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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 1 POINT

The November 2005 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 85 (1991=100) was down 1 point from October's revised level and down 4 points from November 2004. The mid-November price for soybeans and eggs increased from October. The mid-month price for corn, winter wheat, all hogs, and all milk decreased from the previous month.

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year's level. The mid-November price for corn, winter wheat, all hogs, and all milk decreased from the November 2004 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 89 was unchanged from last month's revised index but 11 points below November 2004. The Crop Price Index of 82 was down 1 point from the revised index a month ago but unchanged from last year.

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

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		November 2004	October 2005	November 15 2005	November 2004	October 2005	November 15 2005
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	1.81	1.71	1.62	2.05	1.82	1.79
Soybeans	Bu.	5.22	5.60	5.65	5.36	5.67	5.68
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2.85	3.02	2.70	3.39	3.33	3.25
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	1.51	1.59	1.46
All Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	88.70	97.70	91.70
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	95.20	106.00	97.50
Other Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	73.50	76.50	76.30
Apples 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.245	.286	.282
All Hogs	Cwt.	53.30	46.30	43.30	55.60	47.00	44.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	53.90	46.30	43.40	56.10	47.30	45.00
Sows	Cwt.	47.80	46.50	42.10	45.20	41.70	37.70
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	85.40	91.10	91.60
Milk Cows 3/	Head	3/	1780.00	3/	3/	1870.00	3/
All Milk	Cwt.	16.60	15.80	15.70	16.20	15.50	15.10
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	16.60	15.90	4/	16.20	15.50	15.10
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	14.10	14.20	4/	15.90	14.90	14.20
Eggs 5/	Doz.	.400	.360	.480	.437	.314	.482
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.487	.529	.549

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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NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS INCREASES 6 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in October 2005. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of October 9-15, 2005 totaled 50,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.10.

There were 1,129,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 9-15, 2005, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 840,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 289,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.61 per hour during the October 2005 reference week, up 29 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.90 per hour, up 28 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.14 per hour compared with \$8.91 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.96 per hour, was up 27 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 42.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 4 percent from a year ago.

**HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES
EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 2004-2005 ^{1/} ^{2/}**

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Hired Workers on Farms	47	50	851	840
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	32	33	606	620
149 Days or Less	15	17	245	220
	<u>Hours</u>			
Hours Worked Per Week	35.5	42.1	40.5	42.0
	<u>Dollars Per Hour</u>			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	9.40	9.88	8.62	8.90
Livestock	9.40	8.68	8.91	9.14
Field & Livestock	9.40	9.57	8.69	8.96
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	9.98	10.10	9.32	9.61

^{1/} Reference weeks were October 9-15 in 2005 and October 10-16 in 2004. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

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

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on November 1, 2005. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2004 and 4 percent above November 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.80 million, 3 percent above 2004 and 1 percent above 2003. Net placements were 2.74 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 880,000, 600-699 pounds were 790,000,

700-799 pounds were 600,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 525,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of October since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during October, 12 percent below 2004 and 43 percent below 2003.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during October 2005 totaled 126.3 million pounds, up 2 percent from a year earlier. The 200 calves slaughtered during October 2005 totaled 26,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 624,700 hogs killed totaled 164.7 million pounds. The 1,900 sheep slaughtered during October 2005 totaled 215,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during October 2005 totaled 3.93 billion pounds, up slightly from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in October 2004. Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.68 million head, down 2 percent from 2004. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,280 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.6 million pounds, 2 percent above October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,400 head, down 10 percent from October 2004. The average live weight was 41 pounds above last year, at 371 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.12 million head, 2 percent above October 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.8 million pounds, was down 3 percent from October 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 228,500 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	Oct		Jan - Oct		Oct		Jan - Oct	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	2/	2/	2/	2/	2,745.9	2,677.9	27,495.7	27,046.0
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	1,267	1,280	1,235	1,252
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	3,478,639	3,428,477	33,952,107	33,865,040
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	0.4	0.2	4.3	3.1	62.5	56.4	700.0	617.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	127	129	129	127	330	371	329	350
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	49	26	555	394	20,607	20,912	230,532	216,493
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	614.1	624.7	5,897.7	5,813.3	8,969.7	9,117.1	85,240.7	85,188.5
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	262	264	260	264	267	269	266	268
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	160,734	164,73	1,535,88	1,535,68	2,395,671	2,449,543	22,670,084	22,830,569
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.3	1.9	24.3	21.4	241.3	228.5	2,355.2	2,244.5
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	111	111	107	108	135	138	136	138
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	256	215	2,598	2,310	32,465	31,420	320,071	309,218

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 3 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 547 million eggs during October 2005, up 3 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 23.8 million, was up slightly from last month but 2 percent above last year. The rate of lay at 2,299 eggs per 100 layers was up 1 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 5.29 million egg-type chicks during October, up 22 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-October 2005 was 51.4 million, up 5 percent from the same period of 2004.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.70 billion during October 2005, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2005 averaged 344 million, down slightly from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2004. Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 35.4 million, up 1 percent from October 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.1 million on November 1, 2005, down 11 percent from a year ago.



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

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,238	23,788	102	345,056	344,043	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,276	2,299	101	2,220	2,239	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	529	547	103	7,659	7,703	101
Table Eggs (millions)	516	535	104	6,569	6,599	100
Hatching Eggs (millions)	13	12	92	1,090	1,104	101
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,322	5,293	122	34,866	35,367	101
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	756,895	776,333	103

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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