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TOP CORN, SOYBEAN AND WHEAT COUNTIES

Indiana's leading counties in the production of corn, soybeans and wheat during 2002 were White County for corn, Montgomery County for soybeans, and Posey County for winter wheat. White County produced a total of 21.6 million bushels of corn, making it the number one corn producing county. Jasper took second place, followed by Benton, Montgomery, and Clinton counties.

Montgomery County jumped to the number one slot for soybeans, by producing 6.0 million bushels during 2002. Benton and Boone counties captured the second and third place

spots, respectively. White County fell to fourth place, followed by Clinton.

Posey County retained the number one position in winter wheat production during 2002 with 1.6 million bushels. Allen County remained in second place, while Gibson County kept the third place standing. Knox County remained in fourth place while Adams County moved up to fifth position.

The preceding information is part of the results of the County Estimates Survey which was conducted last fall after harvest. For further results from

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LEADING INDIANA COUNTIES IN PRODUCTION OF CORN, SOYBEANS AND WHEAT

Rank	2002 Crop					
	Corn		Soybeans		Winter Wheat	
	County	Production	County	Production	County	Production
		<u>1,000 Bu</u>		<u>1,000 Bu</u>		<u>1,000 Bu</u>
1	White	21,558.9	Montgomery	6,019.7	Posey	1,595.9
2	Jasper	21,199.7	Benton	5,918.7	Allen	1,048.8
3	Benton	19,481.3	Boone	5,820.1	Gibson	1,044.6
4	Montgomery	18,146.6	White	5,725.2	Knox	895.4
5	Clinton	18,068.6	Clinton	5,608.6	Adams	555.8
6	Boone	16,644.2	Grant	5,129.9	Wabash	459.3
7	Carroll	16,316.9	Madison	5,044.8	Whitley	440.2
8	Tippecanoe	15,411.7	Allen	4,920.2	Vanderburgh	387.0
9	Newton	15,054.6	Jasper	4,906.5	Jay	374.3
10	Pulaski	14,651.4	Tippecanoe	4,878.8	De Kalb	318.3

NUMBER OF INDIANA FARMS UNCHANGED

The number of Indiana farms in 2002 which had sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more totaled 63,000, unchanged from the 2001 level. The number of operations with \$100,000 or more of sales, at 11,500, decreased 4 percent, mid-size farms, remained at 22,000, and small farms, at 29,500, showed an increase of 2 percent. Total land in farms, at 15.4 million acres, remained the same as the previous year. The average farm size at 244 acres per farm was unchanged from 2001.

The number of farms in the United States in 2002 is estimated at 2.16 million, up 0.1 percent from 2001. The increase in farms occurred primarily in agricultural operations with \$1,000-\$9,999 in sales. Total land in farms, at 941.5 million acres, increased 170,000 acres from last year. The average size of farm at 436 acres, decreased one acre from 2001. The increase in the number of farms and land in farms primarily resulted from the inclusion of pasture only farms in 2002.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 1992-2002 1/

Year	Farms		Land in Farms		Average Size of Farm	
	Indiana	U.S.	Indiana	U.S.	Indiana	U.S.
	Thousands		Thousand Acres		Acres	
1992	65	2,108	16,000	978,503	246	464
1993	68	2,202	15,800	968,845	232	440
1994	67	2,198	15,700	965,935	234	440
1995	66	2,196	15,600	962,515	236	438
1996	66	2,191	15,600	958,675	236	438
1997	66	2,191	15,600	956,010	236	436
1998	66	2,191	15,600	953,500	236	435
1999	65	2,192	15,500	947,440	238	432
2000	64	2,172	15,500	943,090	242	434
2001	63	2,156	15,400	941,310	244	437
2002	63	2,158	15,400	941,480	244	436

1/ 1992-1997 farm numbers are for June 1 reference date. Beginning in 1997 farm numbers are for the entire year.

NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS DECREASES 23 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in January 2003. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of January 12-18, 2003 totaled 23,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.72.

There were 884,000 thousand hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 12-18, 2003, down 1 percent from a year ago. There were 724,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 160,000 workers.

Farm operators nationwide paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.32 per hour during the January 2003 survey week, up 35 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.29 per hour, up 4 cents from last January. Livestock workers earned \$8.91 per hour compared with \$8.20 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.50 was up 27 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 37.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week compared with 38.5 hours a year ago.

HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES, EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2002-2003 1/ 2/

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Hired Workers on Farms Expected to be Employed:	30	23	707	724
150 Days or More	25	21	584	609
149 Days or Less	5	2	123	115
	<u>Hours</u>			
Hours Worked Per Week	40.4	33.5	38.5	37.8
	<u>Dollars Per Hour</u>			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	9.03	9.68	8.25	8.29
Livestock	9.22	8.64	8.20	8.91
Field & Livestock	9.15	9.01	8.23	8.50
Wage Rates for All Hired	9.75	9.72	8.97	9.32

1/ Reference weeks were January 12-18 in 2003 and January 6-12 in 2002. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

2/ Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP ONE POINT

The February 2003 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 90 (1991=100) was up one point from January's revised level and up 11 points from February 2002. The mid-month price for winter wheat, all milk and eggs decreased from last month. The mid-February price for corn, soybeans and all hogs increased from January.

Commodities for which the mid-month price decreased from the previous year include winter wheat, all hogs and all milk. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, and eggs increased from the February 2002 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 71 was down 1 points from last month's revised index and 7 points below February 2002. The Crop Price Index of 101 was up 1 point from the revised index a month ago and 21 points above February last year.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES FEBRUARY 2003 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		February 2002	January 2003	February 15 2003	February 2002	January 2003	February 15 2003
		<u>Dollars</u>			<u>Dollars</u>		
Corn	Bu.	1.97	2.42	2.43	1.93	2.33	2.35
Soybeans	Bu.	4.34	5.64	5.65	4.22	5.52	5.57
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.20	3.33	3.18	2.75	3.66	3.53
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.91	2.05	2.02
All Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	91.70	92.90	91.80
Alfalfa Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	100.00	97.60	96.40
Other Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	71.90	79.60	79.40
Apples <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.216	.258	.246
All Hogs	Cwt.	39.00	32.20	34.20	38.50	33.00	34.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	39.90	32.90	35.00	39.00	33.50	35.00
Sows	Cwt.	30.00	25.40	25.60	27.70	22.20	23.20
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	70.00	73.20	74.60
Milk Cows <u>3/</u>	Head	<u>3/</u>	1300.0	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1370.0	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	12.70	11.20	10.90	13.10	11.70	11.50
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	12.80	11.30	<u>4/</u>	13.10	11.80	11.50
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	11.70	9.80	<u>4/</u>	12.00	10.50	10.30
Eggs <u>5/</u>	Doz.	.430	.600	.500	.366	.529	.466
Turkeys <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.341	.346	.345

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.

HONEY

This data is the result of the Bee and Honey Survey which was conducted last December. Indiana honey production in 2002 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 496,000 pounds, down 7 percent from production in 2001. There were 8,000 colonies producing honey in 2002, up 14 percent from 2001. Prices for the 2002 crop averaged \$1.14 per pound, up 24 percent from the previous year. At the state level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold retail, coop and private.

Nationally, honey production in 2002 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 171 million pounds, down 8

percent from 2001. There were 2.52 million colonies producing honey in 2002, up 1 percent from 2001. Yield per colony averaged 67.8 pounds, down 8 percent from the 74.0 pounds in 2001. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not counted if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 39.0 million pounds on December 15, 2002, down 40 percent from a year earlier. Honey prices increased to a record high during 2002 to 128.6 cents, up 83 percent from 70.4 cents in 2001. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and coops.

NUMBER OF BEE COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS, AND VALUE INDIANA, SELECTED STATES, AND U.S., 2002 1/

State	Number of Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 <u>2/</u>	Average Price Per Pound <u>3/</u>	Value of Production
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>1,000 Pounds</u>		<u>Cents</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Illinois	9	80	720	130	142	1,022
Indiana	8	62	496	233	114	565
Iowa	33	70	2,310	901	137	3,165
Kentucky	3	54	162	47	165	267
Michigan	72	77	5,544	1,885	134	7,429
Ohio	16	81	1,296	518	140	1,814
Wisconsin	70	95	6,650	2,461	130	8,645
United States	2,524	67.8	171,140	39,047	128.6	221,638

1/ Includes producers with 5 or more colonies. Preliminary. 2/ Stocks held by producers. 3/ Prices weighted by

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during January 2003 totaled 121.9 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year earlier. The total live weight of the 4,200 cattle slaughtered during January was 4.5 million pounds. The 900 calves slaughtered during January 2003 totaled 112,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 598,700 hogs killed totaled 157.7 million pounds. The 2,200 sheep slaughtered during January 2003 totaled 243,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during January 2003 totaled 4.08 billion pounds, relatively unchanged from a year ago. Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.01 million head, down 2 percent from 2002. The average live weight was 1,268 pounds, up 8 pounds from January a

year ago. Veal production totaled 17.9 million pounds, 6 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 93,800 head, up 7 percent from January 2002. The average live weight was 317 pounds, down 4 pounds from January a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year and a monthly record high. Hog kill totaled 8.79 million head, 1 percent above January 2002. The average live weight was 268 pounds, unchanged from January a year ago. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.9 million pounds, was down 10 percent from January 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 238,800 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, down 7 pounds from January a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana		United States	
	Jan 2002	Jan 2003	Jan 2002	Jan 2003
Cattle				
Number of Head (000)	4.2	4.2	3,055.8	3,007.0
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,062	1,059	1,260	1,268
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	4,472	4,454	3,851,455	3,814,300
Calves				
Number of Head (000)	6.3	0.9	87.4	93.8
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	337	127	321	317
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2,136	112	28,089	29,774
Hogs				
Number of Head (000)	598.1	598.7	8,657.8	8,787.5
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	263	263	268	268
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	157,421	157,706	2,317,054	2,353,492
Sheep				
Number of Head (000)	2.5	2.2	254.9	238.8
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	107	110	140	133
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	265	243	35,642	31,856

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

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