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INDIANA'S CROP RANKING

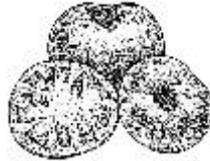
Indiana's national ranking in crop production during 2005 decreased from 2004 for some crops. Soybean production moved down one position to 4th place, while corn production remained in 5th place. Winter wheat production remained in 16th position in national ranking.

Indiana crops showing a decrease in ranking were apples (13th), and

blueberries (9th), both down one position. Oats decreased two places to 25th spot, while all hay moved down three places to 30th position. Also, sweet corn decreased five positions to 18th spot. Remaining crops, peppermint (4th), spearmint (5th), tomatoes for processing (2nd), cantaloupes (5th), and watermelons (6th) held their previous year ranks.

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INDIANA'S RANK IN CROP PRODUCTION AMONG STATES, 2005

Crop	Unit	Top Ranking States and Indiana					
		First		Second		Indiana	
		State	Production	State	Production	Rank	Production
			<u>Thousand</u>		<u>Thousand</u>		<u>Thousand</u>
Corn, Grain	Bu	Iowa	2,162,500	Illinois	1,708,850	5	888,580
Soybeans	Bu	Iowa	532,650	Illinois	444,150	4	263,620
Winter Wheat	Bu	Kansas	380,000	Oklahoma	128,000	16	24,480
Oats	Bu	N. Dakota	14,160	Wisconsin	13,760	25	621
Hay, All	Ton	Texas	9,140	California	8,935	30	2,067
Apples, Commercial	Lb	Washington	5,800,000	New York	1,040,000	13	50,000
Blueberries	Lb	Michigan	66,000	New Jersey	45,000	9	3,500
Peppermint	Lb	Washington	2,645	Oregon	2,185	4	495
Spearmint	Lb	Washington	1,418	Oregon	252	5	72
Tomatoes for Processing	Ton	California	9,600	Indiana	266	2	266
Cantaloupe, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	California	13,260	Arizona	5,820	5	450
Watermelon, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	Florida	8,190	California	6,370	6	2,774
Sweet Corn, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	Florida	5,376	California	4,934	18	328

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VEGETABLES, FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING

Tomatoes harvested for fresh market in Indiana during 2005 totaled 1,500 acres, down 12 percent from the previous year. Yield per acre at 150 cwt. was down 6 percent from 2004. Total production at 225,000 cwt. decreased 17 percent below the 272,000 produced the previous year. The value of production decreased 34 percent to total 14.0 million dollars. **Processing tomato** acreage harvested at 7,900 acres was down 5 percent from the 2004 level. Production, at 266,470 tons, was down 3 percent from last year and the total value of the crop, at 22.6 million dollars, was 4 percent below the 2004 level. Indiana growers harvested 2,900 acres of **cantaloupes**, up 7 percent from the 2004 level. The average yield per acre was 155 cwt. compared to 185 cwt. in 2004. Total production of 450,000 cwt. decreased 50,000 cwt. below the 2004 production. **Watermelon** growers harvested 7,300 acres, up 100 acres from the previous year. An average yield of 380 cwt. per acre was

up 12 percent from the average yield in 2004. Total production of 2.77 million cwt. increased 13 percent above the 2.45 million cwt. produced a year earlier.

Nationally, **fresh market vegetable and melon** production for the 24 selected crops estimated in 2005 totaled 473 million hundredweight, down 2 percent from last year's comparable States. Harvested area covered 1.94 million acres, down less than 1 percent from comparable States in 2004. Value of the 2005 crop is estimated at 9.82 billion dollars, up 1 percent from comparable States a year ago. United States **processing** production of 8 selected vegetables estimated in 2005 totaled 15.7 million tons, down 11 percent from last year's comparable States. Area harvested is estimated at 1.29 million acres, down 1 percent from comparable States a year ago. Processing crop value is estimated at 1.27 billion dollars, 9 percent below comparable States in 2004.

VEGETABLES, FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2004 - 2005

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Unit	Total Value	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005
Indiana	<u>Acres</u>							<u>1,000 Dollars</u>	
Fresh Market									
Tomatoes	1,700	1,500	160	150	272,000	225,000	Cwt	21,134	14,018
Sweet Corn	5,400	5,200	90	63	486,000	328,000	Cwt	11,324	7,675
Cantaloupes	2,700	2,900	185	155	500,000	450,000	Cwt	9,900	7,065
Watermelons	7,200	7,300	340	380	2,448,000	2,774,000	Cwt	19,829	19,973
Processing									
Tomatoes	8,300	7,900	33.11	33.73	274,810	266,470	Ton	23,579	22,597
Snap Beans	5,700	5,500	3.09	3.13	17,630	17,200	Ton	3,212	3,140
Cucumbers	1,700	1,600	4.36	4.10	7,410	6,560	Ton	1,186	1,069
United States									
Fresh Market									
Tomatoes	131,10	129,800	292	304	38,346,000	39,462,00	Cwt	1,439,197	1,637,394
Sweet Corn	242,70	238,900	115	114	27,885,000	27,266,00	Cwt	580,320	601,519
Cantaloupes	86,950	89,160	252	248	21,876,000	22,120,00	Cwt	322,188	300,388
Watermelons	141,70	136,400	260	278	36,882,000	37,896,00	Cwt	313,217	410,281
Processing									
Tomatoes	300,62	282,040	40.80	36.17	12,266,410	10,200,12	Ton	719,285	622,143
Sweet Corn	405,80	403,910	7.31	7.86	2,968,180	3,174,120	Ton	213,993	217,096
Snap Beans	200,99	210,620	4.16	3.90	835,880	821,770	Ton	131,865	115,545
Cucumbers	113,00	113,700	5.23	5.02	591,380	570,720	Ton	158,793	148,324

MAJOR AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

Approximately 2800 Indiana farm operators will be contacted for the USDA's March Agricultural survey.

This major survey will be conducted during the first half of March by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The information gathered will be used to make state and national estimates of crop intentions, grain in storage and hog and pig inventories.

This survey is important in making accurate crop and livestock estimates, which provide a basis for an orderly marketing system. An orderly marketing system is essential to all involved in agriculture.

The March Agricultural Survey is one of the most important of the many surveys conducted each year by the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Other Agricultural Surveys are scheduled for June, September and December. The approximately 70,000 farms expected to participate nationally in the March survey are selected from over two million farms nationwide using statistical sampling procedures. Facts about an individual's farm or ranch are strictly confidential and used only in combination with reports from other farmers to produce agricultural statistics for Indiana and the nation.

2005 BLUEBERRY PRODUCTION UP WHILE APPLE IS DOWN

Indiana's commercial apple production totaled 50.0 million pounds during 2005, down 17 percent from the 2004 level of 60.0 million pounds. The 2005 average price per pound increased .1 cents from the previous year to 22.0 cents.

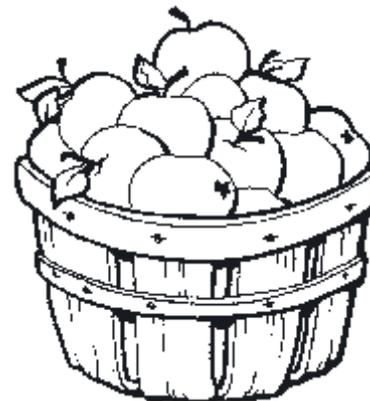
Blueberry production totaled 3.5 million pounds, a 13 percent increase from 2004. The average price for all blueberries was 1.22 cents per pound, 13.0 cents above the average price received during 2004.

United States utilized apple production for 2005 totaled 9.78 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the 2004 level. Below normal humidity levels in Michigan kept disease pressure low and the apple crop was ahead of normal development throughout the growing season.

Nationally, utilized production increased from 2004 for cultivated blueberries, Maine wild blueberries, Oregon loganberries, Oregon black raspberries, red raspberries, tart cherries, cranberries, grapes, California kiwifruit, California olives, California plums, California prunes, and strawberries.

**FRUIT PRODUCTION
INDIANA, SELECTED STATES AND U. S., 2004 - 2005**

State	Apples			Blueberries		
	2004	2005	05/04	2004	2005	05/04
	Million Pounds		%	Thousand Pounds		%
California	355.0	370.0	104	--	--	
Illinois	56.5	49.0	87	--	--	
INDIANA	60.0	50.0	83	3,100	3,500	113
Michigan	730.0	790.0	108	80,000	66,000	83
New York	1,280.0	1,040.0	81	2,000	1,500	75
Ohio	90.0	102.0	113	--	--	
Washington	6,150.0	5,800.0	94	18,000	19,600	109
U.S.	10,450.6	9,869.6	94	228,880	233,030	102



INDIANA WOOL PRODUCTION DECREASES

Wool production in Indiana at 270,000 pounds decreased 2 percent in 2005. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 42,000 head, 2 percent less than a year earlier. The average fleece weight was 6.4 pounds. The total value of shorn wool was \$46,000, 21 percent below last year's total of \$58,000. Wool averaged 17 cents per pound in 2005.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2005 was 37.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2004. The average price paid for wool sold in 2005 was 71 cents per pound for a total value of \$26.3 million dollars, down 12 percent from \$29.9 million dollars in 2004.

**WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE
INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2004-2005**

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Sheep Shorn (1,000 Head)	43.0	42.0	98	5,073.0	5,072.0	100
Live Weight Per Fleece (Lbs.)	6.4	6.4	100	7.4	7.3	99
Wool Production (1,000 Lbs.)	275	270	98	37,622	37,232	99
Price Per Pound	.21	.17	111	.80	.71	110
Value (1,000 Dollars) ^{1/}	58	46	79	29,921	26,272	88

^{1/} Production multiplied by marketing year average price for individual States, U.S. value is summation of State values.

INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION UP 9 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 277 million pounds during January 2006, up 9 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 161,000 head, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

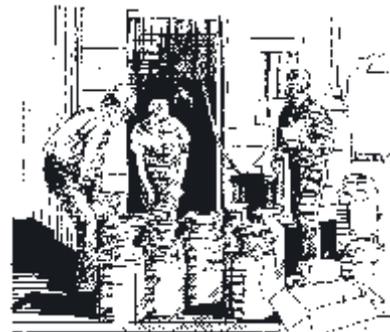
Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from production in these same States in January 2005.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,711 pounds for January, 68 pounds above January 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.19 million head, 11,000 head more than December 2005, and 103,000 head more than January 2005.



MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, JANUARY 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
INDIANA	155	161	1,640	1,720	254	277	109
Illinois	105	104	1,620	1,630	170	170	100
Iowa	190	200	1,750	1,765	333	353	106
Kentucky	110	101	1,090	1,160	120	117	98
Michigan	306	313	1,785	1,875	546	587	108
Minnesota	460	445	1,510	1,605	695	714	103
Ohio	267	273	1,460	1,460	390	399	102
Wisconsin	1,235	1,240	1,515	1,585	1,871	1,965	105
23 State Total	8,087	8,190	1,643	1,711	13,287	14,011	105



1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

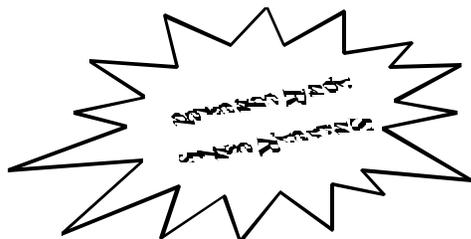
2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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