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INDIANA CATTLE NUMBERS DOWN 3 PERCENT

Indiana's cattle producers had a total inventory of 860,000 head on January 1, 2009, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Beef cows in Indiana, at 213,000 head, decreased 9 percent from 2008. Milk cows, at 167,000 head, increased 1 percent from the previous year.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2009, totaled 94.5 million head, 2 percent below the 96.0 million on January 1, 2008. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.0 million, were down 2 percent from the 41.7 million on January 1, 2008. Beef cows, at 31.7 million, were

down 2 percent from January 1, 2008. Milk cows, at 9.33 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2008. Other class estimates on January 1, 2009, and the change from January 1, 2008, are as follows: beef replacement heifers, 5.53 million, down 2 percent; milk replacement heifers, 4.41 million, down slightly; steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.8 million, down 2 percent. The 2008 calf crop was estimated at 36.1 million head, down 2 percent from 2007. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.3 million, down 1 percent from 2007.



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CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 2009

Class	Indiana			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as a % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as a % of 2008
	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All Cattle and Calves	890	860	97	96,035	94,491	98
Cows and Heifers that have Calved:	400	380	95	41,692	41,005	98
Beef Cows	234	213	91	32,435	31,671	98
Milk Cows	166	167	101	9,257	9,333	101
Heifers 500 lb. and over	172	157	91	19,854	19,586	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	40	36	90	5,647	5,526	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	77	66	86	4,415	4,410	100
Other Heifers	55	55	100	9,793	9,650	99
Steers 500 lb. and over	105	104	99	17,163	16,774	98
Bulls 500 lb. and over	19	16	84	2,207	2,184	99
All Calves under 500 lb.	194	203	105	15,118	14,943	99
Cattle and Calves, Number on Feed	110	120	109	14,827	13,851	93
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>08/07</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>08/07</u>
Calf Crop (entire year)	355	315	89	36,759	36,113	98

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VEGETABLES, FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING

Tomatoes harvested for fresh market in Indiana during 2008 totaled 900 acres, a decrease of 10 percent from the previous year. Yield per acre at 160 cwt. was up 7 percent from 2007. Total production at 144,000 cwt. decreased 4 percent below the 150,000 produced the previous year. The value of production increased 11 percent to total 13.5 million dollars. **Processing tomato** acreage harvested at 8,300 acres was down 1 percent from the 2007 level. Production, at 249,000 tons, was down 15 percent from last year and the total value of the crop, at 24.9 million dollars,

was 10 percent below the 2007 level. Indiana growers harvested 2,300 acres of **cantaloups**, unchanged from the 2007 level. The average yield per acre was 200 cwt. compared to 180 cwt. in 2007. Total production of 460,000 cwt. increased 46,000 cwt. above the 2007 production. **Watermelon** growers harvested 7,200 acres, down 3 percent from the previous year. An average yield of 380 cwt. per acre was up 6 percent from the average yield in 2007. Total production of 2.74 million cwt. increased 3 percent above the 2.66 million cwt. produced a year earlier.

VEGETABLES, FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2007 - 2008

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Unit	Total Value	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008
Indiana	<u>Acres</u>							<u>1,000 Dollars</u>	
Fresh Market									
Tomatoes	1,000	900	150	160	150,000	144,000	Cwt	12,150	13,536
Sweet Corn	5,400	5,400	85	70	459,000	378,000	Cwt	10,511	11,718
Cantaloups	2,300	2,300	180	200	414,000	460,000	Cwt	6,707	9,108
Watermelons	7,400	7,200	360	380	2,664,000	2,736,000	Cwt	20,246	27,086
Processing									
Tomatoes	8,400	8,300	35.00	30.00	294,000	249,000	Tons	27,636	24,900
Snap Beans	5,000	4,500	3.15	3.11	15,770	13,980	Tons	3,158	2,959
Cucumbers	1,700	1,700	4.30	4.30	7,310	7,310	Tons	2,544	2,559
United States									
Fresh Market									
Tomatoes	108,100	105,250	311	296	33,627,000	31,137,000	Cwt	1,168,693	1,414,131
Sweet Corn	234,000	232,780	122	125	28,504,000	29,068,000	Cwt	646,374	752,621
Cantaloups	73,820	71,730	277	269	20,426,000	19,294,000	Cwt	302,485	370,821
Watermelons	129,000	125,550	290	315	37,349,000	39,551,000	Cwt	422,546	492,446
Processing									
Tomatoes	313,600	296,500	40.37	41.50	12,659,890	12,305,820	Tons	901,761	950,454
Sweet Corn	367,600	360,600	7.88	7.85	2,897,430	2,832,490	Tons	236,908	330,329
Snap Beans	198,770	198,300	3.79	4.07	753,730	808,000	Tons	126,620	177,278
Cucumbers	101,500	96,300	5.33	5.88	541,230	566,180	Tons	175,822	178,847

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 37,000 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 6, 2009. 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.



PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP

The January 2009 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 150 (1991=100) was up 4 points from December's level but down 7 points from January 2008. The mid-January price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, all hogs, and eggs increased from December. The mid-month price for all milk decreased from the previous month.

The mid-month price for corn, and sows increased from the January 2008 level. The mid-January price for soybeans,

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

The Livestock Price Index of 105 was down 1 point from last month's index and 18 points below January 2008. The Crop Price Index of 177 was up 6 points from the index last month but 2 points below the previous year.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -- INDIANA AND UNITED STATES JANUARY 2009 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		January 2008	December 2008	January 15 2009	January 2008	December 2008	January 15 2009
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	4.23	4.15	4.25	3.98	4.10	4.15
Soybeans	Bu.	10.10	9.71	10.00	9.95	9.24	9.92
Winter Wheat	Bu.	7.56	4.94	4.98	7.75	5.41	5.29
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	2.88	3.10	2.30
All Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	126.00	141.00	136.00
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	136.00	155.00	149.00
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	111.00	113.00	110.00
Apples ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.355	.296	.276
All Hogs	Cwt.	39.50	45.90	46.40	37.20	41.90	41.90
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	40.90	45.60	46.10	38.10	41.90	41.80
Sows	Cwt.	23.10	48.10	48.80	18.50	43.40	44.10
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	87.30	79.80	80.50
Milk Cows ^{3/}	Head	2040.00	<u>3/</u>	1800.00	1960.00	<u>3/</u>	1630.00
All Milk	Cwt.	21.70	16.90	16.00	20.50	15.60	13.80
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	21.70	16.90	<u>4/</u>	20.50	15.60	13.80
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>4/</u>	19.60	15.50	12.80
Eggs ^{5/}	Doz.	1.210	.880	.900	1.200	.860	.896
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.448	.445	.437

^{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.

TOTAL GOAT INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 3.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.54 million head down 2 percent from 2008. All market goats and kids totaled 528,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago. On January 1,

2009 meat and all other goats totaled 2.55 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. Milk goat inventory increased 4 percent to 335,000 head while angora goats were down 10 percent totaling 185,000 head.

ALL GOATS: NUMBER BY TYPE: INDIANA AND UNITED STATES JANUARY 1, 2008-2009 ^{1/}

Class	Indiana			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
All Goats	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	3,118,000	3,070,000	98
Angora Goats	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	205,000	185,000	90
Milk Goats	10,000	10,500	105	323,000	335,000	104
Meat & Other Goats	36,000	31,000	86	2,590,000	2,550,000	98

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

INDIANA SHEEP NUMBERS DOWN 4 PERCENT

Sheep and lambs on Indiana farms January 1, 2009 totaled 50,000 head, down 4 percent from last year's inventory. The breeding sheep totaled 43,000 head, down 7 percent from a year ago. The sheep inventory included 34,000 ewes one year old and older, down 3 percent from the previous year. The 2008 lamb crop in Indiana was 41,000 head, down 5 percent from 2007.

from 2008. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.25 million head on January 1, 2009, down 4 percent from 4.43 million head on January 1, 2008. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.40 million head, were 4 percent below last year. The 2008 lamb crop of 3.71 million head, was down 5 percent from 2007. The 2008 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2008 down 3 percent from 2007.

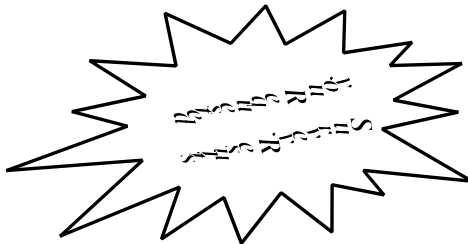
All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2009 totaled 5.75 million head, down 3 percent

SHEEP AND LAMBS, BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 2009 1/

Class	Indiana			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as a % of	2008	2009	2009 as a % of
	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All Sheep and Lambs	52.0	50.0	96	5,950.0	5,747.0	97
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	46.0	43.0	93	4,431.5	4,247.0	96
Ewes	35.0	34.0	97	3,540.0	3,403.5	96
Rams	2.5	2.5	100	194.5	195.0	100
Replacement Lambs	8.5	6.5	76	697.0	648.5	93
Market Sheep and Lambs	6.0	7.0	117	1,518.5	1,500.0	99
Market Sheep	1.0	1.0	100	82.5	81.0	98
Market Lambs	5.0	6.0	120	1,436.0	1,419.0	99
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>08/07</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>08/07</u>
Lamb Crop (entire year)	43.0	41.0	95	3,895.0	3,710.0	95

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