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**INDIANA CATTLE NUMBERS UNCHANGED**

Indiana's cattle producers had a total inventory of 900,000 head on January 1, 2007, unchanged from a year earlier. Beef cows in Indiana, at 234,000 head, were 8 percent above January 1, 2006, while milk cows, at 166,000 head, were up 5 percent from the previous year.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2007, totaled 97.0 million head, slightly above the 96.7 million on January 1, 2006. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.0 million, were down slightly from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2006.

Beef cows, at 32.9 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2006. Milk cows, at 9.13 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2006. Other class estimates on January 1, 2007, and the change from January 1 2006, are as follows: beef replacement heifers, 5.88 million, down slightly; milk replacement heifers, 4.31 million, up 1 percent; steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.2 million, up 2 percent. The 2006 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down slightly from 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2005.



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**CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 2007**

Class	Indiana			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as a % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as a % of 2006
	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All Cattle and Calves	900	900	100	96,702	97,003	100
Cows and Heifers that have Calved:	375	400	107	42,056	42,023	100
Beef Cows	217	234	108	32,994	32,894	100
Milk Cows	158	166	105	9,063	9,129	101
Heifers 500 lb. and over	175	165	94	19,984	20,086	101
For Beef Cow Replacement	45	38	84	5,904	5,877	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	65	71	109	4,275	4,310	101
Other Heifers	65	56	86	9,805	9,899	101
Steers 500 lb. and over	125	110	88	16,933	17,222	102
Bulls 500 lb. and over	19	20	105	2,263	2,215	98
All Calves under 500 lb.	206	205	100	15,465	15,456	100
Cattle and Calves, Number on Feed	115	110	96	14,132	14,269	101
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>06/05</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>06/05</u>
Calf Crop (entire year)	330	350	106	37,575	37,567	100

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## USDA TO MEASURE THE ECONOMIC STATE OF U.S. AGRICULTURE

Farmers will soon have the opportunity to set the record straight about the issues that affect them – and to help ensure that policies and programs are based on accurate, real-world data. This is the goal of the annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

ARMS is USDA’s primary source of information on production practices, resource use and economic well-being of America’s farm households.

Between January – March, NASS field offices will contact 36,000 farmers nationwide by mail or field enumeration to complete the survey. Only about 1500 operations in Indiana were selected to participate in this study. Therefore, every response is very important because each

one of these operations is representing many other operations like their own.

Producers will be asked to provide data on their operating expenditures, production costs and household characteristics.

Survey responses will be compiled and NASS will publish the farm economic data in the annual *Farm Production Expenditures* report, to be released on August 2, 2007. As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law (title 7, Section 2204, U.S. Code). NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified. All NASS reports are available online at: [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

### DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 562 million eggs during December 2006, down 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.7 million, was slightly above last month and up 1 percent from last year. The rate of lay at 2,278 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.93 million egg-type chicks during December, down 7 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-December 2006 was 58.3 million, down 4 percent from the same period of 2005.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.78 billion during December 2006, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.68 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2006 averaged 348 million, down slightly from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,234 eggs, down slightly from December 2005. Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2006 totaled 33.4 million, down 7 percent from December 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on January 1, 2007, down 3 percent from a year ago.

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

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	24,523	24,676	101	348,545	348,108	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,308	2,278	99	2,235	2,234	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	566	562	99	7,791	7,777	100
Table Eggs (millions)	554	549	99	6,703	6,683	100
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	13	108	1,088	1,094	101
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	5,288	4,934	93	35,917	33,430	93
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	808,525	795,445	98

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 7 POINTS

The January 2007 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 120 (1991=100) was up 7 points from December's revised level and up 30 points from January 2006. The mid-January price for corn, soybeans, all milk, and eggs increased from December. The mid-month price for winter wheat and all hogs decreased from the previous month.

The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, barrows and gilts, all milk, and eggs increased from the

previous year's level. The mid-January price for sows and milk cows decreased from the January 2006 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 95 was up 4 points from last month's revised index and 15 points above January 2006. The Crop Price Index of 135 was up 9 points from the revised index last month and 40 points above last year.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES JANUARY 2007 WITH COMPARISONS <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		January 2006	December 2006	January 15 2007	January 2006	December 2006	January 15 2007
		<b>Dollars</b>			<b>Dollars</b>		
Corn	Bu.	2.09	3.26	3.50	2.00	3.01	3.23
Soybeans	Bu.	6.06	6.40	6.77	5.87	6.18	6.42
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.21	4.48	4.05	3.45	4.51	4.47
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.73	1.97	2.12
All Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	93.10	108.00	112.00
Alfalfa Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	96.40	112.00	115.00
Other Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	84.30	99.30	102.00
Apples <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.217	.261	.287
All Hogs	Cwt.	39.60	42.70	40.50	40.70	43.50	41.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	39.80	43.50	41.20	41.10	44.00	42.00
Sows	Cwt.	37.40	35.80	34.50	33.20	32.20	30.70
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	95.10	83.60	85.00
Milk Cows <sup>3/</sup>	Head	1800.00	<u>3/</u>	1650.00	1840.00	<u>3/</u>	1660.00
All Milk	Cwt.	14.30	14.20	14.50	14.50	14.10	14.40
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	14.30	14.20	<u>4/</u>	14.50	14.10	14.40
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	13.40	13.40	<u>4/</u>	14.00	13.80	13.90
Eggs <sup>5/</sup>	Doz.	.405	.670	.860	.438	.665	.788
Turkeys <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.408	.434	.408

<sup>1/</sup> Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. <sup>2/</sup> Mid-month Price. <sup>3/</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July, and October. <sup>4/</sup> Only Whole-month Price published. <sup>5/</sup> Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. <sup>6/</sup> Monthly estimates discontinued. <sup>7/</sup> Not Published.

## NUMBER OF INDIANA FARMS UNCHANGED

The number of Indiana farms in 2006 which had sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more totaled 59,000, unchanged from the 2005 level. The number of operations with \$100,000 or more of sales, at 10,800 decreased one percent, mid-size farms, at 17,800, increased one percent, and small farms at 30,400, were unchanged. Total land in farms, at 15.0 million acres, was unchanged from the previous year. The average farm size at 254 acres per farm also remained the same as the previous year.

Nationally, the number of farms in the United States in 2006 is estimated at 2.09 million, 0.4 percent fewer than in 2005. Total land in farms, at 932.4 million acres, decreased 780 thousand acres, or 0.08 percent, from 2005. The average farm size was 446 acres during 2006, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

### NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 1997-2006 <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Farms		Land in Farms		Average Size of Farm	
	Indiana	U.S.	Indiana	U.S.	Indiana	U.S.
	<u>Thousands</u>		<u>Thousand Acres</u>		<u>Acres</u>	
1997	66.0	2,190.5	15,600	956,010	236	436
1998	66.0	2,192.3	15,600	952,080	236	434
1999	64.8	2,187.3	15,400	948,460	237	434
2000	63.4	2,166.8	15,200	945,080	240	436
2001	62.1	2,148.6	15,100	942,070	243	438
2002	60.3	2,135.4	15,100	940,300	250	440
2003	59.5	2,126.9	15,040	938,650	253	441
2004	59.3	2,113.0	15,000	936,295	253	443
2005	59.0	2,098.7	15,000	933,210	254	445
2006	59.0	2,089.8	15,000	932,430	254	446

<sup>1/</sup> Beginning in 1997, farm numbers are for the entire year.

## INDIANA SHEEP NUMBERS UP 6 PERCENT

Sheep and lambs on Indiana farms January 1, 2007 totaled 53,000 head, up 6 percent from last year's inventory. The breeding sheep totaled 47,000 head, up 2 percent from a year ago. The sheep inventory included 36,000 ewes one year old and older, up 9 percent from the previous year. The 2006 lamb crop in Indiana was 45,000 head, up 7 percent from 2005.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007 totaled 6.19 million head, down 1 percent from 2006, but still 1 percent above 2005.

After two consecutive year to year increases inventory growth was hampered by extremely dry weather in the Southwestern part of the United States. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.62 million head on January 1, 2007, down slightly from 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.71 million head, were 1 percent above last year. The 2006 lamb crop of 4.09 million head, was down 1 percent from 2005. The 2006 lambing rate was 112 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2006, down 3 percent from 2005.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 2007**

Class	Indiana			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as a % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as a % of 2006
	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All Sheep and Lambs	50.0	53.0	106	6,230.0	6,185.0	99
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	46.0	47.0	102	4,640.0	4,620.0	100
Ewes	33.0	36.0	109	3,661.0	3,706.0	101
Rams	2.0	2.5	125	196.0	195.0	99
Replacement Lambs	11.0	8.5	77	783.0	719.0	92
Market Sheep and Lambs	4.0	6.0	150	1,590.0	1,565.0	98
Market Sheep	0.5	1.0	200	76.0	89.0	117
Market Lambs	3.5	5.0	143	1,514.0	1,476.0	97
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>06/05</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>06/05</u>
Lamb Crop (entire year)	42.0	45.0	107	4,117.0	4,085.0	99

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