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### INDIANA'S CROP RANKINGS

Indiana's national ranking in crop production during 2008 increased from 2007 for two crops. Corn production remained in its 5th position ranking and soybean production remained in 4th place. All hay production moved up one position to 31st place, while blueberry production moved up one spot to 10th position in the national ranking.

Indiana crops that remained in the same positions were winter wheat (17th), tomatoes for processing (2nd), peppermint (4th), spearmint (5th), cantaloup (4th), and watermelon (6th). One crop that decreased one position was oats to 27th place while sweet corn decreased its position two spots to 17th place. Commercial apple production decreased its position four places to 22nd spot.

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#### INDIANA'S RANK IN CROP PRODUCTION AMONG STATES, 2008

Crop	Unit	Top Ranking States and Indiana					
		First		Second		Indiana	
		State	Production	State	Production	Rank	Production
			<u>Thousand</u>		<u>Thousand</u>		<u>Thousand</u>
Corn, Grain	Bu	Iowa	2,188,800	Illinois	2,130,100	5	873,600
Soybeans	Bu	Iowa	444,820	Illinois	427,700	4	244,350
Winter Wheat	Bu	Kansas	356,000	Oklahoma	166,500	17	38,640
Oats	Bu	Minnesota	11,900	Wisconsin	11,780	27	375
Hay, All	Ton	Texas	9,211	Missouri	8,820	31	1,867
Apples, Commercial	Lb	Washington	6,100,000	New York	1,230,000	22	23,000
Blueberries	Lb	Michigan	110,000	New Jersey	59,000	10	3,800
Peppermint	Lb	Washington	1,920	Oregon	1,672	4	293
Spearmint	Lb	Washington	1,796	Oregon	240	5	81
Tomatoes for Processing	Ton	California	11,822	Indiana	249	2	249
Cantaloup, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	California	11,700	Arizona	4,850	4	460
Watermelon, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	Florida	8,613	California	6,102	6	2,736
Sweet Corn, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	Florida	6,640	California	4,233	17	378

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## NUMBER OF INDIANA FARMS UNCHANGED

The number of Indiana farms in 2008 which had sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more totaled 61,000, unchanged from the revised number for the 2007 level. The number of operations with \$100,000 or more of sales, at 13,300 increased two percent, mid-size farms, at 16,000, unchanged, and small farms at 31,700, decreased one percent. Total land in farms, at 14.8 million acres, was unchanged from the previous year. The average farm size at 243 acres per farm was also unchanged from the previous year.

Nationally, the number of farms in the United States in 2008 is estimated at 2.2 million, 0.2 percent fewer than in 2007. Total land in farms, at 919.9 million acres, decreased 1.56 million acres, or 0.2 percent, from 2007. The average farm size was 418 acres, unchanged 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, 1999-2008 <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Farms		Land in Farms <sup>2/</sup>		Average Size of Farm <sup>2/</sup>	
	Indiana	U.S.	Indiana	U.S.	Indiana	U.S.
	Thousands		Thousand Acres		Acres	
1999	64.8	2,187.3	15,400	948,460	238	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	15,000	936,750	252	440
2004	59.3	2,113.0	14,900	932,260	251	441
2005	59.0	2,098.7	14,900	927,940	253	442
2006	59.0	2,088.8	14,900	925,790	253	443
2007 <sup>2/</sup>	61.0	2,205.0	14,800	921,460	243	418
2008	61.0	2,200.0	14,800	919,900	243	418

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

<sup>2/</sup> Revised.



## INDIANA WOOL PRODUCTION UNCHANGED

Wool production in Indiana remained unchanged at 250,000 pounds. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 40,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier. The average fleece weight was 6.3 pounds. The total value of shorn wool was \$45,000, 25 percent below last year's total of \$60,000. Wool averaged 18 cents per pound in 2008.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2008 was 33.0 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2007. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.43 million head, down 5 percent from 2007. The average price paid for wool sold in 2008 was 99 cents per pound for a total value of 32.5 million dollars, up 7 percent from 30.2 million dollars in 2007.

### WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2007-2008

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
Sheep Shorn (1,000 Head)	40.0	40.0	100	4,657.0	4,434.0	95
Live Weight Per Fleece (Lbs.)	6.3	6.3	100	7.5	7.4	99
Wool Production (1,000 Lbs.)	250	250	100	34,723	32,963	95
Price Per Pound	.24	.18	141	.87	.99	129
Value (1,000 Dollars) <sup>1/</sup>	60	45	75	30,242	32,486	107

<sup>1/</sup> Production multiplied by marketing year average price for individual States, U.S. value is summation of State values.

## 2008 APPLE AND BLUEBERRY PRODUCTION UP

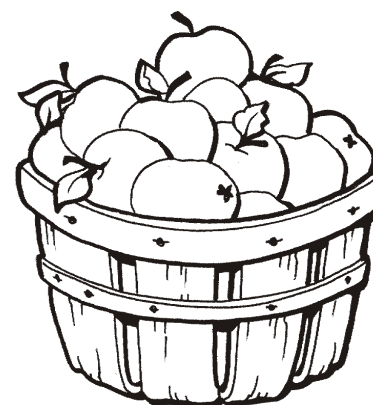
Indiana's commercial apple production totaled 23.0 million pounds during 2008, down 15 percent from the 2007 level of 20.0 million pounds. The 2008 average price per pound increased 8.4 cents from the previous year to 36.4 cents.

Blueberry production totaled 3.8 million pounds compared to 1.6 million pounds in 2007. The average price for all blueberries was 1.53 dollars per pound, 39.0 cents below the average price received during 2007.

United States utilized apple production for 2008 is estimated at 10.0 billion pounds, up 10 percent from 2007. In Michigan, utilized production decreased 27 percent from 2007. Michigan orchards suffered through spring frosts and summer hail, resulting in greatly reduced yields. Most of the Southeast and Midwest States have recovered from the 2007 frost, with yields and production amounts returning to historic levels.

### FRUIT PRODUCTION INDIANA, SELECTED STATES AND U. S., 2007 - 2008

State	Apples			Blueberries		
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07
	Million Pounds		%	Million Pounds		%
California	345.0	330.0	96	--	--	
Illinois	6.0	46.2	770	--	--	
<b>INDIANA</b>	20.0	23.0	115	1.6	3.8	237
Michigan	770.0	560.0	73	93.0	110.0	118
New York	1,310.0	1,230.0	94	2.5	2.5	100
Ohio	55.6	104.0	187	--	--	
Washington	5,200.0	6,100.0	117	29.6	32.0	108
U.S.	9,089.4	10,035.2	110	287.2	348.9	121



## MAJOR AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

Approximately 2,600 Indiana farm operators will be contacted for the USDA's March Agricultural survey.

This major survey will be conducted during the first half of March by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The information gathered will be used to make state and national estimates of crop intentions, grain in storage, and hog and pig inventories.

This survey is important in making accurate crop and livestock estimates, which provide a basis for an orderly marketing system. An orderly marketing system is essential to all involved in agriculture.

The March Agricultural Survey is one of the most important of the many surveys conducted each year by the Indiana Field Office of USDA-NASS. Other Agricultural Surveys are scheduled for June, September and December. The approximately 70,000 farms expected to participate nationally in the March survey are selected from over two million farms nationwide using statistical sampling procedures. Facts about an individual's farm or ranch are strictly confidential and used only in combination with reports from other farmers to produce agricultural statistics for Indiana and the nation.

## INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 283 million pounds during January 2009, down 1 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 167,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,746 pounds for January, 5 pounds above January 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.51 million head, 12,000 head less than December 2008, but 58,000 head more than January 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from production in these same States in January 2008.

**MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION  
INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, JANUARY 2008-2009**

State	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
<b>INDIANA</b>	167	167	1,710	1,695	286	283	99
Illinois	103	102	1,615	1,610	166	164	99
Iowa	216	215	1,680	1,700	363	366	101
Kentucky	91	86	1,185	1,200	108	103	95
Michigan	344	354	1,910	1,875	657	664	101
Minnesota	463	468	1,610	1,630	745	763	102
Ohio	278	277	1,540	1,560	428	432	101
Wisconsin	1,250	1,255	1,635	1,645	2,044	2,064	101
23 State Total	8,451	8,509	1,741	1,746	14,714	14,855	101

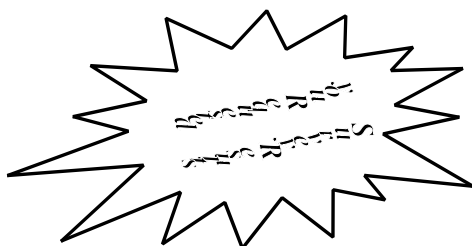
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.



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