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TOP CORN, SOYBEAN AND WHEAT COUNTIES

Indiana's leading counties in the production of corn, soybeans and wheat during 2005 were White County for corn, Montgomery County for soybeans, and Posey County for winter wheat. White County produced a total of 24.8 million bushels of corn, making it the number one corn producing county. Jasper took second place, followed by Knox, Benton, and Clinton counties.

Montgomery County jumped to the number one slot for soybeans, by producing 6.0 million bushels during 2005. Boone and Benton counties

captured the second and third place spots, respectively. White County fell to fourth place, followed by Shelby.

Posey County retained the number one position in winter wheat production during 2005 with 1.7 million bushels. Allen County moved up to second place, while Gibson County fell to third place. Knox and Adams counties remained in their fourth and fifth positions, respectively.

The preceding information is part of the results of the County Estimates Survey which was conducted last fall

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after harvest. For further results from this survey, please visit our web site listed on the back of this publication.

LEADING INDIANA COUNTIES IN PRODUCTION OF CORN, SOYBEANS AND WHEAT

Rank	2005 Crop					
	Corn		Soybeans		Winter Wheat	
	County	Production <u>1,000 Bu</u>	County	Production <u>1,000 Bu</u>	County	Production <u>1,000 Bu</u>
1	White	24,770.1	Montgomery	6,042.8	Posey	1,696.3
2	Jasper	22,778.0	Boone	5,700.5	Allen	1,538.3
3	Knox	21,576.5	Benton	5,633.4	Gibson	1,002.2
4	Benton	20,779.9	White	5,586.2	Knox	974.8
5	Clinton	19,062.2	Shelby	5,263.8	Adams	914.3
6	Montgomery	18,809.9	Randolph	5,199.7	Jay	909.5
7	Boone	18,622.4	Rush	5,180.8	Wabash	773.4
8	Carroll	17,570.4	Clinton	5,079.4	Whitley	669.4
9	Tippecanoe	17,557.8	Grant	5,075.8	Wells	586.0
10	Fountain	17,556.1	Knox	5,007.7	De Kalb	576.3

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NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS INCREASES 32 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in January 2006. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of January 8-14, 2006 totaled 37,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.33.

There were 796,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 8-14, 2006, up 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 616,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 180,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.11 per hour during the January 2006 reference week, up 33 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.15 per hour, up 44 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$9.25 per hour compared with \$9.20 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.19 per hour, was up 29 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 38.2 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES, EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2005-2006 1/ 2/

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	28	37	589	616
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	24	32	494	513
149 Days or Less	4	5	95	103
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	33.2	36.1	37.0	38.2
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	9.40	11.79	8.71	9.15
Livestock	8.95	9.51	9.20	9.25
Field & Livestock	9.18	10.55	8.90	9.19
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	10.06	11.33	9.78	10.11

1/ Reference weeks were January 8-14 in 2006 and January 9-15 in 2005. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

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

INDIANA EGG PRODUCTION UP 7 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 556 million eggs during January 2006, up 7 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.7 million, was 1 percent above last month, and up 5 percent from last year. The rate of lay at 2,251 eggs per 100 layers was up 2 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 5.2 million egg-type chicks during January, down 6 percent from a year ago.

The Nation's laying flocks produced 7.72 billion eggs during January 2006, up 1 percent from last year.

Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The number of layers during January 2006 averaged 349 million, up slightly from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,211 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2005. Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 35.4 million, down 7 percent from January 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.5 million on February 1, 2006, down 2 percent from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., JANUARY 2005-2006

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2005	2006	2006 / 2005	2005	2006	2006 / 2005
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,463	24,696	105	347,864	349,253	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,212	2,251	102	2,192	2,211	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	519	556	107	7,626	7,721	101
Table Eggs (millions)	506	543	107	6,526	6,624	102
Hatching Eggs (millions)	13	13	100	1,101	1,097	100
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	5,538	5,196	94	37,936	35,422	93
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	796,026	804,073	101

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 2 POINTS

The February 2006 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 88 (1991=100) was down 2 points from both January's revised level and February 2005. The mid-February price for corn, winter wheat, and barrows and gilts increased from January. The mid-month price for soybeans, sows, all milk, and eggs decreased from the previous month.

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price for all hogs, all milk, and eggs decreased from the February 2005 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 77 was down 3 points from last month's revised index and 16 points below February 2005. The Crop Price Index of 95 was unchanged from the revised index a month ago but 6 points above last year.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES FEBRUARY 2006 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		February 2005	January 2006	February 15 2006	February 2005	January 2006	February 15 2006
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	2.01	2.09	2.10	1.95	2.00	2.01
Soybeans	Bu.	5.46	6.06	5.85	5.42	5.88	5.68
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2.98	3.21	3.24	3.27	3.45	3.67
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	1.67	1.73	1.78
All Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	88.20	91.20	95.00
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	94.00	95.60	99.20
Other Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	74.20	79.30	83.20
Apples 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.203	.260	.259
All Hogs	Cwt.	49.30	39.60	39.80	50.70	40.70	41.20
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	49.30	39.80	40.30	51.00	41.10	41.70
Sows	Cwt.	49.40	37.40	34.40	45.10	33.20	31.20
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	88.80	95.10	92.60
Milk Cows 3/	Head	3/	1800.00	3/	3/	1840.00	3/
All Milk	Cwt.	16.10	14.30	13.70	15.50	14.50	13.80
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	16.20	14.30	4/	15.50	14.50	13.80
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	14.90	13.40	4/	14.90	14.00	12.90
Eggs 5/	Doz.	.350	.405	.328	.358	.438	.301
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.380	.408	.396

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.

HONEY

This data is the result of the Bee and Honey Survey which was conducted last December. Indiana honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 512,000 pounds, up 24 percent from production in 2004. There were 8,000 colonies producing honey in 2005, up 14 percent from 2004. Prices for the 2005 crop averaged \$1.19 per pound, down 20 percent from the previous year. At the state level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold retail, coop and private.

Nationally, honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 175 million pounds, down 5

percent from 2004. There were 2.41 million colonies producing honey in 2005, down 6 percent from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, up 1 percent from the 71.8 pounds in 2004. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not counted if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 62.4 million pounds on December 15, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Honey prices decreased during 2005 to 90.4 cents, down 15 percent from 106.9 cents in 2004. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and coops.

NUMBER OF BEE COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS, AND VALUE INDIANA, SELECTED STATES, AND U.S., 2005 1/

State	Number of Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 2/	Average Price Per Pound 3/	Value of Production
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds		Cents	\$1,000
Illinois	8	85	680	408	162	1,102
Indiana	8	64	512	189	119	609
Iowa	28	88	2,464	1,232	98	2,415
Michigan	65	68	4,420	2,519	99	4,376
Ohio	15	69	1,035	580	141	1,459
Wisconsin	64	83	5,312	2,922	114	6,056
United States	2,410	72.5	174,643	62,406	90.4	157,795

1/ Includes producers with 5 or more colonies. Preliminary. 2/ Stocks held by producers. 3/ Prices weighted by sales.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 9 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during January 2006 totaled 129.2 million pounds, up 9 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 3,400 cattle killed totaled 3.6 million pounds. The 200 calves slaughtered during January 2006 totaled 27,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 620,800 hogs killed totaled 167.7 million pounds. The 1,600 sheep slaughtered during January 2006 totaled 172,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during January 2006 totaled 3.89 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the 3.65 billion pounds produced in January 2005. Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the

previous year, at 1,281 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.5 million pounds, 6 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 55,700 head, down 18 percent from January 2005. The average live weight was 39 pounds above last year, at 368 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.92 million head, 5 percent above January 2005. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 273 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.2 million pounds, was up 12 percent from January 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,700 head, 7 percent above last year. The average live weight was 144 pounds, up 6 pounds from January a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana		United States	
	Jan 2005	Jan 2006	Jan 2005	Jan 2006
Cattle				
Number of Head (000)	3.5	3.4	2,527.8	2,641.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,047	1,043	1,262	1,281
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,615	3,562	3,189,651	3,385,304
Calves				
Number of Head (000)	.7	.2	68.0	55.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	127	126	329	368
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	86	27	22,342	20,463
Hogs				
Number of Head (000)	574.3	620.8	8,480.0	8,915.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	268	270	270	273
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	153,724	167,702	2,288,913	2,435,864
Sheep				
Number of Head (000)	1.6	1.6	208.5	223.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	104	106	138	144
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	162	172	28,760	32,236

1/ Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

2/ Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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