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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 2 POINTS

The May 2005 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 93 (1991=100) was up 2 points from April's revised level but down 39 points from May 2004. The mid-May price for soybeans and all hogs increased from April. The mid-month price for corn, winter wheat, and eggs decreased from the previous month.

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milk, and eggs decreased from the May 2004 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 94 was up 5 points from last month's revised index but 18 points below May 2004. The Crop Price Index of 93 was up 1 point from the revised index a month ago but 51 points below May last year.

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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES MAY 2005 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		May 2004	April 2005	May 15 2005	May 2004	April 2005	May 15 2005
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	3.08	1.97	1.91	2.87	2.00	1.92
Soybeans	Bu.	9.62	6.00	6.17	9.56	6.03	6.09
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.87	2.97	2.86	3.72	3.27	3.13
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.70	1.65	1.58
All Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	101.00	96.90	107.00
Alfalfa Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	109.00	103.00	116.00
Other Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	78.30	75.40	76.10
Apples <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.296	.170	.172
All Hogs	Cwt.	56.60	49.00	54.60	56.60	51.20	55.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	57.50	49.40	55.50	57.30	51.50	56.10
Sows	Cwt.	47.90	44.60	45.10	43.50	41.70	41.70
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	88.50	94.00	92.90
Milk Cows <u>3/</u>	Head	<u>3/</u>	1700.00	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1770.00	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	20.30	15.60	15.10	19.30	15.20	14.90
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	20.30	15.70	<u>4/</u>	19.30	15.20	14.90
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	17.80	14.40	<u>4/</u>	18.80	14.70	14.20
Eggs <u>5/</u>	Doz.	.480	.250	.220	.472	.261	.236
Turkeys <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.401	.392	.411

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.

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U.S. CORN AND SOYBEAN SUPPLY AND USE

United States oilseed production for 2004/05 is projected at 89.2 million tons, down 8 percent from 2004/05. Soybean production will account for most of the reduction, falling 8 percent from last season's record crop to 2,895 million bushels (78.8 million tons).

The U.S. seasonal average soybean price for 2005/06 is projected at \$4.70 to \$5.70 per bushel, compared with \$5.65 per bushel in 2004/05.

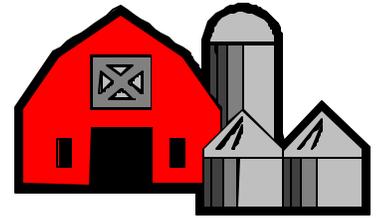

FARMERS HAVE A GOOD THING GROWING!

The U.S. outlook for 2005/06 includes decreased feed-grain production but larger supplies, lower domestic use but higher exports, increased ending stocks, and lower prices. The 2005/06 corn crop is projected at 10,985 million bushels, 7 percent below last year's record. The projection is based on *Prospective Plantings*, the harvested-to-planted relationship for 1999-2004 (omitting 2002), and trend yields adjusted up for the rapid pace of 2005 planting. The smaller corn crop is offset by larger carry-in stocks, leaving total corn supplies up. The projected price range for corn is \$1.55 to \$1.95 for 2005/06, compared with \$2.00 to \$2.10 for 2004/05.

U.S. CORN AND SOYBEAN SUPPLY AND USE 1/

Harvest Year	Corn		Soybeans	
	2004/2005	2005/2006	2004/2005	2005/2006
	<u>Million Bushels</u>			
Beginning Stocks	958	2,215	112	355
Production	11,807	10,985	3,141	2,895
Supply, total	12,775	13,210	3,258	3,253
Domestic Use	8,760	8,720	1,803	1,839
Exports	1,800	1,950	1,100	1,125
Total Use	10,560	10,670	2,903	2,964
Ending Stocks, total	2,215	2,540	355	290
US Average Farm Price (\$/Bu)	2.00 - 2.10	1.55 - 1.95	5.65	4.70 - 5.70

1/ Source: World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates / May 2005, Office of the Chief Economist, USDA.



APRIL EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 513 million eggs during April 2005, down 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 23.6 million, was up slightly from last month and 1 percent above last year. The rate of lay at 2,171 eggs per 100 layers was 1 percent below last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 5.19 million egg-type chicks during April, down 1 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-April 2005 was 20.2 million, up slightly from the same period of 2004.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.39 billion during April 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.29 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2005 averaged 344 million, up slightly from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,148 eggs, unchanged from April 2004. Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 38.3 million, up 2 percent from April 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.9 million on May 1, 2005, up 8 percent from a year ago.



EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., APRIL 2004-2005

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,512	23,635	101	342,612	343,975	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,203	2,171	99	2,148	2,148	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	518	513	99	7,358	7,388	100
Table Eggs (millions)	505	501	99	6,284	6,290	100
Hatching Eggs (millions)	13	12	92	1,074	1,099	102
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	5,218	5,186	99	37,466	38,267	102
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	774,629	789,780	102

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during April 2005 totaled 117.0 million pounds, 5 percent below a year earlier. The 200 calves slaughtered during April 2005 totaled 22,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 570,900 hogs killed totaled 152.3 million pounds. The 2,800 sheep slaughtered during April 2005 totaled 306,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during April 2005 totaled 3.62 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in April 2004. Beef production, at 1.89 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.56 million head, down 5 percent from 2004. The average live weight was up 20

pounds from the previous year, at 1,220 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.0 million pounds, 7 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,600 head, down 13 percent from April 2004. The average live weight was 23 pounds above last year, at 353 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.44 million head, 2 percent below April 2004. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 271 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.5 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 220,800 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 5 pounds from April a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	April		Jan - Apr		April		Jan - Apr	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	2/	2/	2/	2/	2,697.7	2,560.1	10,574.8	10,152.5
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	1,200	1,220	1,224	1,243
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	3,237,188	3,122,560	12,941,774	12,620,193
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	0.3	0.2	1.8	1.6	70.7	61.6	297.7	259.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	131	132	129	120	330	353	327	334
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	34	22	232	192	23,318	21,703	97,381	86,555
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	610.0	570.9	2,429.2	2,310.6	8,653.2	8,443.8	34,370.0	33,972.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	262	267	262	267	268	271	268	270
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	159,527	152,27	637,371	617,836	2,317,191	2,285,987	9,214,184	9,184,525
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	3.4	2.8	8.6	8.0	256.2	220.8	995.7	924.6
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	101	111	103	107	136	141	140	139
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	348	306	889	858	34,836	31,077	139,480	128,811

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.

2004 AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL USAGE - INDIANA

Total usage of agricultural fertilizers applied to soybeans in Indiana during 2004 was 483.6 million pounds. The amount of acres Indiana farmers planted for soybeans in 2004 increased 41 percent from the previous year. Potash was the most commonly used fertilizer on soybeans; it was applied to 40 percent of the 5.6 million acres planted in 2004. Phosphate was the next most frequently applied fertilizer with 25 percent of the acres planted being treated; a total of 121.4 million pounds. Nitrogen had the smallest acreage coverage at only 15 percent of the acres planted, with 30.7 million pounds distributed.

Herbicides were applied to 99 percent of the Indiana's planted soybean acreage during 2004, though one active ingredient clearly dominated. Glyphosate (Buccaneer, Roundup) was used on 92 percent of 2004's soybean acreage. Chlorimuron-ethyl (Authority, Canopy) came in second place with 12 percent while third place was Sulfentrazone (Blanket, Gauntlet) at nine percent of the usage.



NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS DECREASES 7 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in April 2005. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of April 10-16, 2005 totaled 41,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.51.

There were 978,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 10-16, 2005, down 10 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 746,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 232,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.34 per hour during the April 2005 reference week, up 11 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.55 per hour, up 8 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$9.23 per hour compared with \$8.95 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.73 per hour, was up 14 cents from last year.

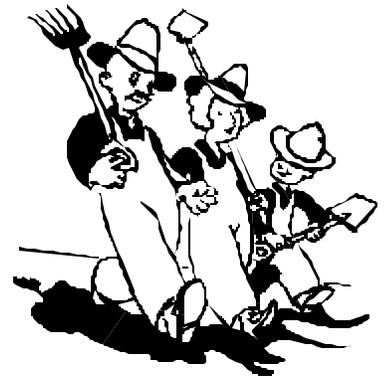
The number of hours worked averaged 39.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 2 percent from a year ago.

HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, APRIL 2004-2005 1/ 2/

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	44	41	827	746
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	32	30	651	596
149 Days or Less	12	11	176	150
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	40.6	37.7	40.6	39.8
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	9.04	8.84	8.47	8.55
Livestock	8.87	9.17	8.95	9.23
Field & Livestock	9.00	8.91	8.59	8.73
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	9.74	9.51	9.23	9.34

1/ Reference weeks were April 10-16 in 2005 and April 11-17 in 2004. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

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



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