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INDIANA'S HOG INVENTORY INCREASES

Indiana producers had a total inventory of 3.15 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 2004, 2 percent more than a year earlier. Market hogs, at 2.86 million head, were 2 percent above last year. Breeding inventory, at 290,000 head, was down 3 percent from last year. Sows farrowed totaled 135,000 during the September - November 2004 quarter, down 7 percent from the same period a year earlier. Pig crop, at 1.20 million head, decreased 7 percent from last year with a litter rate averaging 8.85, unchanged from a year ago. Indiana producers intend to farrow 135,000 sows during both the December 2004 - February 2005 period, and the March - May 2005 period. If realized, farrowings during the December 2004 - February 2005 quarter would be down 10,000 (7 percent) and farrowings during the March - May 2005 quarter would be unchanged from the previous quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2004 was estimated at 60.5 million head, up slightly from December 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2003. Market hog inventory, at 54.5 million head, was slightly above last year. The September - November 2004 U.S. pig crop at 25.6 million head, was slightly above 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, slightly below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.96 pigs saved per litter for the September - November 2004 period, compared to 8.93 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 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 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2004 - February 2005 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004. Intended farrowings for March - May 2005, at 2.87 million sows, are slightly below the same period in 2004.

DECEMBER 1 HOGS AND PIGS INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2003-2005

Item	Indiana				United States					
	2003	2004	2005 ^{1/}	% of Prev. Year		2003	2004	2005 ^{1/}	% of Prev. Year	
				04/03	05/04				04/03	05/04
	1,000 Head			Percent		1,000 Head			Percent	
Hogs and Pigs, Dec. 1	3,100	3,150		102		60,444	60,501		100	
Breeding Hogs	300	290		97		6,009	5,969		99	
Market Hogs	2,800	2,860		102		54,434	54,531		100	
Under 60 Pounds	990	960		97		19,778	19,636		99	
60-119 Pounds	670	750		112		13,238	13,439		102	
120-179 Pounds	580	610		105		11,109	11,286		102	
180 Pounds and over	560	540		96		10,311	10,171		99	
Farrowing, Sept - Nov										
Sows Farrowing	145	135		93		2,856	2,852		100	
Pigs Per Litter	8.85	8.85		100		8.93	8.96		100	
Pig Crop ^{2/}	1,283	1,195		93		25,488	25,558		100	
Sows Farrowing										
December ^{3/} - May	295	280	270	95	96	5,655	5,706	5,723	101	100
December ^{3/} - February	150	145	135	97	93	2,769	2,836	2,855	102	101
March - May	145	135	135	93	100	2,886	2,870	2,868	99	100

^{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.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 4 POINTS

The December 2004 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 93 (1991=100) was up 4 points from November's revised level but down 11 points from December 2003. The mid-December price for corn, soybeans, all hogs, all milk, and eggs increased from November. The mid-month price for winter wheat decreased from the previous month.

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corn, soybeans, winter wheat and eggs decreased from the previous year.

The Livestock Price Index of 104 was up 4 points from last month's revised index and 19 points above December 2003. The Crop Price Index of 86 was up 3 points from the revised index a month ago but 29 points below December last year.



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

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		December 2003	November 2004	December 15 2004	December 2003	November 2004	December 15 2004
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	2.46	1.82	1.87	2.31	2.05	1.99
Soybeans	Bu.	7.44	5.22	5.35	7.17	5.36	5.41
Winter Wheat	Bu.	4.01	2.83	2.78	3.62	3.39	3.29
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	1.58	1.49	1.42
All Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	80.60	86.20	84.30
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	87.00	94.00	92.40
Other Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	66.50	67.80	67.10
Apples 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.279	.239	.223
All Hogs	Cwt.	34.20	53.30	54.10	34.20	55.70	54.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	34.50	53.90	54.60	34.60	56.10	54.90
Sows	Cwt.	31.40	47.80	49.30	28.10	45.70	46.00
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	90.40	85.10	86.80
Milk Cows 3/	Head	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
All Milk	Cwt.	15.10	16.60	17.30	13.80	16.10	16.50
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	15.20	16.70	4/	13.80	16.10	16.50
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	12.10	14.90	4/	12.70	15.60	15.90
Eggs 5/	Doz.	.750	.400	.490	.739	.436	.488
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.382	.490	.462

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.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2004 were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, beef, eggs, orange juice and cheese.

Butter stocks were down 45 percent from last month and down 52 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 1 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 1 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies

were up 113 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2004 were 17 percent below the previous month, but 15 percent above a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 4 percent from the previous month, but up 35 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 38 percent from last month and down 16 percent from November 30, 2003.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during November 2004 totaled 127.6 million pounds, 5 percent above a year earlier. The 600 calves slaughtered during November 2004 totaled 76,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 629,300 hogs killed totaled 167.4 million pounds. The 2,400 sheep slaughtered during November 2004 totaled 268,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during November 2004 totaled 3.77 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the 3.53 billion pounds produced in November 2003. Beef production, at 1.94 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, up 4 percent from 2003. The average live weight was up 35 pounds from the previous year, at 1,271 pounds. Veal

production totaled 13.8 million pounds, 9 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,000 head, down 13 percent from November 2003. The average live weight was 14 pounds above last year, at 336 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.80 billion pounds, a new monthly record, and was up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.96 million head, 4 percent above November 2003. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.5 million pounds, was up 1 percent from November 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 242,100 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, down 2 percent from November a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	November		Jan - Nov		November		Jan - Nov	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	2.8	2/	36.6	2/	2,433.5	2,541.0	32,818.1	30,032.0
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,057	2/	1,054	2/	1,236	1,271	1,230	1,238
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2,987	2/	38,567	2/	3,008,512	3,228,842	40,373,954	37,170,042
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	0.7	0.6	8.2	4.9	78.1	68.0	903.4	768.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	126	127	127	129	322	336	317	330
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	84	76	1,038	631	25,110	22,843	286,476	253,878
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	598.9	629.3	6,423.0	6,527.0	8,597.4	8,963.6	91,569.7	94,196.6
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	265	266	260	261	269	270	266	266
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	158,916	167,37	1,670,61	1,703,26	2,316,151	2,416,669	24,352,873	25,064,463
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.1	2.4	30.5	26.7	236.1	242.1	2,716.8	2,595.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	109	110	107	107	138	136	133	136
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	227	268	3,262	2,866	32,538	32,934	362,545	352,424

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.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP SLIGHTLY

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, 2004. The inventory was slightly above December 1, 2003 and 4 percent above December 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.74 million, 10 percent below 2003 and 12 percent below 2002. This is the lowest placements for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.64 million.

During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 590,000, 600-699 pounds were 557,000, 700-799 pounds were 326,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 270,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million, 6 percent above 2003 but 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996.

NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 516 million eggs during November 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 23.0 million, was down 1 percent from last month but 1 percent above last year. The rate of lay at 2,240 eggs per 100 layers was up 1 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 5.26 million egg-type chicks during November, up 31 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-November 2004 was 54.7 million, up 3 percent from the same period of 2003.



U.S. egg production totaled 7.46 billion during November 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.42 billion table eggs and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 980 million were broiler-type and 59 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2004 averaged 343 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,170 eggs, up slightly from November 2003. Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 38.4 million, up 27 percent from November 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.9 million on December 1, 2004, up 10 percent from a year ago.

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

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	22,880	23,040	101	338,283	343,477	102
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,220	2,240	101	2,166	2,170	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	508	516	102	7,326	7,455	102
Table Eggs (millions)	496	504	102	6,301	6,416	102
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	12	100	1,025	1,039	101
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,023	5,261	131	30,241	38,421	127
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	707,627	730,789	103

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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