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**INDIANA CATTLE NUMBERS UP 6 PERCENT**

Indiana's cattle producers had a total inventory of 900,000 head on January 1, 2006, up 6 percent from a year earlier. Beef cows in Indiana, at 222,000 head, were 3 percent below January 1, 2005, while milk cows, at 158,000 head, were up 2 percent from the previous year.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, 2 percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.3 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005.

Beef cows, at 33.3 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Milk cows, at 9.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Other class estimates on January 1, 2006, and the change from January 1 2005, are as follows: beef replacement heifers, 5.90 million, up 4 percent; milk replacement heifers, 4.28 million, up 4 percent; steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.9 million, up 3 percent. The 2005 calf crop was estimated at 37.8 million head, up 1 percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2004.

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**CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 2006**

Class	Indiana			United States		
	2005	2006	2006 as a % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as a % of 2005
	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All Cattle and Calves	850	900	106	95,438	97,102	102
Cows and Heifers that have Calved:	385	380	99	41,920	42,311	101
Beef Cows	230	222	97	32,915	33,253	101
Milk Cows	155	158	102	9,005	9,058	101
Heifers 500 lb. and over	155	175	113	19,572	19,979	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	40	45	113	5,691	5,906	104
For Milk Cow Replacement	56	65	116	4,118	4,278	104
Other Heifers	59	65	110	9,763	9,795	100
Steers 500 lb. and over	105	120	114	16,476	16,923	103
Bulls 500 lb. and over	20	19	95	2,219	2,263	102
All Calves under 500 lb.	185	206	111	15,250	15,626	102
Cattle and Calves, Number on Feed	125	115	92	13,745	14,132	103
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>05/04</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>05/04</u>
Calf Crop (entire year)	340	330	97	37,505	37,780	101

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## NASS TO ASSESS FINANCIAL SITUATION OF U.S. FARMERS AND RANCHERS

How are agricultural producers surviving when fuel, fertilizer and other input costs continue to rise? Are government program payments providing producers an adequate safety net when crops are damaged by dry weather or storms? The United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will give Indiana agricultural producers the chance to answer these and other questions by participating in the upcoming Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS).

The results will show the impact of higher expenses, the shifting global markets, farmer production decisions and governmental policies on the agricultural economy.

This study is a key resource for policymakers when they determine financial assistance needs. For example, in 2004, the USDA distributed to producers \$13.3 billion in farm program payments, including \$2.3 billion in conservation funding. Forecast for 2005 is \$21.4 billion in farm payments with the increase due primarily to more

counter-cyclical payments and emergency program payments.

Producers chosen to participate in the Agricultural Resource Management Survey will be mailed a questionnaire or visited by an interviewer during the January through March data-collection period. Only about 1600 operations in Indiana were selected to participate in this study. Therefore, every response is very important because each one of these operations is representing many other operations like their own.

All individual data collected are held strictly confidential by law (title 7, U.S. Code). Only statistical totals are published, so that no individual data can be detected.

Results will be published in a series of USDA reports on the current farm financial situation. Farm Production Expenditures, the first report with results from the survey, will be released in August 2006.

## DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 6 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 567 million eggs during December 2005, up 6 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.6 million, was up 1 percent from last month and 5 percent above last year. The rate of lay at 2,307 eggs per 100 layers up 1 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 5.29 million egg-type chicks during December, down 1 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-December 2005 was 61.2 million, up 4 percent from the same period of 2004.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.79 billion during December 2005, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.70 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The number of layers during December 2005 averaged 348 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,237 eggs, up slightly from December 2004. Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2005 totaled 36.2 million, down 3 percent from December 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.5 million on January 1, 2006, up 3 percent from a year ago.

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

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,501	24,573	105	345,960	348,300	101
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,281	2,307	101	2,234	2,237	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	536	567	106	7,728	7,791	101
Table Eggs (millions)	523	555	106	6,643	6,702	101
Hatching Eggs (millions)	13	12	92	1,085	1,089	100
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	5,350	5,288	99	37,332	36,224	97
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	793,090	807,848	102

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 5 POINTS

The January 2006 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 88 (1991=100) was down 5 points from December's revised level and down 6 points from January 2005. The mid-January price for corn increased from December. The mid-month price for soybeans, winter wheat, all hogs, all milk, and eggs decreased from the previous month. The mid-month price for milk cows and eggs increased from the previous year's level. The mid-

January price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, all hogs, and all milk decreased from the January 2005 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 82 was down 9 points from last month's revised index and 15 points below January 2005. The Crop Price Index of 92 was down 2 points from the revised index a month ago but unchanged from last year.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES JANUARY 2006 WITH COMPARISONS <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		January 2005	December 2005	January 15 2006	January 2005	December 2005	January 15 2006
		<b>Dollars</b>			<b>Dollars</b>		
Corn	Bu.	2.09	2.04	2.05	2.12	1.92	1.96
Soybeans	Bu.	5.57	6.01	5.53	5.57	5.77	5.51
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.24	3.04	2.97	3.28	3.46	3.38
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.64	1.73	1.67
All Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	87.80	92.00	91.20
Alfalfa Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	94.50	97.70	95.60
Other Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	73.30	78.00	79.30
Apples <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.216	.265	.260
All Hogs	Cwt.	51.30	43.70	40.60	53.20	44.30	41.60
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	51.70	43.80	40.50	53.50	44.50	41.90
Sows	Cwt.	47.80	42.80	41.30	45.60	38.10	35.70
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	89.40	93.60	94.40
Milk Cows <sup>3/</sup>	Head	1550.00	<u>3/</u>	1800.00	1620.00	<u>3/</u>	1840.00
All Milk	Cwt.	16.80	15.10	14.90	15.90	14.80	14.50
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	16.90	15.20	<u>4/</u>	15.90	14.80	14.60
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	14.90	13.70	<u>4/</u>	14.90	14.40	14.10
Eggs <sup>5/</sup>	Doz.	.360	.580	.405	.373	.564	.438
Turkeys <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.393	.543	.408

<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 INDIANA FARMS DOWN ONE PERCENT

The number of Indiana farms in 2005 which had sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more totaled 59,000, down one percent from the 2004 level. The number of operations with \$100,000 or more of sales, at 10,900 increased one percent, mid-size farms, at 17,700, decreased one percent, and small farms at 30,400, showed a decrease of one percent. Total land in farms, at 15.0 million acres, was unchanged from the previous year. The average farm size at 254 acres per farm increased one acre from 2004.

Nationally, the number of farms in the United States in 2005 is estimated at 2.1 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2004. Total land in farms, at 933.4 million acres, decreased 2.9 million acres, or 0.3 percent, from 2004. The average farm size was 444 acres during 2005, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

### NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 1996-2005 <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Farms		Land in Farms		Average Size of	
	Indiana	U.S.	Indiana	U.S.	Indian	U.S.
	<u>Thousands</u>		<u>Thousand Acres</u>		<u>Acres</u>	
1996	66.0	2,190.5	15,600	958,67	236	438
1997	66.0	2,190.5	15,600	956,01	236	436
1998	66.0	2,192.3	15,600	952,08	236	434
1999	64.8	2,187.3	15,400	948,46	237	434
2000	63.4	2,166.8	15,200	945,08	240	436
2001	62.1	2,148.6	15,100	942,07	243	438
2002	60.3	2,135.4	15,100	940,30	250	440
2003	59.5	2,126.9	15,040	938,65	253	441
2004	59.3	2,113.0	15,000	936,29	253	443
2005	59.0	2,101.0	15,000	933,40	254	444

<sup>1/</sup> 1996 farm numbers are for the June 1 reference date. Beginning in 1997, farm numbers are for the entire year.

## INDIANA SHEEP NUMBERS UNCHANGED

Sheep and lambs on Indiana farms January 1, 2006 totaled 50,000 head, unchanged from last year's inventory. The breeding sheep totaled 46,000 head, up 5 percent from a year ago. The sheep inventory included 33,000 ewes one year old and older, unchanged from the previous year. The 2005 lamb crop in Indiana was 42,000 head, down 7 percent from 2004.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006 totaled 6.23 million head, up 2 percent from both

2005 and 2004. The inventory began increasing in 2005 and has shown two consecutive year to year increases for the first time since 1987 and 1988. Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.66 million head, were 2 percent above last year. The 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004. The 2005 lambing rate was 115 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from 2004.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 2006**

Class	Indiana			United States		
	2005	2006	2006 as a % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as a % of 2005
	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All Sheep and Lambs	50.0	50.0	100	6,135.0	6,230.0	102
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	44.0	46.0	105	4,533.0	4,639.0	102
Ewes	33.0	33.0	100	3,572.5	3,657.0	102
Rams	2.5	2.0	80	190.0	196.0	103
Replacement Lambs	8.5	11.0	129	770.5	786.0	102
Market Sheep and Lambs	6.0	4.0	67	1,602.0	1,591.0	99
Market Sheep	0.8	0.5	63	74.1	76.0	103
Market Lambs	5.2	3.5	67	1,527.9	1,515.0	99
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>05/04</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>05/04</u>
Lamb Crop (entire year)	45.0	42.0	93	4,096.0	4,125.0	101

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