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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP

The May 2008 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 185 (1991=100) was up 2 points from April's level and up 56 points from May 2007. The mid-May price for corn, soybeans, and all hogs increased from April. The mid-month price for winter wheat, all milk, and eggs decreased from the previous month.

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

May 2007 level. The mid-May price for sows and all milk decreased from the previous year's level.

The Livestock Price Index of 114 was up 4 points from last month's index and 7 points above May 2007. The Crop Price Index of 230 was up 2 points from the index last month and 88 points above last year.

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**AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -- INDIANA AND UNITED STATES
MAY 2008 WITH COMPARISONS 1/**

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		May 2007	April 2008	May 15 2008	May 2007	April 2008	May 15 2008
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	3.65	5.49	5.55	3.49	5.15	5.12
Soybeans	Bu.	7.36	12.30	12.70	7.12	12.00	12.30
Winter Wheat	Bu.	4.54	10.70	7.05	4.77	9.61	7.76
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	2.49	3.48	3.46
All Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	138.00	152.00	166.00
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	145.00	157.00	177.00
Other Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	115.00	140.00	134.00
Apples 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.269	.335	.339
All Hogs	Cwt.	52.20	47.60	56.10	53.10	44.10	54.10
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	53.40	49.90	58.70	53.90	45.30	55.50
Sows	Cwt.	38.20	20.70	26.00	34.10	17.20	23.00
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	92.80	86.60	90.50
Milk Cows 3/	Head	3/	2030.00	3/	3/	1940.00	3/
All Milk	Cwt.	18.20	18.80	18.10	18.00	18.00	18.20
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	18.20	18.80	4/	18.00	18.00	18.20
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	13.40	7/	4/	17.60	17.70	18.50
Eggs 5/	Doz.	.610	.850	.700	.618	.884	.698
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.483	.551	.580

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.

APRIL EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 540 million eggs during April 2008, 2 percent below a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.3 million, was down 1 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year. The rate of lay at 2,224 eggs per 100 layers, was slightly above last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.89 million egg-type chicks during April, down 19 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-April 2008 was 21.1 million, down 4 percent from the same period of 2007.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during April 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2008 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up slightly from April 2007. Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2008 totaled 41.1 million, up 5 percent from April 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.6 million on May 1, 2008, up 10 percent from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., APRIL 2007-2008

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	24,878	24,280	98	345,578	341,159	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,215	2,224	100	2,162	2,164	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	551	540	98	7,472	7,384	99
Table Eggs (millions)	539	528	98	6,367	6,278	99
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	12	100	1,105	1,106	100
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	6,003	4,892	81	39,254	41,051	105
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	679,796	665,215	98

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on April 30, 2008 were greater than year earlier levels for turkey, chicken, pork, eggs, butter and beef.

Butter stocks were up 13 percent from last month and up 3 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 1 percent from the previous month and up 14 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down slightly from the previous

month but up 23 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 1 percent from last month and up 62 percent from last year.

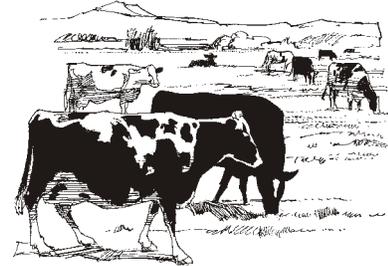
Total frozen poultry supplies on April 30, 2008 were up 4 percent from the previous month and up 28 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 1 percent from the previous month but up 24 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 15 percent from last month and up 37 percent from April 30, 2007.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 14 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during April 2008 totaled 139.6 million pounds, up 14 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 3,500 cattle killed totaled 3.7 million pounds. Total live weight of the 691,800 hogs killed totaled 181.2 million pounds. The 3,200 sheep slaughtered during April 2008 totaled 333,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during April 2008 totaled 4.30 billion pounds, up 14 percent from the 3.75 billion pounds produced in April 2007. Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 12 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 10 percent from April 2007. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,259 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.9 million pounds, 1 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,300 head, up 29 percent from April 2007. The average live weight was down 70 pounds from last year, at 278

pounds. Pork production totaled 2.02 billion pounds, up 18 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.99 million head, up 18 percent from April 2007. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.3 million pounds, was up 2 percent from April 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 221,400 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, unchanged from April a year ago.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

Species	Indiana				United States			
	April		Jan - Apr		April		Jan - Apr	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<u>Cattle</u>								
Number of Head (000)	2.7	3.5	12.1	13.6	2,701.4	2,959.6	10,855.9	11,229.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,046	1,052	1,049	1,055	1,235	1,259	1,264	1,278
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2,836	3,678	12,693	14,345	3,324,065	3,714,432	13,675,792	14,299,197
<u>Calves</u>								
Number of Head (000)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	56.9	73.3	268.7	284.8
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	348	278	324	273
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	19,691	20,128	86,483	76,765
<u>Hogs</u>								
Number of Head (000)	605.7	691.8	2,504.5	2,782.2	8,466.9	9,994.7	35,150.9	39,591.5
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	263	262	264	265	270	269	270	271
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	159,017	181,199	660,581	737,849	2,284,838	2,690,031	9,489,007	10,717,049
<u>Sheep</u>								
Number of Head (000)	2.5	3.2	7.8	9.1	216.6	221.4	915.6	877.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	104	105	107	107	138	138	140	140
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	259	333	836	975	29,941	30,609	127,985	122,491

^{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 DOWN 6 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in April 2008. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of April 6-12, 2008 totaled 44,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.43.

There were 919,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 6-12, 2008, down 7 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 700,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 219,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.60 per hour during the April 2008 reference week, up 40 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.65 per hour, up 30 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$10.32 per hour compared with \$9.59 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.87 per hour, was up 45 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 41.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

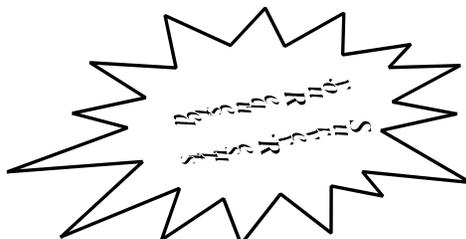
HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES ^{1/} _{2/}

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	47	44	736	700
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	38	34	593	563
149 Days or Less	9	10	143	137
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	42.2	37.5	40.7	41.0
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	9.86	10.32	9.35	9.65
Livestock	9.16	10.73	9.59	10.32
Field & Livestock	9.45	10.45	9.42	9.87
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	10.17	11.43	10.20	10.60

^{1/} Reference weeks were April 6-12 in 2008 and April 8-14 in 2007. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska. _{2/} Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

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