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INDIANA'S HOG INVENTORY DECREASES

Indiana producers had a total inventory of 3.10 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 2003, 3 percent less than a year earlier. Market hogs, at 2.80 million head was 2 percent below last year. Breeding inventory, at 300,000 head, was down 9 percent from last year. Sows farrowed totaled 145,000 during the September - November 2003 quarter, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier. Pig crop, at 1.28 million head, decreased 2 percent from last year with a litter rate averaging 8.85, up 1 percent from a year ago. Indiana producers intend to farrow 135,000 sows during both the December 2003 - February 2004 period, and the March - May 2004 period. If realized, farrowings during the December 2003 - February 2004 quarter would be down 15,000 (10 percent) and farrowings during the March - May 2004 quarter would be down 10,000 (7 percent) from the previous quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2003 was estimated at 60.0 million head. This was 1 percent above December 1, 2002, but slightly below September 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2002. Market hog inventory, at 54.1 million head, was 1 percent above last year. The September - November 2003 U.S. pig crop at 25.3 million head, was 2 percent more than 2002. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, 1 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.93 pigs saved per litter for the September - November 2003 period, compared to 8.83 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.81 million sows farrow during the December 2003 - February 2004 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2003. Intended farrowings for March - May 2004, at 2.85 million sows, are 1 percent below the same period in 2003.

DECEMBER 1 HOGS AND PIGS INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2002-2004

Item	Indiana					United States				
	2002	2003	2004 ^{1/}	% of Prev. Year		2002	2003	2004 ^{1/}	% of Prev. Year	
				03/02	04/03				03/02	04/03
	1,000 Head			Percent		1,000 Head		Percent		
Hogs and Pigs, Dec. 1	3,200	3,100		97		59,513	60,040	101		
Breeding Hogs	330	300		91		6,012	5,966	99		
Market Hogs	2,870	2,800		98		53,501	54,074	101		
Under 60 Pounds	1,010	990		98		19,461	19,821	102		
60-119 Pounds	690	670		97		13,054	13,250	102		
120-179 Pounds	620	580		94		10,881	10,839	100		
180 Pounds and over	550	560		102		10,105	10,164	101		
Farrowing, Sept - Nov										
Sows Farrowing	150	145		97		2,817	2,836	101		
Pigs Per Litter	8.75	8.85		101		8.83	8.93	101		
Pig Crop ^{2/}	1,313	1,283		98		24,892	25,314	102		
Sows Farrowing										
December ^{3/} - May	310	295	270	95	92	5,779	5,646	5,652	98	100
December ^{3/} - February	155	150	135	97	90	2,836	2,765	2,806	97	101
March - May	155	145	135	94	93	2,943	2,881	2,846	98	99

^{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.

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NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION DOWN FRACTIONALLY

Indiana's laying flocks produced 507 million eggs during November 2003, slightly below a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 22.8 million, was up 2 percent from last month but 2 percent below last year. The rate of lay at 2,220 eggs per 100 layers was up 1 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.02 million egg-type chicks during November, down 6 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-November 2003 was 53.2 million, down 1 percent from the same period of 2002.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.28 billion during November 2003, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 968 million were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2003 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. November

egg production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2002. Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 30.1 million, down 3 percent from November 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.3 million on December 1, 2003, up 14 percent from a year ago.



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

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,189	22,839	98	337,808	336,052	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,191	2,220	101	2,139	2,165	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	508	507	100	7,226	7,275	101
Table Eggs (millions)	495	495	100	6,204	6,251	101
Hatching Eggs (millions)	13	12	92	1,020	1,024	100
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,277	4,023	94	31,146	30,129	97
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched	1/	1/	1/	690,052	707,619	103

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

COLD STORAGE

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2003 were greater than year earlier levels for frozen eggs, vegetables, potatoes, and total turkey.

Butter stocks were down 28 percent from October 2003 and 9 percent below a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were 1 percent below October 31, 2003, and 17 percent below November 2002. Frozen pork stocks were 2 percent below last month, and 5 percent below last year. Stocks of pork bellies were 60 percent above last month and 88 percent above November 2002 stocks.

Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2003 were down 21 percent from last month and 18 percent below last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 3 percent from last month and down 27 percent from last year's level. Total pounds of turkey in freezers decreased 39 percent from last month but were 6 percent above last year.

Public cooler occupancy on November 30, 2003, was at 43 percent of capacity, unchanged from last year. Public freezer occupancy, was at 57 percent, down 1 point from last year.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 2 POINTS

The December 2003 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 103 (1991=100) was up 2 points from November's revised level and up 14 points from December 2002. The mid-month price for winter wheat, sows, all milk, and eggs decreased from last month. The mid-December price for corn, soybeans, and barrows and gilts increased from November.

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 December 2002 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 83 was down 6 points from last month's revised index but 14 points above December 2002. The Crop Price Index of 116 was up 8 points from the revised index a month ago and 15 points above December last year.

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

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		December 2002	November 2003	December 15 2003	December 2002	November 2003	December 15 2003
		<u>Dollars</u>			<u>Dollars</u>		
Corn	Bu.	2.43	2.25	2.39	2.32	2.20	2.32
Soybeans	Bu.	5.61	7.25	7.64	5.46	7.05	7.29
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.76	3.69	3.60	3.87	3.55	3.62
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.95	1.32	1.36
All Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	91.10	80.70	81.30
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	98.00	88.00	87.90
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	76.30	64.90	66.90
Apples ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.263	.274	.285
All Hogs	Cwt.	30.60	34.00	34.50	30.30	34.80	34.90
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	31.20	34.10	34.80	30.70	35.00	35.30
Sows	Cwt.	24.90	32.60	31.50	22.40	29.40	28.30
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	70.40	93.70	92.70
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.	12.10	14.00	13.20	11.90	14.50	13.70
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	12.20	14.00	<u>4/</u>	11.90	14.50	13.70
Manufactured	Cwt.	10.10	13.60	<u>4/</u>	10.70	13.80	12.70
Eggs ^{5/}	Doz.	.500	.950	.750	.480	.926	.739
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.387	.407	.377

^{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 UP 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent above December 1, 2002 but 5 percent below December 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.93 million, 3 percent below 2002 but 1 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.83 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600

pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 578,000, 700-799 pounds were 379,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 289,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.54 million, 11 percent below 2002 and 15 percent below 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during November, 8 percent above 2002 and 21 percent above 2001.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during November 2003 totaled 121.5 million pounds, 3 percent above a year earlier. The total live weight of the 2,800 cattle slaughtered during November was 3.0 million pounds. The 700 calves slaughtered during November 2003 totaled 84,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 598,900 hogs killed totaled 158.9 million pounds. The 2,100 sheep slaughtered during November 2003 totaled 227,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during November 2003 totaled 3.53 billion pounds, down 10 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in November 2002. Beef production, at 1.78 billion pounds, was 18 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.43 million head, down 15 percent from 2002. The average

live weight was down 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,236 pounds. Veal production totaled 15.2 million pounds, 10 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 78,000 head, down 14 percent from November 2002. The average live weight was 12 pounds above last year, at 321 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.58 million head, 1 percent below November 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 8 percent from November 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,300 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pounds from November a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	November		Jan - Nov		November		Jan - Nov	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	2.7	2.8	35.6	36.6	2,861.1	2,425.8	32,962.9	32,785.5
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,063	1,057	1,064	1,054	1,260	1,236	1,249	1,230
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2,871	2,987	37,882	38,567	3,606,284	2,998,990	41,181,832	40,327,688
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	1.3	0.7	28.4	8.2	90.8	78.0	947.1	904.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	125	126	277	129	309	321	312	317
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	164	84	7,864	1,056	28,026	25,084	295,679	286,594
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	592.0	598.9	6,357.9	6,423.0	8,654.2	8,581.9	91,605.2	91,431.3
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	261	265	258	260	268	269	265	266
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	154,597	158,91	1,640,80	1,670,61	2,315,147	2,311,656	24,245,361	24,314,052
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.6	2.1	32.1	30.5	271.1	236.3	3,007.6	2,712.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	112	109	108	108	132	138	133	133
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	287	227	3,466	3,292	35,777	32,546	400,583	362,062

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

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