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INDIANA CORN, SOYBEAN AND WHEAT PRODUCTION ALL UP FROM LAST YEAR

Based on conditions August 1, Indiana's 2006 corn production is forecast at 893.5 million bushels. If realized, this would be up 1 percent from the 888.6 million bushels produced in 2005. The expected yield of 167 bushels per acre is up 13 bushels from the 2005 yield per acre of 154 bushels per acre. The 5.35 million acres for harvest is 7 percent below the acreage harvested last year, but unchanged from the June estimate. As of August 6, corn condition was rated 68 percent good to excellent.

Soybean production is forecast at 278.3 million bushels, up 6 percent from the 263.6 million bushels produced in 2005. The expected yield

of 49 bushels per acre is unchanged from last year. The acreage expected to be harvested for beans, at 5.68 million acres, is up 6 percent from 2005, but unchanged from the June estimate. As of August 6, soybean condition was rated 66 percent good to excellent.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 32.0 million bushels, up 3 percent from July 1 and up 31 percent from last year's level of 24.5 million bushels. The average yield is estimated at 71 bushels per acre. This average is 2 bushels per acre above the previous month's yield, and 1 bushel below last year's record yield of 72 bushels per acre. Area for harvest at

450,000 acres is unchanged from July's forecast, and up 32 percent from the previous year's acreage of 340,000.

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ACRES FOR HARVEST, YIELD AND PRODUCTION INDIANA AND UNITED STATES: 2005 - 2006

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield Per Acre		Total Production			Unit
	2005	2006	06/05	2005	2006	2005	2006	06/05	
	Thousands	Percent				Thousands	Percent		
Indiana									
Corn for Grain	5,770	5,350	93	154	167	888,580	893,450	101	Bu
Soybeans	5,380	5,680	106	49	49	263,620	278,320	106	Bu
Winter Wheat	340	450	132	72	71	24,480	31,950	131	Bu
Alfalfa Hay	340	360	106	3.80	4.10	1,292	1,476	114	Tons
Other Hay	310	290	94	2.50	2.80	775	812	105	Tons
Apples	---	---		---	---	50,000	57,000	114	Lbs
United States									
Corn for Grain	75,107	72,091	96	147.9	152.2	11,112,072	10,975,740	99	Bu
Soybeans	71,361	73,935	104	43.3	39.6	3,086,432	2,927,634	95	Bu
Winter Wheat	33,794	31,108	92	44.4	41.2	1,499,129	1,283,134	86	Bu
Oats	1,823	1,907	105	63.0	56.3	114,878	107,423	94	Bu
Alfalfa Hay	22,389	22,407	100	3.38	3.18	75,771	71,205	94	Tons
Other Hay	39,260	40,290	103	1.91	1.77	74,819	71,121	95	Tons
Tobacco	298.1	334.5	112	2,171	2,228	647,278	745,294	115	Lbs
Apples	---	---		---	---	9,864,900	9,619,700	98	Lbs

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**PRELIMINARY DISTRICT ESTIMATES
AUGUST 2006**

District	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands		Thousands		Bushels		Thousands	
	Corn							
NW	952	900	919	865	154	174	141,838	150,322
NC	762	720	740	695	160	173	118,136	120,019
NE	564	525	539	500	147	162	79,241	80,880
WC	739	680	733	669	160	168	117,046	112,604
C	1,180	1,110	1,171	1,095	157	168	184,071	184,307
EC	467	440	460	430	153	165	70,400	70,967
SW	831	760	819	747	153	164	125,424	122,467
SC	202	180	193	171	130	148	25,123	25,231
SE	203	185	196	178	139	150	27,301	26,653
State	5,900	5,500	5,770	5,350	154	167	888,580	893,450
	Soybeans							
NW	704	745	701	744	49	49	34,134	36,409
NC	646	680	643	679	47	49	30,518	33,228
NE	633	655	631	654	43	45	27,193	29,338
WC	647	700	645	699	52	52	33,462	36,345
C	1,170	1,240	1,166	1,238	52	52	61,085	64,372
EC	520	540	518	539	48	47	25,108	25,278
SW	643	690	641	685	49	49	31,516	33,522
SC	197	210	196	205	47	45	9,144	9,196
SE	240	240	239	237	48	45	11,460	10,632
State	5,400	5,700	5,380	5,680	49	49	263,620	278,320
	Wheat							
NW	21	28	19	27	68	79	1,300	2,122
NC	37	46	35	45	76	77	2,666	3,444
NE	77	98	74	97	73	78	5,409	7,523
WC	24	30	23	29	73	72	1,686	2,101
C	49	64	47	63	83	74	3,921	4,693
EC	31	37	30	36	82	71	2,463	2,572
SW	92	115	86	113	63	64	5,449	7,265
SC	14	20	12	19	59	53	712	1,008
SE	15	22	14	21	62	58	874	1,222
State	360	460	340	450	72	71	24,480	31,950

MAJOR AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

Nearly 2,700 Indiana farm operators will be part of a national sample of producers who will be contacted for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's September survey.

This major survey will be conducted during the first half of September 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, and hog 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 September 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 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 September 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.



U.S. FARM REAL ESTATE VALUES CONTINUE STRONG UPWARD TREND

Farm real estate and cropland values both increased 16 percent in Indiana during 2006. In addition, pasture land prices rose 8 percent from the previous year.

U.S. farm real estate values, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$1,900 per acre on January 1, 2006, up 15 percent from 2005. The \$1,900 per acre is a record high and \$250 more than a year earlier.

Nationally, cropland and pasture values rose by 13 and 22 percent, respectively, since January 1, 2005. Cropland

values averaged \$2,390 per acre and pasture values averaged \$1,000 per acre on January 1, 2006, compared with \$2,110 and \$820 per acre, respectively, a year earlier.

The increase in United States farm real estate values continues to be driven by a combination of mostly nonagricultural factors, including relative low interest rates and strong demand for nonagricultural land uses. Demand for farm real estate as an investment continues to be a strong market influence.

AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES CORNBELT, SELECTED STATES, AND 48 STATES: JANUARY 1, 2003-2006

Farm Real Estate: Average Value per Acre					
States	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005
Cornbelt	2,130	2,300	*2,720	3,040	112
Illinois	2,430	2,610	*3,330	3,800	114
Indiana	2,570	2,770	*3,140	3,630	116
Iowa	2,010	2,200	*2,650	2,930	111
Missouri	1,470	1,580	*1,790	1,980	111
Ohio	2,740	2,930	3,180	3,480	109
48 States	1,270	1,360	*1,650	1,900	115
Cropland: Average Value per Acre					
States	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005
Cornbelt	2,270	2,450	*2,880	3,230	112
Illinois	2,500	2,700	*3,370	3,840	114
Indiana	2,550	2,750	*3,150	3,650	116
Iowa	2,120	2,320	*2,770	3,060	110
Missouri	1,580	1,690	1,890	2,100	111
Ohio	2,750	2,940	3,230	3,540	110
48 States	1,660	1,770	*2,110	2,390	113
Pasture: Average Value per Acre					
States	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005
Cornbelt	1,120	1,200	*1,440	1,610	112
Illinois	1,060	1,110	*1,720	1,880	109
Indiana	1,660	1,780	*1,930	2,090	108
Iowa	800	880	*1,070	1,300	121
Missouri	1,050	1,130	*1,340	1,500	112
Ohio	1,950	2,100	2,240	2,380	106
48 States	605	634	*820	1,000	122

* Revised.

INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 277 million pounds during July 2006, up 5 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 166,000 head, up 6 percent from a year earlier.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,686 pounds for July, 3 pounds above July 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.26 million head, 11,000 head less than June 2006, but 107,000 head more than July 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from production in these same States in July 2005.

 Thanks, Dairy Farmers

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

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<u>Thousand Head</u>		<u>Pounds</u>		<u>Million Pounds</u>		<u>Percent</u>
INDIANA	156	166	1,700	1,670	265	277	105
Illinois	104	103	1,580	1,600	164	165	101
Iowa	193	200	1,720	1,690	332	338	102
Kentucky	106	97	1,065	1,060	113	103	91
Michigan	313	321	1,850	1,875	579	602	104
Minnesota	455	450	1,510	1,565	687	704	102
Ohio	270	274	1,480	1,510	400	414	104
Wisconsin	1,236	1,244	1,600	1,600	1,978	1,990	101
23 State							
Total	8,151	8,258	1,683	1,686	13,715	13,919	101

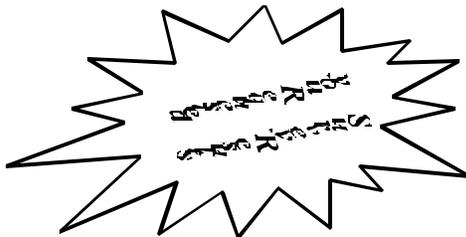


^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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