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CROP VALUES DECREASED 12 PERCENT

The total value of Indiana crops in 2008 decreased 12 percent from a year earlier to 6.16 billion dollars. The total value of corn decreased 24 percent. Corn production decreased 11 percent during 2008, with the average price decreasing from \$4.39 in 2007 to \$3.75 per bushel in 2008. Soybean production increased 11 percent while the average price per bushel of soybeans decreased from \$10.20 to \$9.30 per bushel. The total value of production increased 1 percent. Winter wheat's value of production showed a 113 percent increase, while its total production increased 86 percent.

In addition, the average price of winter wheat increased 75 cents per bushel to \$5.95. The total value of oats decreased 8 percent during 2008, along with total production decreasing 12 percent. The average price per bushel for oats increased 15 cents to \$3.90. Popcorn production decreased 5 percent with a 24 percent increase in total value. The remaining crops showed increases in total value from the previous year: all hay, up 27 percent; peppermint, up 4 percent; spearmint, up 27 percent; apples, up 55 percent; and blueberries, up 117 percent.

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SUMMARY OF CROP VALUES, INDIANA AND U.S. 2007 AND 2008

Crop	Indiana			United States		
	Value of Production		2008 as a % of 2007	Value of Production		2008 as a % of 2007
	2007	2008		2007	2008	
	(000) Dollars			(000) Dollars		
Total Value of						
Principal Crops	6,974,313	6,164,413	88	166,070,351	165,126,728	99
Corn for Grain	4,306,502	3,276,000	76	54,666,959	47,377,576	87
Soybeans	2,247,468	2,272,455	101	26,974,406	27,398,638	102
Winter Wheat	107,744	229,908	213	9,077,574	11,950,726	132
Oats	1,590	1,463	92	247,644	262,240	106
All Hay	213,192	271,236	127	16,842,233	18,777,138	111
Popcorn	41,731	51,881	124	1/	1/	
Peppermint	5,535	5,743	104	76,866	83,728	109
Spearmint	967	1,231	127	31,495	35,600	113
Apples	5,045	7,835	155	2,608,220	2,599,499	100
Blueberries	2,690	5,824	217	531,075	538,674	101

1/ Data not available.

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PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

U.S. butter production during January 2009 was 175 million pounds, 3.5 percent above January 2008 and 11.8 percent above December 2008. American type cheese production totaled 353 million pounds for the month, 5.8 percent above January 2008 but 1.7 percent below December 2008. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 821 million pounds, 1.0 percent above January 2008 but 4.4 percent below December 2008. Creamed cottage cheese production was 26.6 million pounds, and lowfat cottage cheese in the U.S. totaled 30.6 million pounds.

The Nation's dairy plants produced 58.2 million gallons of hard ice cream during January 2009, down 7.9 percent from the same period last year. Hard lowfat ice cream output totaled 10.6 million gallons, down 8.4 percent from the January 2008 level. Hard sherbet production was 3.62 million gallons for the month, down 10.2 percent from the previous year. Total frozen yogurt production was 3.42 million gallons, down 4.5 percent from January 2008.

PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2009 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Product	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009	Percent of	
				Jan 2008	Dec 2008
	<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>	
Butter	168.8	156.3	174.7	104	112
American Cheese ^{2/}	334.0	359.5	353.4	106	98
All Cheese	812.7	859.0	821.0	101	96
Cottage Cheese, Curd	36.2	33.1	34.9	96	105
Cottage Cheese, Cream	27.5	26.2	26.6	97	102
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat	32.8	30.3	30.6	93	101
Sour Cream	90.7	99.1	82.8	91	84
	<u>Million Gallons</u>			<u>Percent</u>	
Frozen Products					
Ice Cream (Hard)	63.2	54.5	58.2	92	107
Lowfat Ice Cream (Hard)	11.6	8.7	10.6	92	122
Sherbet (Hard)	4.0	3.6	3.6	90	101
Frozen Yogurt	3.6	3.5	3.4	95	97



^{1/} Percents may not calculate due to rounding.

^{2/} Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

TURKEY HATCHERY

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2009, in the United States totaled 28.2 million, down 12 percent from March 1, 2008. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the February 1, 2009 total of 28.5 million eggs. Turkey poults

hatched during February 2009 in the U. S. totaled 22.9 million, down 11 percent from February 2008. Poults hatched were down 8 percent from the January 2009 total of 24.9 million poults.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division ^{1/}	Eggs in Incubators March 1		Percent of Previous Year	Eggs Hatched during February ^{2/}		Percent of Previous Year
	2008	2009		2008	2009	
	<u>Thousands</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>Thousands</u>		<u>Percent</u>
E N Central	4,576	4,232	92	4,002	3,485	87
W N Central	12,099	11,531	95	10,019	9,165	91
N & S Atlantic ^{2/}	10,509	9,465	90	8,603	7,814	91
S Central & West ^{2/}	4,821	3,004	62	3,155	2,439	77
U.S.	32,005	28,232	88	25,779	22,903	89

^{1/} E N Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI; W N Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and SD; N & S Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV; S Central and West: AL, AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, KY, LA, MS, MT, NM, NV, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, WA, and WY.

^{2/} Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2008 RED MEAT PRODUCTION SETS ALL TIME RECORD HIGH

Commercial red meat production in Indiana during 2008 totaled 1,679.8 million pounds, up 7 percent from a year earlier. The 41,800 cattle slaughtered during 2008 had a total live weight of 44.2 million pounds. Total live weight of the 8.3 million hogs killed was 2.2 billion pounds. The total live weight of the 28,300 sheep slaughtered during 2008 was 3.1 million pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during 2008 totaled 50.4 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the previous

year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 50.2 billion pounds. On-farm production totaled 137 million pounds. Commercial cattle slaughter during 2008 totaled 34.4 million head, up slightly from 2007. Calf slaughter totaled 956,600 head was up 26 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 116.5 million head, 7 percent higher than 2007. Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.56 million head, was down 5 percent from the previous year.

ANNUAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: NUMBER OF HEAD AND TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT INDIANA, SELECTED STATES, AND UNITED STATES, 2008 ^{1/}

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep	
	Number of Head	Total Live Weight	Number of Head	Total Live Weight	Number of Head	Total Live Weight	Number of Head	Total Live Weight
	Thousands	Thou. Lbs	Thousands	Thou. Lbs	Thousands	Thou. Lbs.	Thousands	Thou. Lbs
Indiana	41.8	44,173	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	8,320.0	2,182,132	28.3	3,081
Illinois	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	58.7	15,658	10,842.2	2,988,859	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Iowa	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	0.4	142	32,752.1	8,744,111	354.2	52,235
Kentucky	18.6	17,558	0.5	246	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	12.0	1,489
Ohio	115.6	136,532	37.6	16,971	1,129.3	307,599	14.2	1,498
Wisconsin	1,723.7	2,287,295	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	621.9	276,198	13.4	1,782
United States	34,364.9	43,894,899	956.6	242,846	116,451.9	31,198,694	2,555.5	347,527

^{1/} Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

2/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Data included in U.S. totals.

U.S. POULTRY SLAUGHTER DOWN 12 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during January 2009 was 4.53 billion pounds, down 12 percent from 5.16 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.86 billion pounds, down 12 percent from January 2008. Mature chickens, at 62.1 million pounds, were down 15 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 594 million pounds, down 14 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.0 million pounds, down 11 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2009 averaged 5.56 pounds per bird, down slightly from January 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.63 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2009 averaged 30.5 pounds per bird, up slightly from January 2008.

POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2009 WITH COMPARISONS

	Number Slaughtered			Live Weight		
	Jan 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Jan 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009
	Million Head			Million Pounds		
<u>Chickens</u>						
Young	787.0	709.8	694.7	4,380.8	3,943.8	3,863.5
Mature	13.0	11.5	11.0	73.3	63.8	62.1
Total ^{1/}	799.9	721.3	705.7	4,454.1	4,007.6	3,925.6
<u>Turkeys</u>						
Young	22.6	20.7	19.3	686.3	613.8	588.0
Old	0.1	0.2	0.2	3.0	4.7	5.6
Total ^{1/}	22.7	20.9	19.5	689.4	618.4	593.6
<u>Ducks</u>	2.2	2.2	2.0	14.6	14.7	13.0

^{1/} Totals may differ due to rounding.

INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 261 million pounds during February 2009, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 167,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.7 billion pounds, down 2.5 percent from production in these same States in February 2008.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,608 pounds for February, 48 pounds below February 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.49 million head, 16,000 head less than January 2009, but 31,000 head more than February 2008.



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

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
INDIANA	167	167	1,600	1,560	267	261	98
Illinois	102	102	1,515	1,510	155	154	99
Iowa	216	215	1,600	1,550	346	333	96
Michigan	344	354	1,760	1,695	605	600	99
Minnesota	463	468	1,520	1,490	704	697	99
Ohio	280	277	1,445	1,445	405	400	99
Wisconsin	1,250	1,255	1,545	1,500	1,931	1,883	98
23 State Total	8,457	8,488	1,656	1,608	14,007	13,650	97

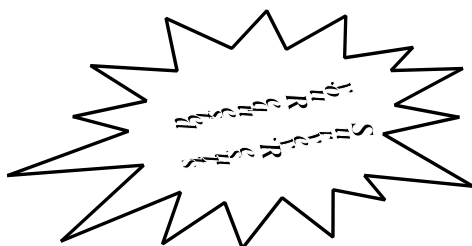


^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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