	
				02/01	03/02				02/01	03/02
	1,000 Head			Percent		1,000 Head		Percent		
Hogs and Pigs, Dec. 1	3,200	3,150		98		59,804	58,943		99	
Breeding Hogs	340	330		97		6,209	6,012		97	
Market Hogs	2,860	2,820		99		53,594	52,931		99	
Under 60 Pounds	1,040	1,010		97		19,908	19,461		98	
60-119 Pounds	710	670		94		12,924	12,919		100	
120-179 Pounds	580	600		103		10,744	10,736		100	
180 Pounds and over	530	540		102		10,018	9,815		98	
Farrowing, Sept - Nov										
Sows Farrowing	155	150		97		2,889	2,817		98	
Pigs Per Litter	8.70	8.75		101		8.82	8.83		100	
Pig Crop 2/	1,349	1,313		97		25,492	24,892		98	
Sows Farrowing										
December 3/ - May	310	310	300	100	97	5,618	5,779	5,661	103	98
December 3/ -	155	155	150	100	97	2,748	2,836	2,807	103	99
March - May	155	155	150	100	97	2,870	2,943	2,854	103	97

1/ Intentions.

2/ Number of pigs born September through November that were on hand December 1 or had been sold.

3/ December of preceding year.

NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 512 million eggs during November 2002, 4 percent above a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 23.4 million, was 1 percent below last month but 3 percent above last year. The rate of lay at 2,191 eggs per 100 layers was 1 percent above last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.3 million egg-type chicks during November, down 3 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-November 2002 was 53.0 million, down 19 percent from the same period of 2001.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.25 billion during November 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.23 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 962 million were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2002 averaged 339

million, up slightly from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,140 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,128 eggs in November 2001. Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 31.1 million, down 3 percent from November 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 28.4 million on December 1, 2002, down 4 percent from a year ago.



EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., NOVEMBER 2001-2002

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	22,695	23,367	103	337,915	338,593	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,172	2,191	101	2,128	2,140	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	493	512	104	7,191	7,246	101
Table Eggs (millions)	481	499	104	6,159	6,226	101
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	13	108	1,032	1,019	99
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,394	4,277	97	32,081	31,078	97
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	702,607	690,024	98

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2002, were greater than year earlier levels for poultry, red meat, and orange juice concentrate. Cooler stocks of pecans were also above last year.

Butter stocks were 17 percent below October 2002 but 135 percent above a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were 4 percent below October 31, 2002 but 14 percent above November 2001. Frozen pork stocks were 5 percent below last month but 8 percent above last year. Stocks of pork bellies were 74 percent above last month but 50 percent below November 2001 stocks.

Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2002, were down 24 percent from last month but were 19 percent above last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 8 percent from last month but were 16 percent above last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers decreased 47 percent from last month but were 27 percent above last year.

Public cooler occupancy on November 30, 2002, was at 41 percent of capacity, up 2 points from last year. Public freezer occupancy, at 55 percent, was unchanged from last year.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 1 POINT

The December 2002 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 88 (1991=100) was up 1 point from November's revised level and up 8 points from December 2001. The mid-month price for corn, winter wheat, and eggs decreased from last month. The mid-December price for soybeans and all hogs increased from November.

Commodities for which the mid-month price decreased from the previous year include all hogs, all milk, and

turkeys. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, and eggs increased from the December 2001 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 68 was unchanged from last month's revised index but 14 points below December 2001. The Crop Price Index of 101 was up 1 point from the revised index a month ago and 23 points above December last year.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -- INDIANA AND UNITED STATES DECEMBER 2002 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		December 2001	November 2002	December 15 2002	December 2001	November 2002	December 15 2002
		<u>Dollars</u>			<u>Dollars</u>		
Corn	Bu.	1.92	2.41	2.40	1.98	2.27	2.29
Soybeans	Bu.	4.25	5.50	5.59	4.20	5.46	5.48
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2.88	4.08	3.44	2.78	4.16	3.83
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.92	1.90	1.81
All Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	95.60	93.60	92.60
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	105.00	101.00	100.00
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	73.40	75.40	74.70
Apples ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.231	.268	.263
All Hogs	Cwt.	33.20	27.80	31.00	33.30	27.80	30.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	33.60	28.30	31.70	33.80	28.10	30.40
Sows	Cwt.	29.50	23.30	25.00	25.10	20.40	22.80
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	64.80	67.60	70.20
Milk Cows ^{3/}	Head	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	13.90	11.30	11.30	13.50	11.80	11.90
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	14.00	11.40	<u>4/</u>	13.50	11.90	11.90
Manufactured	Cwt.	11.70	10.00	<u>4/</u>	12.50	10.60	10.50
Eggs ^{5/}	Doz.	.450	.600	.500	.410	.563	.519
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	.390	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.387	.395	.384

^{1/} Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. ^{2/} Mid-month Price. ^{3/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July, and October. ^{4/} Only Whole-month Price published. ^{5/} Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Monthly estimates discontinued. 7/ Not Published.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 8 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on December 1, 2002. The inventory was 8 percent below December 1, 2001 and 9 percent below December 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001 but 2 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.89 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600

pounds were 589,000, 600-699 pounds were 660,000, 700-799 pounds were 417,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 311,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.73 million, 4 percent below 2001 and 5 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during November, 13 percent above 2001 but 14 percent below 2000.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during November 2002 totaled 117.5 million pounds, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The total live weight of the 2,700 cattle slaughtered during November was 2.9 million pounds. The 1,300 calves slaughtered during November 2002 totaled 164,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 592,000 hogs killed totaled 154.6 million pounds. The 2,600 sheep slaughtered during November 2002 totaled 287,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during November 2002 totaled 3.91 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 3.97 billion pounds produced in November 2001. Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, down 1 percent from 2001. The average live weight

was 1,260 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago. Veal production totaled 16.9 million pounds, 4 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 91,100 head, up 4 percent from November 2001. The average live weight was 308 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.66 million head, 1 percent below November 2001. The average live weight was 268 pounds, down 1 pound from November a year ago. Lamb and mutton production, at 17.8 million pounds, was down 9 percent from November 2001 and 6 percent below the previous record low set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 271,300 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 6 pounds from November a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	November		Jan - Nov		November		Jan - Nov	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	2.7	2.7	34.2	35.6	2,903.4	2,861.3	32,590.4	32,958.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,055	1,063	1,049	1,064	1,255	1,260	1,218	1,249
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2,881	2,871	35,859	37,882	3,644,238	3,606,275	38,684,094	41,180,069
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	7.6	1.3	81.5	28.4	87.3	91.1	922.2	946.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	344	125	345	277	308	308	321	312
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2,604	164	28,100	7,864	26,899	28,029	295,715	295,140
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	585.4	592.0	5,987.9	6,357.9	8,716.2	8,655.5	89,542.8	91,603.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	264	261	258	258	269	268	264	265
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	154,532	154,59	1,542,63	1,640,80	2,345,186	2,315,439	23,608,336	24,245,751
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.9	2.6	34.6	32.1	287.1	271.3	2,942.5	2,997.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	98	112	101	108	138	132	140	133
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	288	287	3,481	3,466	39,614	35,809	411,739	399,792

1/ Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

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