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INDIANA'S HOG INVENTORY UNCHANGED

Indiana producers had a total inventory of 3.20 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005, unchanged from a year earlier. Market hogs, at 2.89 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Breeding inventory, at 310,000 head, was up 7 percent from last year. Sows farrowed totaled 135,000 during the September - November 2005 quarter, unchanged from the same period a year earlier. Pig crop, at 1.22 million head, increased 2 percent from last year with a litter rate averaging 9.00, up 2 percent from a year ago. Indiana producers intend to farrow 140,000 sows during both the December 2005 - February 2006 period, and the March - May 2006 period. If realized, farrowings during the December 2005 - February 2006 quarter would be up 10,000 (8 percent) and farrowings during the March - May 2006 quarter would be up 5,000 (4 percent) from the previous quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly above December 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter. The September - November 2005 U.S. pig crop at 26.1 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004 and up 2 percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the September - November 2005 period, compared to 8.96 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to

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9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the December 2005 - February 2006 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2005 and 2004. Intended farrowings for March - May 2006, at 2.89 million sows, are up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004.

**DECEMBER 1 HOGS AND PIGS
INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2004-2006 1/**

Item	Indiana					United States				
	2004	2005	2006 2/	% of Prev. Year		2004	2005	2006 2/	% of Prev. Year	
				05/04	06/05				05/04	06/05
		1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent		
Hogs and Pigs, Dec. 1	3,200	3,200		100		60,975	61,197	100		
Breeding Hogs	290	310		107		5,969	6,011	101		
Market Hogs	2,910	2,890		99		55,005	55,186	100		
Under 60 Pounds	1,010	1,010		100		19,980	19,955	100		
60-119 Pounds	750	730		97		13,439	13,552	101		
120-179 Pounds	600	560		93		11,186	11,266	101		
180 Pounds and over	550	590		107		10,401	10,414	100		
Farrowing, Sept - Nov										
Sows Farrowing	135	135		100		2,888	2,888	100		
Pigs Per Litter	8.85	9.00		102		8.96	9.03	101		
Pig Crop 3/	1,195	1,215		102		25,881	26,080	101		
Sows Farrowing										
December 4/ - May	280	265	280	95	106	5,706	5,716	5,767	100	101
December 4/ - February	145	130	140	90	108	2,836	2,835	2,877	100	101
March - May	135	135	140	100	104	2,870	2,882	2,890	100	100

1/ Data may not add due to rounding. 2/ Intentions. 3/ Number of pigs born September through November that were on hand December 1 or had been sold. 4/ December of preceding year.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 5 POINTS

The December 2005 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 90 (1991=100) was up 5 points from November's revised level but down 2 points from December 2004. The mid-December price for corn, soybeans, all hogs, and eggs increased from November. The mid-month price for winter wheat and all milk decreased from the previous month.

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corn, winter wheat, all hogs, and all milk decreased from the December 2004 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 92 was up 4 points from last month's revised index but 8 points below December 2004. The Crop Price Index of 88 was up 5 points from the revised index a month ago but unchanged from last year.

Agriculture Yields  Fruitful Results

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

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		December 2004	November 2005	December 15 2005	December 2004	November 2005	December 15 2005
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	1.95	1.71	1.84	2.04	1.77	1.88
Soybeans	Bu.	5.47	5.61	5.73	5.45	5.62	5.71
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.06	3.00	2.90	3.34	3.29	3.30
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.60	1.63	1.73
All Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	86.00	91.70	92.00
Alfalfa Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	92.10	97.50	97.70
Other Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	72.40	76.30	78.00
Apples <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.222	.282	.265
All Hogs	Cwt.	50.60	42.50	44.30	52.40	43.60	45.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	51.00	42.60	44.50	52.70	43.90	45.80
Sows	Cwt.	47.30	41.90	42.30	44.80	37.00	38.20
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	86.80	91.30	92.70
Milk Cows <u>3/</u>	Head	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	16.90	15.80	15.00	16.40	15.10	14.70
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	16.90	15.90	<u>4/</u>	16.40	15.10	14.80
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	14.50	13.70	<u>4/</u>	16.10	14.40	14.40
Eggs <u>5/</u>	Doz.	.490	.480	.580	.488	.482	.564
Turkeys <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.459	.549	.543

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, 2005 were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, frozen vegetables and eggs.

Butter stocks were down 37 percent from last month, but up 7 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 2 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 3 percent from last month and down 1 percent from the previous year.

Stocks of pork bellies were up 89 percent from last month, but down 16 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2005 were down 12 percent from the previous month, but up 1 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 8 percent from the previous month and up 13 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 52 percent from last month and down 32 percent from November 30, 2004.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during November 2005 totaled 132.6 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The 400 calves slaughtered during November 2005 totaled 49,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 648,700 hogs killed totaled 173.4 million pounds. The 1,800 sheep slaughtered during November 2005 totaled 201,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during November 2005 totaled 3.94 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 3.77 billion pounds produced in November 2004. Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, up 5 percent from 2004. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,284 pounds. Veal

production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 10 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,300 head, down 17 percent from November 2004. The average live weight was 29 pounds above last year, at 365 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.13 million head, 2 percent above November 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from November 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 224,500 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	Nov		Jan - Nov		Nov		Jan - Nov	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	2/	2/	2/	2/	2,542.3	2,667.5	30,038.0	29,713.6
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	1,268	1,284	1,238	1,255
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	3,224,586	3,426,084	37,176,693	37,291,124
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	0.6	0.4	4.9	3.5	67.9	56.3	767.8	674.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	127	127	127	149	336	365	330	352
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	76	49	631	521	22,809	20,562	253,341	237,055
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	629.3	648.7	6,527.0	6,462.0	8,972.8	9,132.3	94,213.5	94,320.8
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	266	267	261	264	270	272	266	268
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	167,372	173,40	1,703,26	1,709,08	2,421,568	2,483,610	25,091,652	25,314,179
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.4	1.8	26.7	23.2	242.0	224.5	2,597.2	2,469.0
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	110	110	107	108	136	141	136	138
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	268	201	2,866	2,511	32,914	31,556	352,985	340,774

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 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 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2004 and 3 percent above December 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million, 17 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.95 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600

pounds were 660,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 315,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during November, 16 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003.

NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 543 million eggs during November 2005, up 4 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.3 million, was up 2 percent from last month and 5 percent above last year. The rate of lay at 2,230 eggs per 100 layers was down slightly from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.55 million egg-type chicks during November, down 7 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-November 2005 was 55.9 million, up 4 percent from the same period of 2004.



U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during November 2005, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The number of layers during November 2005 averaged 347 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,175 eggs, up slightly from November 2004. Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2005 totaled 32.8 million, down 15 percent from November 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.7 million on December 1, 2005, down 3 percent from a year ago.

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

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,246	24,348	105	344,797	346,596	101
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,241	2,230	100	2,170	2,175	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	521	543	104	7,482	7,538	101
Table Eggs (millions)	509	531	104	6,435	6,482	101
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	12	100	1,047	1,056	101
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,872	4,551	93	38,758	32,752	85
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	730,353	747,335	102

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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