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The May 2007 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 127 (1991=100) was up 5 points from April's revised level and up 36 points from May 2006. The mid-May price for soybeans, winter wheat, all hogs, all milk, and eggs increased from April. The mid-month price for corn decreased from the previous month.

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The Livestock Price Index of 104 was up 8 points from last month's revised index and 24 points above May 2006. The Crop Price Index of 142 was up 4 points from the revised index last month and 44 points above last year.



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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES MAY 2007 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		May 2006	April 2007	May 15 2007	May 2006	April 2007	May 15 2007
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	2.26	3.57	3.55	2.17	3.39	3.48
Soybeans	Bu.	5.83	7.13	7.44	5.68	6.88	7.15
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.43	4.07	4.53	4.06	4.87	4.58
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.85	2.46	2.36
All Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	113.00	124.00	138.00
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	117.00	128.00	144.00
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	95.80	113.00	116.00
Apples ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.189	.284	.295
All Hogs	Cwt.	46.60	46.20	50.40	48.20	47.30	52.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	47.70	47.40	51.60	48.90	48.10	52.80
Sows	Cwt.	34.50	32.00	36.50	30.10	27.90	32.60
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	82.20	94.30	93.50
Milk Cows ^{3/}	Head	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	12.80	16.40	17.50	11.90	16.60	17.80
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	12.80	16.40	<u>4/</u>	11.90	16.60	17.80
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	10.50	16.00	<u>4/</u>	11.30	15.90	17.20
Eggs ^{5/}	Doz.	.200	.550	.610	.222	.558	.615
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.433	.468	.483

^{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.

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APRIL EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 537 million eggs during April 2007, down 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.3 million, was down 1 percent from both last month and last year. The rate of lay at 2,211 eggs per 100 layers, was 1 percent below last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 6.00 million egg-type chicks during April, up 24 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-April 2007 was 22.3 million, up 12 percent from the same period of 2006.



U.S. egg production totaled 7.43 billion during April 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.34 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 April 2007 averaged 344 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,162 eggs, down slightly from April 2006. Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2007 totaled 39.7 million, up 12 percent from April 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.8 million on May 1, 2007, down 2 percent from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., APRIL 2006-2007

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	24,637	24,283	99	348,643	343,825	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,232	2,211	99	2,164	2,162	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	550	537	98	7,543	7,434	99
Table Eggs (millions)	538	525	98	6,468	6,341	98
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	12	100	1,075	1,093	102
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,844	6,003	124	35,435	39,704	112
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	787,457	800,524	102

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2006 AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL USAGE - INDIANA

Total usage of agricultural fertilizers applied to soybeans in Indiana during 2006 was 247.2 million pounds. The amount of acres Indiana farmers planted for soybeans in 2006 increased 6 percent from the previous year. Potash was the most commonly used fertilizer on soybeans; it was applied to 32 percent of the 5.7 million acres planted in 2006. Phosphate was the next most frequently applied fertilizer with 20 percent of the acres planted being treated; a total of 54.6 million pounds.

Herbicides were applied to 100 percent of Indiana's planted soybean acreage during 2006, though one active ingredient clearly dominated. Glyphosate iso. salt (ex. Roundup Ultra Max, Glyphomax, StrikeOut Extra) was used on 93 percent of 2006's soybean acreage. 2,4-D, 2-EHE (ex. 2,4-D LV4, Barrage HF, Maestro D)

came in second place with 17 percent while third place was shared between Glyphosate, Imazaquin, and Imazethapyr (ex. Touchdown CF, Touchdown Total, Backdraft, Scepter 70DG, Clearpath, & Extreme) all at 6 percent of the usage.



INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during April 2007 totaled 122.1 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 2,700 cattle killed totaled 2.8 million pounds. Total live weight of the 605,700 hogs killed totaled 159.0 million pounds. The 2,500 sheep slaughtered during April 2007 totaled 259,000 pounds.

The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 216,900 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 3 pounds from April a year ago.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during April 2007 totaled 3.75 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in April 2006. Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, up 4 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,235 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.8 million pounds, 14 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,900 head, up 19 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from last year, at 347 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.47 million head, up 6 percent from April 2006.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	April		Jan - Apr		April		Jan - Apr	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	2.5	2.7	11.8	12.1	2,608.6	2,701.6	10,451.8	10,854.5
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,034	1,046	1,043	1,049	1,240	1,235	1,269	1,264
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2,583	2,836	12,304	12,693	3,222,245	3,324,260	13,212,331	13,675,701
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	0.1	2/	0.7	2/	47.7	56.9	215.0	268.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	125	2/	134	2/	361	347	358	324
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	10	2/	94	2/	17,156	19,674	76,452	86,521
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	575.2	605.7	2,419.8	2,504.5	7,959.3	8,465.3	34,166.9	35,150.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	267	263	267	264	272	270	272	270
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	153,248	159,01	646,690	660,581	2,160,169	2,284,018	9,273,061	9,488,060
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	3.2	2.5	7.7	7.8	247.1	216.9	924.4	916.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	101	104	107	107	136	139	142	140
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	324	259	824	836	33,477	30,004	131,018	127,845

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.

NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS UNCHANGED

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in April 2007. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of April 8-14, 2007 totaled 47,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.17.

There were 961,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 8-14, 2007, unchanged from a year ago. A large increase in California was enough to offset the large declines in hired workers in most other regions, resulting in a net change of zero from last April. Of these hired workers, 720,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 241,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.17 per hour during the April 2007 reference week, up 39 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.35 per hour, up 40 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$9.55 per hour compared with \$9.31 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.41 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down fractionally from a year ago.

**HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES
EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, APRIL 2006-2007 ^{1/} ^{2/}**

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	47	47	720	720
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	40	38	581	580
149 Days or Less	7	9	139	140
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	42.0	42.2	40.8	40.6
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	10.18	9.86	8.95	9.35
Livestock	9.59	9.16	9.31	9.55
Field & Livestock	10.00	9.45	9.06	9.41
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	10.47	10.17	9.78	10.17

^{1/} Reference weeks were April 8-14 in 2007 and April 9-15 in 2006. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska. ^{2/} Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

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