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**INDIANA WINTER WHEAT FORECAST UP 27 PERCENT**

Based on conditions May 1, Indiana's 2006 winter wheat crop is expected to total 31.1 million bushels, up 27 percent from 24.5 million bushels produced in 2005. The expected yield of 69 bushels per acre is 3 bushels below last year's record yield of 72 bushels per acre. Intended acreage for harvest as grain, at 450,000 acres, increased 32 percent from last year. Winter wheat is in mostly good condition. The crop was rated 80 percent good to excellent as of May 1, up 11 percent from a year ago.

As of May 7, pasture condition was rated 82 percent good to excellent, compared to 73 percent a year earlier. Hay stocks on Indiana farms totaled 207,000 tons, down 40 percent from a year earlier.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.32 billion bushels, down 12 percent from 2005. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 42.4 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 31.2 million acres, down 8 percent from last season.

Hard Red production is down 23 percent from a year ago to 715 million bushels. Soft Red is up 15 percent and totals 356 million bushels. White production totals 252 million bushels, down 3 percent from a year ago. Of the White production total, 21.7 million bushels are Hard White and 230 million bushels are Soft White.

U.S. Hay Stocks on Farms: All hay stored on farms May 1, 2006 totaled 21.3 million tons, down 23 percent from the previous year. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2005 - May 1, 2006, totaled 83.7 million tons, 3 percent less than the disappearance of 86.8 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

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**CROPS MAY 1, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS**

Item	Indiana		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Winter Wheat				
For Harvest (1,000 Acres)	340	450	33,794	31,177
Yield Per Acre (Bushels)	72.0	69.0	44.4	42.4
Production (1,000 Bushels)	24,480	31,050	1,499,129	1,322,831
Hay Stocks on Farms, May 1				
Quantity (1,000 Tons)	345	207	27,758	21,315

**PASTURE CONDITION, BY PERCENT  
INDIANA & UNITED STATES, MAY 7, 2006**

State	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Indiana	1	2	15	67	15
United States	8	13	30	39	10

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## TOP CATTLE PRODUCING COUNTIES

Elkhart county led the State for all cattle, followed again by Lagrange and Dubois county in second and third place. Washington and Lawrence counties held on to their fourth and fifth positions, respectively. Lawrence county held its first place position for beef cows for the January 1, 2006 inventory, followed again by Washington,

Harrison, Dubois and Greene counties. Jasper county jumped into first position for milk cows. Elkhart and Newton counties dropped to second and third positions, respectively. Lagrange and Marshall counties held on to their fourth and fifth places for milk cows.

### TOP TEN COUNTIES IN INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2006

Cattle and Calves		Rank	Beef Cows		Rank	Milk Cows	
Elkhart	46,800	1	Lawrence	10,700	1	Jasper	17,600
Lagrange	36,900	2	Washington	10,100	2	Elkhart	16,600
Dubois	28,000	3	Harrison	9,400	3	Newton	16,200
Washington	25,900	4	Dubois	8,600	4	Lagrange	8,900
Lawrence	23,800	5	Greene	8,200	5	Marshall	6,000
Jasper	23,100	6	Jefferson	5,000	6	Adams	5,200
Harrison	22,900	7	Spencer	5,000	7	Noble	4,400
Kosciusko	22,600	8	Orange	4,800	8	Laporte	4,100
Newton	18,600	9	Ripley	4,800	9	Kosciusko	3,400
Daviess	18,400	10	Clark	4,600	10	Dubois	3,100
			Perry	4,600	11		

## INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 281 million pounds during April 2006, up 1 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 164,000 head, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

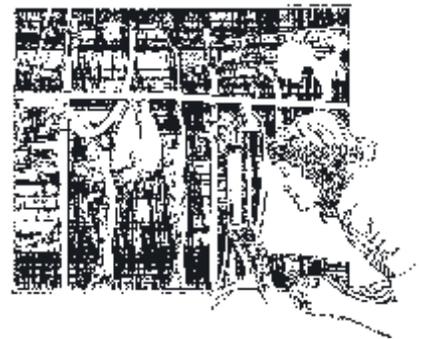
Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from production in these same States in April 2005.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,727 pounds for April, 37 pounds above April 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.24 million head, 13,000 head more than March 2006, and 124,000 head more than April 2005.

 Thanks, Dairy Farmers

### MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, APRIL 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<u>Thousand Head</u>		<u>Pounds</u>		<u>Million Pounds</u>		<u>Percent</u>
<b>INDIANA</b>	157	164	1,780	1,715	279	281	101
Illinois	105	103	1,605	1,650	169	170	101
Iowa	192	200	1,775	1,765	341	353	104
Kentucky	107	99	1,150	1,280	123	127	103
Michigan	311	317	1,830	1,855	569	588	103
Minnesota	455	450	1,540	1,575	701	709	101
Ohio	269	273	1,520	1,530	409	418	102
Wisconsin	1,234	1,241	1,540	1,580	1,900	1,961	103
23 State Total	8,117	8,241	1,690	1,727	13,717	14,230	104



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

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in Indiana during 2005 was \$246,000, up 8 percent from the \$227,000 a year ago. Prices remained the same, at 0.8 cent per pound. The number of chickens sold in 2005 totaled 9.3 million, up 8 percent from the total sold during the previous year. Indiana's value of egg production in 2005 was \$192.3 million, down 34 percent from the \$291.8 million in 2004. Egg production totaled 6.3 billion eggs, down slightly from

the previous year. In 2005, eggs averaged 36.9 cents per dozen, compared with 56.0 cents in 2004. The value of Indiana's turkeys produced during 2005 was \$193.0 million, up 12 percent from the \$172.0 million the previous year. Turkey production in 2005 totaled 428.8 million pounds live weight, compared with 409.6 million pounds in 2004. The average price received by producers during 2005 was 45.0 cents per pound, compared to 42.0 cents per pound in 2004.

### POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2004-2005

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as a % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as a % of 2004
<b>Chickens (excluding broilers) 1/</b>						
Number Lost (1,000 head) 2/	8,428	4,997	59	100,616	92,867	92
Number Sold for slaughter (1,000 head)	8,594	9,309	108	191,706	193,116	101
Pounds Sold (1,000 Lbs.)	28,360	30,720	108	997,621	1,000,535	100
Price per Pound (Dollars)	0.008	0.008	100	0.058	0.065	112
Value of Sales (1,000 Dollars)	227	246	108	57,615	64,554	112
<b>Eggs 1/</b>						
Eggs Produced (Million)	6,256	6,254	100	89,091	89,960	101
Price per Dozen (Dollars) 3/	0.560	0.369	66	0.714	0.539	75
Value of Production (1,000 Dollars)	291,841	192,327	66	5,299,185	4,042,282	76
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Number Raised (1,000 Head) 4/	13,300	13,400	101	264,207	256,270	97
Pounds Produced (1,000 Pounds)	409,640	428,800	105	7,304,813	7,206,560	99
Price per Pound (Dollars) 5/	0.420	0.450	107	0.420	0.449	107
Value of Production (1,000 Dollars)	172,049	192,960	112	3,065,417	3,232,576	105

1/ Estimates cover the 12 month period December 1 the previous year through November 30. 2/ Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during the 12 month period. 3/ Including hatching and market (table) eggs. 4/ Based on turkeys placed September 1, previous year through August 31, of the current year. Excludes young turkeys lost. 5/ Equivalent live weight returns to producers.

## MAJOR AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

Nearly 4,400 Indiana farm operators will be part of a national sample of producers who will be contacted for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's June survey.

This major survey will be conducted during the first half of June by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The information gathered will be used to make state, regional and national estimates of crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventories, number of farms and land in farms and other statistics.

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 June Agricultural Survey is one of the most important of the many surveys conducted each year by the Indiana Field Office of USDA, NASS. Other Agricultural Surveys are scheduled for September, December, and March. In addition to the agricultural surveys of farm operators

conducted by this office, corn and soybean plots are randomly selected and laid out to aid in monitoring crop condition and potential yields during the growing season. Separate cattle and sheep inventory surveys are conducted in July and January.

The farms expected to participate nationally in the June survey are selected from 2.1 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.


**FARMERS HAVE A GOOD THING GROWING!**

## MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

Cash receipts from marketings of milk for Indiana during 2005, at 502.6 million dollars, was slightly above 2004. Producer returns averaged \$16.00 per hundredweight, down \$0.70 per hundredweight from the 2004 average of \$16.70. Marketings totaled 3.14 billion pounds, 5 percent above 2004. Marketings include whole milk and producer separated cream sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

Nationally, cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2005 at 26.7 billion dollars, was 2.4 percent below 2004. Producer returns averaged \$15.20 per hundredweight, 5.8 percent below 2004. Marketings totaled 176 billion pounds, 3.6 percent above 2004. An estimated 1.08 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, down 2.4 percent from 2004. Calves were fed 87 percent of this milk with the remainder consumed in producer households as milk, cream, and butter.

### MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2004-2005

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as a % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as a % of 2004
	<u>Million Pounds</u>					
Total Milk Production	3,027	3,166	105	170,934	176,989	104
Used on Farm	24	25	104	1,103	1,077	98
Sold as Whole Milk <sup>1/</sup>	3,003	3,141	105	169,830	175,912	104
Average Return for Combined Sales of Milk and Cream:	<u>Dollars</u>					
Per 100 Lbs Milk	16.70	16.00	96	16.13	15.20	94
Per Pound of Milkfat	4.56	4.40	96	4.40	4.15	94
	<u>Thousand Dollars</u>					
Cash Receipts from Marketings	501,501	502,560	100	27,386,588	26,737,882	98
Value of Milk and Cream	505,509	506,560	100	27,567,726	26,903,822	98

<sup>1/</sup> Includes milk sold to plants, milk sold directly to consumers and milk produced by institutional herds.

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