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### INDIANA'S HOG INVENTORY DOWN 5 PERCENT

Indiana producers had a total inventory of 3.50 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 2008, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Market hogs, at 3.22 million head, were 5 percent below last year. Breeding inventory, at 280,000 head, was down 12 percent from last year. Sows farrowed totaled 140,000 during the September - November 2008 quarter, down 10 percent from the same period a year earlier. Pig crop, at 1.29 million head, decreased 8 percent from last year with a litter rate averaging 9.20, up 2 percent from a year ago. Indiana producers intend to farrow 140,000 sows during both the December 2008 - February 2009 period, and the March - May 2009 period. If realized, farrowings during the December 2008 - February 2009 quarter would be down 10,000 (7 percent) and farrowings during the March - May 2009 quarter would be down 5,000 (3 percent) from the previous year.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2008 was 66.7 million head. This was down 2 percent from both December 1, 2007 and September 1, 2008. Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was down 2 percent from last year but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.6 million head, was down 2 percent from both last year and last quarter. The September - November 2008 U.S. pig crop at 28.4 million head, was down 4 percent from 2007 but up 6 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, down 6 percent from 2007 but up 1 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.50 for the September - November 2008 period, compared to 9.28 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.97 million sows farrow during the December 2008 - February 2009 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2008, but up 2 percent from 2007. Intended farrowings for March - May 2009, at 3.01 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2008 and down 1 percent from 2007.

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### DECEMBER 1 HOGS AND PIGS INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2007-2009 1/

Item	Indiana				United States					
	2007	2008	2009 2/	% of Prev. Year		2007	2008	2009 2/	% of Prev. Year	
				08/07	09/08				08/07	09/08
	<b>1,000 Head</b>			<b>Percent</b>		<b>1,000 Head</b>		<b>Percent</b>		
Hogs and Pigs, Dec. 1	3,700	3,500		95		68,177	66,708		98	
Breeding Hogs	320	280		88		6,233	6,081		98	
Market Hogs	3,380	3,220		95		61,944	60,627		98	
Under 60 Pounds	1,260	1,170		93		22,545	21,297		94	
60-119 Pounds	850	830		98		15,173	15,096		99	
120-179 Pounds	680	610		90		12,658	12,716		100	
180 Pounds and over	590	610		103		11,569	11,518		100	
Farrowing, Sept - Nov										
Sows Farrowing	155	140		90		3,180	2,990		94	
Pigs Per Litter	9.00	9.20		102		9.28	9.50		102	
Pig Crop 3/	1,395	1,288		92		29,513	28,410		96	
Sows Farrowing										
December 4/ - May	285	295	280	104	95	5,935	6,126	5,978	103	98
December 4/ - February	140	150	140	107	93	2,905	3,071	2,971	106	97
March - May	145	145	140	100	97	3,030	3,055	3,007	101	98

1/ Data may not add due to rounding. 2/ Intentions. 3/ Number of pigs born September through November that were on hand December 1 or had been sold. 4/ December of preceding year.

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## PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN

The December 2008 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 139 (1991=100) was down 3 points from November's level and down 16 points from December 2007. The mid-December price for winter wheat and all hogs increased from November. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, all milk and eggs decreased from the previous month.

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soybeans, winter wheat, all milk, and eggs decreased from the previous year's level.

The Livestock Price Index of 106 was up 1 point from last month's index but 15 points below December 2007. The Crop Price Index of 160 was down 5 points from the index last month and 17 points below the previous year.

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### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -- INDIANA AND UNITED STATES DECEMBER 2008 WITH COMPARISONS <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		December 2007	November 2008	December 15 2008	December 2007	November 2008	December 15 2008
		<b>Dollars</b>			<b>Dollars</b>		
Corn	Bu.	4.07	4.04	4.00	3.77	4.26	4.05
Soybeans	Bu.	10.30	9.47	8.60	10.00	9.38	8.97
Winter Wheat	Bu.	7.59	3.82	3.88	7.70	5.64	5.06
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	2.69	2.99	2.40
All Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	127.00	147.00	141.00
Alfalfa Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	135.00	163.00	155.00
Other Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	115.00	116.00	113.00
Apples <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.350	.342	.296
All Hogs	Cwt.	41.20	43.70	45.50	39.60	40.80	42.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	42.90	44.10	45.40	40.40	41.00	42.40
Sows	Cwt.	25.50	40.30	46.40	21.00	36.40	42.60
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	89.20	84.90	79.90
Milk Cows <sup>3/</sup>	Head	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	21.70	18.30	17.50	21.50	17.10	15.90
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	21.70	18.30	<u>4/</u>	21.50	17.10	15.90
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	18.60	<u>7/</u>	<u>4/</u>	20.80	16.60	15.90
Eggs <sup>5/</sup>	Doz.	1.330	.890	.880	1.280	.894	.860
Turkeys <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.526	.589	.445

<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.

## COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2008 were greater than year earlier levels for turkey, chicken, pork, and cheese.

Butter stocks were down 20 percent from last month and down 16 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 2 percent from the previous month and up 5 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 1 percent from the previous month

and up 9 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 59 percent from last month and up slightly from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2008 were down 13 percent from the previous month but up 28 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 4 percent from the previous month and up 14 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 36 percent from last month but up 79 percent from November 30, 2007.

## INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 6 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during November 2008 totaled 138.7 million pounds, down 6 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 2,800 cattle killed totaled 3.0 million pounds. Total live weight of the 678,300 hogs killed totaled 181.0 million pounds. The 2,000 sheep slaughtered during November 2008 totaled 232,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during November 2008 totaled 3.87 billion pounds, down 10 percent from the 4.30 billion pounds produced in November 2007. Beef production, at 1.96 billion pounds, was 12 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.52 million head, down 11 percent from November 2007. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the

previous year, at 1,302 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 13 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 81,400 head, up 38 percent from November 2007. The average live weight was down 51 pounds from last year, at 240 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.89 billion pounds, down 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.32 million head, down 7 percent from November 2007. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 271 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was down 20 percent from November 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,700 head, 18 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER <sup>1/</sup>

Species	Indiana				United States			
	November		Jan - Nov		November		Jan - Nov	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Cattle</b>								
Number of Head (000)	2.9	2.8	35.9	37.5	2,830.7	2,519.0	31,616.1	31,698.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,057	1,056	1,053	1,061	1,304	1,302	1,271	1,280
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,060	2,979	37,805	39,786	3,677,465	3,267,744	40,046,571	40,436,806
<b>Calves</b>								
Number of Head (000)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	58.9	81.4	697.1	863.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	291	240	307	259
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	16,919	19,313	212,191	220,287
<b>Hogs</b>								
Number of Head (000)	720.6	678.3	7,068.8	7,612.1	10,049.2	9,325.0	99,481.7	106,312.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	267	267	262	262	272	271	268	268
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	191,935	181,003	1,849,093	1,992,306	2,734,844	2,524,617	26,680,960	28,459,077
<b>Sheep</b>								
Number of Head (000)	1.9	2.0	23.5	25.2	236.7	193.7	2,464.6	2,324.6
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	111	114	108	109	136	133	136	137
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	205	232	2,533	2,740	32,168	25,802	334,654	316,881

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2008. The inventory was 6 percent below December 1, 2007 and 5 percent below December 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.02 million, 5 percent below 2007 but 7 percent above 2006. Net placements were 1.95 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 630,000, 700-799 pounds were 450,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 370,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.58 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 12 percent below 2006. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during November, 18 percent above 2007 and 19 percent below 2006.

## NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 531 million eggs during November 2008, 5 percent below a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.0 million, was up 1 percent from last month but down 3 percent from last year. The rate of lay at 2,215 eggs per 100 layers, was down 2 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.61 million egg-type chicks during November, down 7 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-November 2008 was 57.1 million, down 2 percent from the same period of 2007.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.51 billion during November 2008, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 970 million were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2008 averaged 339 million, down 2 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,217 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2007. Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2008 totaled 36.6 million, up 1 percent from November 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.8 million on December 1, 2008, down 3 percent from a year ago.

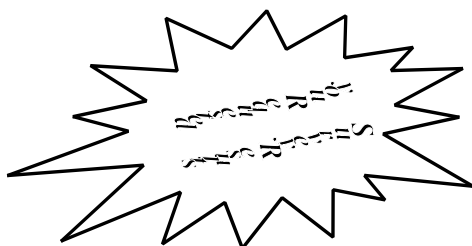
### EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., NOVEMBER 2007-2008

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	24,671	23,968	97	344,229	338,926	98
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,266	2,215	98	2,191	2,217	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	559	531	95	7,542	7,513	100
Table Eggs (millions)	547	519	95	6,451	6,472	100
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	12	100	1,090	1,041	96
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,955	4,608	93	36,232	36,607	101
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	760,033	705,587	93

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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