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TOP CORN, SOYBEAN AND WHEAT COUNTIES

Indiana's leading counties in the production of corn, soybeans and wheat during 2008 were White County for corn, Boone County for soybeans, and Posey County for winter wheat. White County produced a total of 28.8 million bushels of corn, making it the number one corn producing county. Jasper took second place, followed by Benton, Carroll, Boone, and Clinton counties.

Boone County remained in the number one slot for soybeans, by producing 6.2 million bushels during 2008. Montgomery and Knox counties captured the second and third place spots, respectively. Benton fell to fourth place, followed by Clinton.

Posey County retained the number one position in winter wheat production during 2008 with 3.2 million bushels. Gibson County moved up to second place, while Knox County fell to third place. Allen County retained its fourth position, while Jay County moved up to fifth position.

The preceding information is part of the results of the County Agricultural Production Survey which was conducted last fall after harvest. For further results from this survey, please visit our web site listed on the back of this publication.

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LEADING INDIANA COUNTIES IN PRODUCTION OF CORN, SOYBEANS AND WHEAT

| Rank | 2008 Crop | | | | | |
|------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | Corn | | Soybeans | | Winter Wheat | |
| | County | Production | County | Production | County | Production |
| | | <u>1,000 Bu</u> | | <u>1,000 Bu</u> | | <u>1,000 Bu</u> |
| 1 | White | 28,840.0 | Boone | 6,241.8 | Posey | 3,205.9 |
| 2 | Jasper | 27,614.0 | Montgomery | 5,905.5 | Gibson | 2,379.3 |
| 3 | Benton | 24,384.0 | Knox | 5,514.2 | Knox | 2,008.6 |
| 4 | Carroll | 21,512.0 | Benton | 5,493.7 | Allen | 1,486.4 |
| 5 | Boone | 21,004.0 | Clinton | 5,441.0 | Jay | 1,171.0 |
| 6 | Clinton | 20,763.0 | White | 5,168.4 | Adams | 1,022.6 |
| 7 | Newton | 20,010.0 | Rush | 4,953.8 | Wells | 975.1 |
| 8 | Montgomery | 19,590.0 | Grant | 4,901.8 | De Kalb | 898.4 |
| 9 | Cass | 19,432.0 | Madison | 4,805.3 | Daviess | 880.0 |
| 10 | Pulaski | 18,731.0 | Jasper | 4,690.6 | La Porte | 848.6 |

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HONEY

This data is the result of the Bee and Honey Survey which was conducted last December. Indiana honey production in 2008 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 402,000 pounds, down 5 percent from production in 2007. There were 6,000 colonies producing honey in 2008, down 25 percent from 2007. Prices for the 2008 crop averaged \$1.61 per pound, up 7 percent from the previous year. At the state level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold retail, coop and private.

Nationally, honey production in 2008 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 161 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2007. There were 2.30 million colonies producing honey in 2008, down 6 percent from 2007. Yield per colony averaged 69.9 pounds, up 15 percent from the 60.7 pounds in 2007. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state where the

honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 50.4 million pounds on December 15, 2008, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program. The 2008 all honey price was 141.0 cents, up 31 percent from 107.7 cents in 2007. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2008 were up from the previous year for all color classes and marketing channels. Prices for the 2007 crop reflect honey sold in 2007 and 2008. Some 2007 crop honey was sold in 2008, which caused some revisions to the 2007 crop prices.

NUMBER OF BEE COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS, AND VALUE INDIANA, SELECTED STATES, AND U.S., 2008 ^{1/}

| State | Number of Colonies | Yield Per Colony | Production | Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/} | Average Price Per Pound ^{3/} | Value of Production |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 1,000 | Pounds | 1,000 Pounds | | Cents | \$1,000 |
| Illinois | 8 | 56 | 448 | 116 | 246 | 1,102 |
| Indiana | 6 | 67 | 402 | 129 | 161 | 647 |
| Iowa | 24 | 62 | 1,488 | 580 | 156 | 2,321 |
| Michigan | 71 | 73 | 5,183 | 2,021 | 143 | 7,412 |
| Ohio | 14 | 53 | 742 | 371 | 188 | 1,395 |
| Wisconsin | 58 | 80 | 4,640 | 2,366 | 140 | 6,496 |
| United States | 2,301 | 69.9 | 160,861 | 50,445 | 141.0 | 226,814 |

^{1/} Includes producers with 5 or more colonies. Preliminary. ^{2/} Stocks held by producers. ^{3/} Prices weighted by sales.

INDIANA EGG PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 552 million eggs during January 2009, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.2 million, was slightly below last month, and down 1 percent from last year. The rate of

lay at 2,279 eggs per 100 layers was 2 percent above last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 5.8 million egg-type chicks during January, down 3 percent from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., JANUARY 2008-2009

| Item | Indiana | | | United States | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 as % of 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 as % of 2008 |
| Average Layers on Hand (thousands) | 24,401 | 24,219 | 99 | 344,737 | 340,946 | 99 |
| Eggs Per 100 Layers | 2,238 | 2,279 | 102 | 2,218 | 2,249 | 101 |
| Total Eggs Produced (millions) | 546 | 552 | 101 | 7,646 | 7,667 | 100 |
| Table Eggs (millions) | 533 | 539 | 101 | 6,498 | 6,592 | 101 |
| Hatching Eggs (millions) | 13 | 13 | 100 | 1,149 | 1,075 | 94 |
| Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands) | 5,964 | 5,779 | 97 | 40,167 | 38,083 | 95 |
| Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands) | ^{1/} | ^{1/} | ^{1/} | 821,866 | 778,401 | 95 |

^{1/} Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN

The February 2009 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 143 (1991=100) was down 10 points from January's level and down 30 points from February 2008. The mid-February price for hogs increased from January. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, all milk and eggs decreased from the previous month. The mid-month price for all hogs increased from the February 2008 level. The mid-February price for corn, soybeans, winter

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

The Livestock Price Index of 93 was down 10 points from last month's index and 26 points below February 2008. The Crop Price Index of 175 was down 8 points from the index last month and 32 points below the previous year.

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

| Commodity | Unit | Indiana | | | United States | | |
|---------------------------|------|----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| | | February 2008 | January 2009 | February 15 2009 | February 2008 | January 2009 | February 15 2009 |
| | | Dollars | | | Dollars | | |
| Corn | Bu. | 4.67 | 4.48 | 4.25 | 4.54 | 4.36 | 4.13 |
| Soybeans | Bu. | 12.30 | 10.30 | 9.80 | 11.70 | 9.97 | 9.58 |
| Winter Wheat | Bu. | 9.05 | 5.48 | 4.38 | 9.17 | 5.73 | 5.20 |
| Oats | Bu. | <u>7/</u> | <u>7/</u> | <u>7/</u> | 3.19 | 2.74 | 2.27 |
| All Hay ^{2/} | Ton | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | 129.00 | 136.00 | 132.00 |
| Alfalfa Hay ^{2/} | Ton | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | 138.00 | 149.00 | 143.00 |
| Other Hay ^{2/} | Ton | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | 113.00 | 110.00 | 107.00 |
| Apples ^{2/} | Lb. | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | .348 | .276 | .242 |
| All Hogs | Cwt. | 43.90 | 46.50 | 46.50 | 42.20 | 42.80 | 43.50 |
| Barrows & Gilts | Cwt. | 45.60 | 46.30 | 46.30 | 43.20 | 42.80 | 43.50 |
| Sows | Cwt. | 26.50 | 48.20 | 48.60 | 23.00 | 43.80 | 43.40 |
| All Beef Cattle | Cwt. | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | 89.00 | 80.10 | 80.20 |
| Milk Cows ^{3/} | Head | <u>3/</u> | 1800.00 | <u>3/</u> | <u>3/</u> | 1630.00 | <u>3/</u> |
| All Milk | Cwt. | 20.30 | 14.80 | 13.00 | 19.10 | 13.30 | 11.50 |
| Fluid Milk | Cwt. | 20.30 | 14.80 | <u>4/</u> | 19.10 | 13.30 | 11.50 |
| Manufactured Milk | Cwt. | <u>7/</u> | <u>7/</u> | <u>4/</u> | 18.30 | 12.40 | 11.80 |
| Eggs ^{5/} | Doz. | 1.240 | .900 | .630 | 1.220 | .896 | .639 |
| Turkeys ^{2/} | Lb. | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | <u>6/</u> | .475 | .438 | .464 |

^{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.

NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS DOWN 4 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in January 2009. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of January 11-17, 2009 totaled 26,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.90.

There were 785,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 11-17, 2009, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 595,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 190,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.93 per hour during the January 2009 reference week, up 12 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.96 per hour, up 29 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.18 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.08 per hour, was up 20 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 38.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down fractionally from a year ago.

HIRED WORKERS: EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2008-2009 ^{1/ 2/}

| Item | Eastern Cornbelt | | United States | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | Thousands | | | |
| Hired Workers on | 27 | 26 | 594 | 595 |
| Expected to be | | | | |
| 150 Days or More | 22 | 24 | 506 | 497 |
| 149 Days or Less | 5 | 2 | 88 | 98 |
| | Hours | | | |
| Hours Worked Per | 34.7 | 35.5 | 38.4 | 38.3 |
| | Dollars Per Hour | | | |
| Type of Hired Worker | | | | |
| Field | 10.79 | 11.85 | 9.67 | 9.96 |
| Livestock | 10.92 | 10.85 | 10.18 | 10.27 |
| Field & Livestock | 10.85 | 11.35 | 9.88 | 10.08 |
| Wage Rates for All Hired Workers | 11.60 | 11.90 | 10.81 | 10.93 |

^{1/} Reference weeks were January 11-17 in 2009 and January 6-12 in 2008. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

^{2/} Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 8 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during January 2008 totaled 145.9 million pounds, down 8 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 3,600 cattle killed totaled 3.8 million pounds. Total live weight of the 700,100 hogs killed totaled 189.3 million pounds. The 2,200 sheep slaughtered during January 2008 totaled 251,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during January 2008 totaled 4.17 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in January 2008. Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 6 percent from January 2008. The average live weight

was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,306 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.0 million pounds, 6 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 84,700 head, 19 percent above January 2008. The average live weight was down 24 pounds from last year, at 245 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.03 billion pounds, 6 percent below the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.92 million head, 6 percent below January 2008. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.3 million pounds, was 10 percent below January 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,400 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 2 pounds from January a year ago.

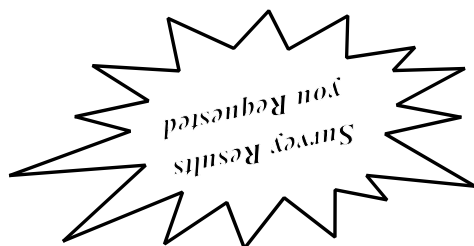
COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

| Species | Indiana | | United States | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | January 2008 | January 2009 | January 2008 | January 2009 |
| Cattle | | | | |
| Number of Head (000) | 4.0 | 3.6 | 2,898.4 | 2,718.4 |
| Average Live Weight (Lbs) | 1,054 | 1,058 | 1,291 | 1,306 |
| Total Live Weight (000 Lbs) | 4,237 | 3,845 | 3,728,444 | 3,537,601 |
| Calves | | | | |
| Number of Head (000) | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | 71.5 | 84.7 |
| Average Live Weight (Lbs) | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | 269 | 245 |
| Total Live Weight (000 Lbs) | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | 18,985 | 20,463 |
| Hogs | | | | |
| Number of Head (000) | 763.3 | 700.1 | 10,557.1 | 9,922.3 |
| Average Live Weight (Lbs) | 269 | 271 | 273 | 272 |
| Total Live Weight (000 Lbs) | 204,909 | 189,318 | 2,875,469 | 2,696,971 |
| Sheep | | | | |
| Number of Head (000) | 1.9 | 2.2 | 213.4 | 189.4 |
| Average Live Weight (Lbs) | 110 | 111 | 139 | 141 |
| Total Live Weight (000 Lbs) | 206 | 251 | 29,649 | 26,649 |

^{1/} Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. ^{2/} Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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