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### NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS INCREASES 2 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in July 2006. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of July 9-15, 2006 totaled 55,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.14.

There were 1,202,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 9-15, 2006, down 11 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 875,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 327,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.74 per hour during the July 2006 reference week, up 36 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.95 per hour, up 34 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.56 per hour compared with \$9.26 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.10 per hour, was up 32 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.9 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.



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

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<b>Thousands</b>			
Hired Workers on Farms	54	55	936	875
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	31	33	662	630
149 Days or Less	23	22	274	245
	<b>Hours</b>			
Hours Worked Per Week	36.0	34.7	40.6	40.9
	<b>Dollars Per Hour</b>			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	9.20	9.46	8.61	8.95
Livestock	8.77	9.28	9.26	9.56
Field & Livestock	9.10	9.40	8.78	9.10
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	9.56	10.14	9.38	9.74

1/ Reference weeks were July 9-15 in 2006 and July 10-16 in 2005. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

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

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## PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 3 POINTS

The August 2006 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 89 (1991=100) was down 3 points from both July's revised level and August 2005. The mid-August price for sows and eggs increased from July. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, and all milk decreased from the previous month.

The mid-month price for corn, barrows and gilts, and eggs increased from the previous year's level. The mid-August

price for soybeans, winter wheat, sows, and all milk decreased from the August 2005 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 86 was up 4 points from last month's revised index but 4 points below August 2005. The Crop Price Index of 91 was down 8 points from the revised index last month and 3 points below last year.

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

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		August 2005	July 2006	August 15 2006	August 2005	July 2006	August 15 2006
		<b>Dollars</b>			<b>Dollars</b>		
Corn	Bu.	1.97	2.31	2.10	1.95	2.14	2.03
Soybeans	Bu.	6.29	5.85	5.33	6.15	5.61	5.24
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2.92	3.18	2.86	3.16	3.82	3.81
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	1.49	1.78	1.70
All Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	99.70	107.00	106.00
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	108.00	113.00	110.00
Other Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	77.00	89.30	91.50
Apples 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.211	.336	.399
All Hogs	Cwt.	49.60	49.20	49.30	51.00	50.20	51.60
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	50.20	50.30	50.30	51.60	51.10	52.50
Sows	Cwt.	42.80	36.20	37.20	38.60	32.00	33.60
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	84.40	86.10	87.70
Milk Cows 3/	Head	3/	1700.00	3/	3/	1680.00	3/
All Milk	Cwt.	15.90	11.90	11.80	14.80	11.80	11.90
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	16.00	11.90	4/	14.80	11.80	11.90
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	12.70	11.00	4/	13.80	10.80	11.00
Eggs 5/	Doz.	.250	.220	.358	.266	.248	.388
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.465	.464	.491

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.

## JULY EGG PRODUCTION UP 7 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 554 million eggs during July 2006, up 7 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.3 million, was 1 percent below last month but 4 percent above last year. The rate of lay at 2,284 eggs per 100 layers, up 3 percent from last year.

Indiana hatcheries produced 4.57 million egg-type chicks during July, down 1 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-July 2006 was 34.1 million, down 3 percent from the same period of 2005.

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

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,360	24,251	104	338,573	341,047	101
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,226	2,284	103	2,234	2,241	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	520	554	107	7,563	7,643	101
Table Eggs (millions)	508	541	106	6,444	6,558	102
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	13	108	1,120	1,085	97
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,623	4,569	99	34,897	33,224	95
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	808,382	800,132	99

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during July 2006 totaled 109.9 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 3,000 cattle killed totaled 3.1 million pounds. The 200 calves slaughtered during July 2006 totaled 29,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 554,200 hogs killed totaled 142.6 million pounds. The 2,400 sheep slaughtered during July 2006 totaled 263,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during July 2006 totaled 3.78 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in July 2005. Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from the

previous year, at 1,272 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.0 million pounds, 4 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 57,900 head, down 1 percent from July 2005. The average live weight was 10 pounds below last year, at 340 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.88 million head, 3 percent above July 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 265 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.2 million pounds, was down 1 percent from July 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,100 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 3 pounds from July a year ago.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	July		Jan - Jul		July		Jan - Jul	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
<b>Cattle</b>								
Number of Head (000)	2.9	3.0	21.0	20.5	2,717.5	2,834.3	18,604.8	19,479.6
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,049	1,044	1,042	1,044	1,254	1,272	1,241	1,264
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,085	3,125	21,882	21,404	3,406,482	3,604,618	23,091,611	24,627,792
<b>Calves</b>								
Number of Head (000)	0.4	0.2	2.2	1.3	58.6	57.9	435.2	388.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	126	135	125	126	350	340	347	366
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	44	29	276	164	20,549	19,663	150,864	142,187
<b>Hogs</b>								
Number of Head (000)	525.4	554.2	3,948.1	4,152.7	7,662.2	7,884.8	58,230.4	58,924.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	261	257	266	265	264	265	269	271
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	137,325	142,64	1,048,97	1,099,82	2,025,470	2,090,113	15,674,826	15,949,137
<b>Sheep</b>								
Number of Head (000)	2.0	2.4	14.6	14.2	199.9	202.1	1,554.0	1,564.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	109	108	108	108	134	131	139	140
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	222	263	1,573	1,534	26,801	26,465	215,596	219,779

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

2/ Not published to avoid disclosure.

## INDIANA SEVENTH IN TURKEYS RAISED

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2006 is 265 million, up 3 percent from the number raised during 2005.

Minnesota, at 45.0 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, showing a 1 percent increase from last year. North Carolina ranks second with 37.0 million birds, up 3 percent from 2005. Arkansas is in third place by producing 30.0 million birds, 3 percent more than a year ago. Virginia, at 22.5 million birds, is up 7 percent from 2005. Missouri growers expect to produce 21.5 million birds in 2006, up 5 percent from the previous year. California expects to raise 16.0 million turkeys, 7 percent more than a year earlier. Indiana, at 13.8 million birds, is up 3 percent from a year earlier. These states are expected to account for over two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2006.

### TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED SELECTED STATES & UNITED STATES

State	Total All Breeds		
	2005 1/	2006	2006 as % of 2005
<b>Thousand Birds</b>			
Arkansas	29,000	30,000	103
California	14,900	16,000	107
Indiana	13,400	13,800	103
Minnesota	44,500	45,000	101
Missouri	20,500	21,500	105
North	36,000	37,000	103
Ohio	5,700	5,500	96
Virginia	21,000	22,500	107
United States	256,270	264,874	103

1/ Revised.

## MIDWEST PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES UP

The Midwest farm production region contributed most to the total 2005 U.S. Farm Production Expenditures with expenses of \$63.6 billion, or 28.5 percent. Midwest expenses were up 5.4 percent from the 2004 level of \$60.4 billion. The other regions ranked in order by Total Expenditures were: West at \$54.6 billion (2004 - \$48.7 billion), Plains at \$49.5 billion (2004 - \$47.2 billion), Atlantic at \$29.8 billion (2004 - \$31.9 billion), and South at \$25.6 billion (2004 - \$23.7 billion).



### PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES: MAJOR INPUT ITEMS, AVERAGE PER FARM AND TOTAL, MIDWEST REGION, 2004-2005 <sup>1/</sup>

Expenditures - Farm Share	Average Per Farm		Total Expenditures	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<u>Dollars</u>		<u>Million Dollars</u>	
Total Farm Production Expenditures	98,195	104,124	60,370	63,630
Livestock and Poultry	7,531	7,920	4,630	4,840
Feed	11,614	10,931	7,140	6,680
Farm Services	10,361	11,504	6,370	7,030
Rent	11,825	12,387	7,270	7,570
Agricultural Chemicals	4,717	4,696	2,900	2,870
Fertilizer & Lime	7,222	7,986	4,440	4,880
Interest	4,766	5,286	2,930	3,230
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	4,066	4,418	2,500	2,700
Labor	6,181	5,793	3,800	3,540
Fuels	3,513	4,549	2,160	2,780
Farm Supplies & Repairs	5,237	5,858	3,220	3,580
Farm Improvements & Construction	5,530	6,136	3,400	3,750
Tractors & Self Propelled	4,554	5,155	2,800	3,150
Other Farm Machinery	2,570	2,716	1,580	1,660
Seeds & Plants	6,278	6,709	3,860	4,100
Trucks & Autos	1,887	1,767	1,160	1,080

<sup>1/</sup> Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

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