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## PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 1 POINT

The November 2004 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 89 (1991=100) was up 1 point from October's revised level and down 13 points from November 2003. The mid-November price for winter wheat, all hogs, all milk, and eggs increased from October. The mid-month price for corn and soybeans decreased from the previous month.

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2003 level. The mid-November price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat and eggs decreased from the previous year.

The Livestock Price Index of 99 was up 6 points from last month's revised index and 7 points above November 2003. The Crop Price Index of 83 was down 1 point from the revised index a month ago and 25 points below November last year.

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## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES NOVEMBER 2004 WITH COMPARISONS <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		November 2003	October 2004	November 15 2004	November 2003	October 2004	November 15 2004
		<b>Dollars</b>			<b>Dollars</b>		
Corn	Bu.	2.25	1.88	1.82	2.20	2.15	2.00
Soybeans	Bu.	7.25	5.24	5.09	7.05	5.56	5.31
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.71	2.90	2.95	3.56	3.34	3.39
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.29	1.45	1.36
All Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	81.50	89.80	86.20
Alfalfa Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	86.80	97.80	94.00
Other Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	67.50	68.60	67.80
Apples <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.297	.271	.239
All Hogs	Cwt.	34.00	51.20	52.60	34.70	52.10	55.30
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	34.10	51.80	53.10	34.90	52.60	55.80
Sows	Cwt.	32.60	45.40	47.80	29.10	42.40	44.50
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	93.40	86.10	84.20
Milk Cows <sup>3/</sup>	Head	<u>3/</u>	1650.00	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1640.00	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	15.60	16.20	16.40	14.40	15.50	15.80
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	15.70	16.30	<u>4/</u>	14.40	15.50	15.80
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	12.90	14.20	<u>4/</u>	13.80	14.70	15.20
Eggs <sup>5/</sup>	Doz.	.950	.280	.400	.925	.303	.436
Turkeys <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.412	.484	.490

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

## NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS INCREASES 4 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in October 2004. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of October 10-16, 2004 totaled 47,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.98.

There were 1,173,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 2004, down 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 851,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 322,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.30 per hour during the October 2004 reference week, up 25 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.60 per hour, up 18 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$8.91 per hour compared with \$8.64 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.67 per hour, was up 20 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.5 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

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

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<b>Thousands</b>			
Hired Workers on Farms	45	47	891	851
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	26	32	626	605
149 Days or Less	19	15	265	246
	<b>Hours</b>			
Hours Worked Per Week	40.6	35.5	40.2	40.5
	<b>Dollars Per Hour</b>			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	8.76	9.40	8.42	8.60
Livestock	9.67	9.40	8.64	8.91
Field & Livestock	8.91	9.40	8.47	8.67
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	9.34	9.98	9.05	9.30

1/ Reference weeks were October 10-16 in 2004 and October 12-18 in 2003. 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 11.3 million head on November 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2003 and 5 percent above November 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.70 million, 3 percent below 2003 but 13 percent above 2002. This is the second lowest placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.64 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 912,000, 600-699 pounds were 764,000, 700-799 pounds were 529,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 496,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent below 2003 and 9 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during October, 35 percent below 2003 and 21 percent below 2002.

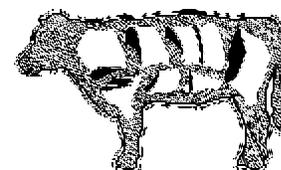
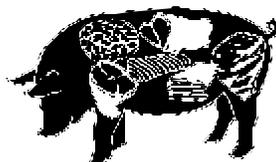


## INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during October 2004 totaled 123.5 million pounds, 11 percent below a year earlier. The 400 calves slaughtered during October 2004 totaled 49,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 614,100 hogs killed totaled 160.7 million pounds. The 2,300 sheep slaughtered during October 2004 totaled 256,000 pounds.

down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.97 million head, 7 percent below October 2003. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 267 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 9 percent from October 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 241,400 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, unchanged from October a year ago.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during October 2004 totaled 3.92 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in October 2003. Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, down 9 percent from 2003. The average live weight was up 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,267 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 24 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,500 head, down 28 percent from October 2003. The average live weight was 22 pounds above last year, at 330 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.78 billion pounds,



### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	October		Jan - Oct		October		Jan - Oct	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>Cattle</b>								
Number of Head (000)	4.6	2/	33.8	2/	3,009.5	2,745.7	30,384.6	27,491.0
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,056	2/	1,053	2/	1,231	1,267	1,230	1,235
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	4,841	2/	35,580	2/	3,704,306	3,479,458	37,365,442	33,941,200
<b>Calves</b>								
Number of Head (000)	0.8	0.4	7.5	4.3	87.2	62.5	825.3	700.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	126	127	127	129	308	330	317	330
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	107	49	954	555	26,881	20,645	261,366	231,035
<b>Hogs</b>								
Number of Head (000)	689.9	614.1	5,824.1	5,897.7	9,649.2	8,970.2	82,972.2	85,232.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	261	262	260	260	267	267	266	266
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	179,799	160,73	1,511,70	1,535,88	2,578,610	2,392,890	22,036,722	22,647,794
<b>Sheep</b>								
Number of Head (000)	3.0	2.3	28.4	24.3	265.1	241.4	2,480.7	2,353.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	108	111	107	107	134	134	133	136
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	320	256	3,035	2,598	35,626	32,418	330,007	319,490

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.

## OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 529 million eggs during October 2004, up 5 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 23.2 million, was down 3 percent from last month but 4 percent above last year. The rate of lay at 2,276 eggs per 100 layers was up 1 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.76 million egg-type chicks during October, up slightly from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-October 2004 was 49.4 million, up 1 percent from the same period of 2003.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.64 billion during October 2004, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2004 averaged 344 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,221 eggs, up slightly from October 2003. Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 36.0 million, up 3 percent from October 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.0 million on November 1, 2004, up 27 percent from a year ago.



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

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	22,396	23,238	104	335,333	344,194	103
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,259	2,276	101	2,218	2,221	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	506	529	105	7,439	7,643	103
Table Eggs (millions)	493	516	105	6,381	6,559	103
Hatching Eggs (millions)	13	13	100	1,058	1,084	102
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,756	4,762	100	34,812	35,971	103
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	734,961	757,530	103

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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