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NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS DECREASES 6 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in July 2004. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of July 11-17, 2004 totaled 50,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.60.

There were 1,293,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 11-17, 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 953,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 340,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.10 per hour during the July 2004 reference week, up 22 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.42 per hour, up 25 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$8.75 per hour compared with \$8.57 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.50 per hour, was up 24 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 39.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

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**HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES
EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, JULY 2003-2004 1/ 2/**

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	53	50	943	953
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	33	33	680	637
149 Days or Less	20	17	263	316
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	33.2	34.7	39.8	39.3
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	8.44	8.80	8.17	8.42
Livestock	9.71	8.96	8.57	8.75
Field & Livestock	8.78	8.85	8.26	8.50
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	9.45	9.60	8.88	9.10

1/ Reference weeks were July 11-17 in 2004 and July 6-12 in 2003. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

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



PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 18 POINTS

The August 2004 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 100 (1991=100) was down 18 points from July's revised level but up 6 points from August 2003. The mid-August price for sows increased from July. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, barrows and gilts, all milk, and eggs decreased from the previous month.

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August price for winter wheat and eggs decreased from the previous year.

The Livestock Price Index of 98 was down 4 points from last month's revised index but 10 points above August 2003. The Crop Price Index of 101 was down 26 points from the revised index a month ago but 3 points above August last year.

Agriculture Yields Profitful Results

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES AUGUST 2004 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		August 2003	July 2004	August 15 2004	August 2003	July 2004	August 15 2004
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	2.25	2.59	2.27	2.15	2.51	2.27
Soybeans	Bu.	5.84	8.90	6.20	5.68	8.46	6.34
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.35	3.29	2.74	3.28	3.32	3.02
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.39	1.37	1.31
All Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	85.00	90.40	89.80
Alfalfa Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	91.90	98.40	97.40
Other Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	66.70	70.90	70.00
Apples <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.346	.295	.273
All Hogs	Cwt.	40.10	56.40	56.10	39.60	57.10	56.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	40.50	56.60	56.30	39.90	57.50	56.30
Sows	Cwt.	36.40	54.30	54.60	32.60	49.20	49.40
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	79.30	88.50	88.10
Milk Cows <u>3/</u>	Head	<u>3/</u>	1750.00	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1720.00	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	13.10	16.40	15.10	13.30	16.00	15.00
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	13.10	16.50	<u>4/</u>	13.30	16.00	15.10
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	12.70	15.00	<u>4/</u>	13.20	14.30	13.90
Eggs <u>5/</u>	Doz.	.700	.370	.300	.668	.399	.334
Turkeys <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.327	.436	.454

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.

INDIANA SEVENTH IN TURKEYS RAISED

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2004 is 263 million, down 4 percent from the number raised during 2003.

Minnesota, at 46.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, showing a 3 percent increase from last year. North Carolina ranks second with 39.0 million birds, down 8 percent from 2003. Arkansas is in third place by producing 28.0 million birds, 7 percent less than a year ago. Missouri growers expect to produce 21.5 million birds in 2004, down 9 percent from the previous year. Virginia, at 19.0 million birds is down 17 percent from 2003. California expects to raise 16.0 million turkeys, 8 percent less than a year earlier. These states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2004.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED SELECTED STATES & UNITED STATES

State	Total All Breeds		
	2003 <u>1/</u>	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	Thousand Birds		
Arkansas	30,000	28,000	93
California	17,300	16,000	92
Indiana	12,800	13,100	102
Minnesota	45,000	46,500	103
Missouri	23,500	21,500	91
North Carolina	42,500	39,000	92
Ohio	5,500	5,700	104
Virginia	23,000	19,000	83
United States	274,048	262,950	96

1/ Revised.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during July 2004 totaled 109.6 million pounds, 1 percent below a year earlier. The 600 calves slaughtered during July 2004 totaled 82,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 554,100 hogs killed totaled 142.5 million pounds. The 2,800 sheep slaughtered during July 2004 totaled 300,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during July 2004 totaled 3.71 billion pounds, down 8 percent from the 4.05 billion pounds produced in July 2003. Beef production, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 14 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 15 percent from 2003. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from

the previous year, at 1,239 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.4 million pounds, 9 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 69,000 head, down 19 percent from July 2003. The average live weight was 36 pounds above last year, at 325 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.09 million head, slightly below July 2003. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 262 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was down 10 percent from July 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 220,800 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, down 3 pounds from July a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	July		Jan - Jul		July		Jan - Jul	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	3.6	2/	22.6	2/	3,290.2	2,787.3	21,107.4	19,189.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,057	2/	1,053	2/	1,225	1,239	1,231	1,223
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,819	2/	23,799	2/	4,030,318	3,452,850	25,973,739	23,469,669
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	0.9	0.6	4.9	3.0	84.9	69.0	576.2	498.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	125	128	126	129	289	325	322	332
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	117	82	617	388	24,488	22,418	185,728	165,475
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	559.4	554.1	3,967.9	4,078.1	8,116.1	8,094.8	56,691.8	58,544.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	256	257	261	261	262	262	267	266
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	143,028	142,50	1,033,85	1,063,82	2,129,775	2,120,793	15,108,100	15,587,228
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	3.4	2.8	19.6	16.8	239.8	220.8	1,716.9	1,635.4
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	105	107	107	106	131	128	134	137
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	358	300	2,088	1,777	31,303	28,330	229,467	224,629

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

2/ Not published to avoid disclosure.

COLD STORAGE

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on July 31, 2004 were greater than year earlier levels for orange juice, beef, cheese, frozen fruit, chicken, and vegetables.

Butter stocks were down slightly from last month, but down 34 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 1 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 2 percent from last month and down 16 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 37 percent from last month and down 27 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on July 31, 2004 were 2 percent lower than the previous month and 3 percent lower than a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 5 percent from the previous month, but 13 percent higher than last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 1 percent from last month, but down 17 percent from July 31, 2003.



JULY EGG PRODUCTION UP 7 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 541 million eggs during July 2004, up 7 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.2 million, was up 3 percent from last month and 9 percent above last year. The rate of lay at 2,234 eggs per 100 layers was down 1 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.80 million egg-type chicks during July, down 2 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-July 2004 was 34.7 million, up 1 percent from the same period of 2003.

table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,207 eggs, down slightly from July 2003. Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 34.1 million, down 4 percent from July 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.1 million on August 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year ago.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during July 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.45 billion



EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., JULY 2003-2004

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	22,281	24,214	109	334,179	341,897	102
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,262	2,234	99	2,215	2,207	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	504	541	107	7,403	7,544	102
Table Eggs (millions)	493	529	107	6,316	6,449	102
Hatching Eggs (millions)	11	12	109	1,086	1,095	101
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,888	4,801	98	35,566	34,127	96
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	777,838	806,827	104

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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