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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 7 POINTS

The November 2003 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 104 (1991=100) was up 7 points from October's revised level and up 16 points from November 2002. The mid-month price for all hogs decreased from last month. The mid-November price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, all milk, and eggs increased from October.

Commodities for which the mid-month price decreased from the previous year

include corn and winter wheat. The mid-month price for soybeans, all hogs, all milk, and eggs increased from the November 2002 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 90 was up 3 points from last month's revised index and 21 points above November 2002. The Crop Price Index of 112 was up 9 points from the revised index a month ago and 12 points above November last year.

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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -- INDIANA AND UNITED STATES NOVEMBER 2003 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		November 2002	October 2003	November 15 2003	November 2002	October 2003	November 15 2003
		<u>Dollars</u>			<u>Dollars</u>		
Corn	Bu.	2.41	2.15	2.25	2.28	2.12	2.24
Soybeans	Bu.	5.53	6.90	7.59	5.46	6.61	7.37
Winter Wheat	Bu.	4.03	3.54	3.86	4.18	3.37	3.64
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.91	1.44	1.37
All Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	93.20	84.40	80.70
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	101.00	88.80	88.00
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	73.90	71.40	64.90
Apples ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.268	.273	.274
All Hogs	Cwt.	27.80	36.80	34.00	27.80	36.80	34.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	28.30	37.00	34.10	28.10	37.10	35.00
Sows	Cwt.	23.30	34.50	33.00	20.80	30.90	30.00
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	67.30	92.00	93.20
Milk Cows ^{3/}	Head	<u>3/</u>	1350.00	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1370.00	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	12.10	14.40	14.50	11.90	15.00	14.90
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	12.20	14.40	<u>4/</u>	11.90	15.00	14.90
Manufactured	Cwt.	10.10	14.10	<u>4/</u>	10.70	14.70	14.60
Eggs ^{5/}	Doz.	.600	.750	.950	.559	.703	.926
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.398	.386	.407

^{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.

NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS INCREASES 7 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in October 2003. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of October 12-18, 2003 totaled 45,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.34.

There were 1,197,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 12-18, 2003, down 1 percent from a year ago. There were 891,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 306,000 workers.

Farm operators nationwide paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.05 per hour during the October 2003 reference week, up 10 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.42 per hour, up 8 cents from last October. Livestock workers earned \$8.64 per hour compared with \$8.42 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.47 was up 11 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.2 hours for hired workers during the survey week down fractionally a year ago.

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

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	42	45	940	891
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	25	26	685	626
149 Days or Less	17	19	255	265
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	38.7	40.6	40.4	40.2
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	8.49	8.76	8.34	8.42
Livestock	8.89	9.67	8.42	8.64
Field & Livestock	8.54	8.91	8.36	8.47
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	8.90	9.34	8.95	9.05

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

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

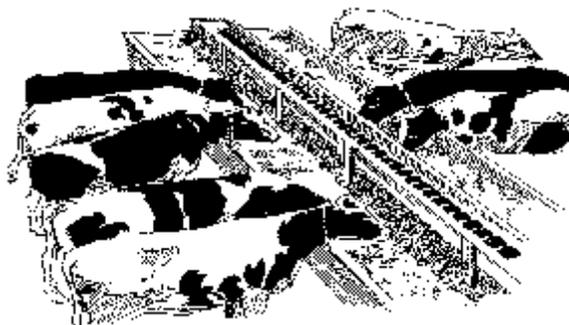
U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on November 1, 2003. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2002 but 7 percent below November 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.78 million, 16 percent above 2002 and 3 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.68 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 1.02 million, 600-699 pounds were 796,000, 700-799 pounds were 508,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 454,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.86 million, 6 percent below 2002 and 2 percent below 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during October, 20 percent above 2002 and 49 percent above 2001.

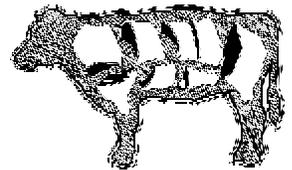
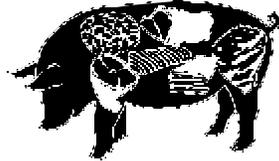


INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 12 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during October 2003 totaled 138.3 million pounds, 12 percent above a year earlier. The total live weight of the 4,600 cattle slaughtered during October was 4.8 million pounds. The 800 calves slaughtered during October 2003 totaled 107,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 689,900 hogs killed totaled 179.8 million pounds. The 3,000 sheep slaughtered during October 2003 totaled 320,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during October 2003 totaled 4.15 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the 4.38 billion pounds produced in October 2002. Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 12 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, down 8 percent from 2002. The average live weight was down 39 pounds from the previous year, at 1,231 pounds. Veal production totaled 16.4 million pounds, 13 percent below October a year ago and a record monthly low. Calf slaughter totaled 87,500 head, down 13 percent from October 2002. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 308 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.91 billion pounds, a record monthly high, and up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.64 million head, 3

percent above October 2002. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 267 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 18.0 million pounds, was down 9 percent from October 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 265,500 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	October		Jan - Oct		October		Jan - Oct	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	4.6	4.6	32.9	33.8	3,266.6	3,002.6	30,101.7	30,359.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,064	1,056	1,064	1,053	1,270	1,231	1,248	1,230
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	4,943	4,841	35,011	35,580	4,148,453	3,695,836	37,575,548	37,328,698
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	1.7	0.8	27.1	7.5	100.9	87.5	856.3	826.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	125	126	284	125	308	308	313	317
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	210	107	7,700	972	31,033	26,973	267,653	261,510
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	627.5	689.9	5,765.9	5,824.1	9,403.6	9,638.7	82,951.1	82,846.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	256	261	258	260	264	267	264	266
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	160,676	179,79	1,486,20	1,511,70	2,482,798	2,575,859	21,930,214	22,002,396
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	3.2	3.0	29.5	28.4	300.6	265.5	2,736.5	2,475.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	113	108	108	108	132	135	133	133
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	366	320	3,179	3,065	39,617	35,706	364,806	329,516

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

OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 506 million eggs during October 2003, 5 percent below a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 22.4 million, was down 1 percent from last month and 4 percent below last year. The rate of lay at 2,259 eggs per 100 layers was down 2 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.76 million egg-type chicks during October, up 13 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January–October 2003 was 49.1 million, slightly below 1 percent from the same period of 2002.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.39 billion during October 2003, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.34 billion

table eggs and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2003 averaged 333 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,218 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2002. Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 35.0 million, up 9 percent from October 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 29.5 million on November 1, 2003, down 2 percent from a year ago.



EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., OCTOBER 2002-2003

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,242	22,396	96	338,159	333,251	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,298	2,259	98	2,192	2,218	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	534	506	95	7,412	7,392	100
Table Eggs (millions)	521	493	95	6,345	6,335	100
Hatching Eggs (millions)	13	13	100	1,067	1,057	99
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,204	4,756	113	32,149	34,999	109
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched	1/	1/	1/	720,564	734,801	102

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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