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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP

The April 2009 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 142 (1991=100) was up 5 points from March's level but down 41 points from April 2008. The mid-April price for soybeans, all milk, and eggs increased from March. The mid-month price for corn, winter wheat, and all hogs decreased from the previous month.

The mid-month price for sows increased from the April 2008 level.

The mid-April price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, barrows and gilts, milk cows, all milk, and eggs decreased from the previous year's level.

The Livestock Price Index of 95 was up 3 points from last month's index but 15 points below April 2008. The Crop Price Index of 171 was up 6 points from the index last month but 57 points below the previous year.

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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -- INDIANA AND UNITED STATES APRIL 2009 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		April 2008	March 2009	April 15 2009	April 2008	March 2009	April 15 2009
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	5.49	3.93	3.90	5.14	3.86	3.87
Soybeans	Bu.	12.30	9.49	10.30	12.00	9.12	9.89
Winter Wheat	Bu.	10.70	5.79	4.80	9.62	5.26	5.16
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	3.47	2.77	2.16
All Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	147.00	129.00	129.00
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	161.00	137.00	133.00
Other Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	120.00	109.00	117.00
Apples 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.338	.221	.208
All Hogs	Cwt.	47.60	47.10	46.80	44.40	43.80	43.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	49.90	47.20	46.90	45.50	43.90	43.50
Sows	Cwt.	20.70	46.40	45.70	17.30	41.60	41.00
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	86.80	79.00	82.80
Milk Cows 3/	Head	2030.00	3/	1500.00	1940.00	3/	1390.00
All Milk	Cwt.	18.80	12.00	12.30	18.00	11.80	12.00
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	18.80	12.00	4/	18.00	11.80	12.10
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	7/	7/	4/	17.70	11.10	11.30
Eggs 5/	Doz.	.850	.640	.750	.884	.643	.771
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.551	.471	.472

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.

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TOP CATTLE PRODUCING COUNTIES

Elkhart county led the State for all cattle. Jasper county moved into second place, followed by Lagrange county in third place. Dubois and Washington counties held on to their spot, claiming fourth and fifth positions, respectively. Washington county claimed the top spot for beef cows for the January 1, 2009 inventory. Lawrence county dropped to

second place, followed by Dubois. Greene and Harrison counties tied for fourth. Jasper county maintained its first place position for milk cows. Elkhart, Newton, Lagrange, and Adams counties remained in second, third, fourth, and fifth positions, respectively for milk cows.

TOP TEN COUNTIES IN INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2009

Cattle and Calves		Rank	Beef Cows		Rank	Milk Cows	
Elkhart	44,600	1	Washington	9,300	1	Jasper	22,200
Jasper	40,800	2	Lawrence	8,700	2	Elkhart	18,100
Lagrange	34,200	3	Dubois	7,900	3	Newton	14,600
Dubois	25,400	4	Greene	7,300	4	Lagrange	9,800
Washington	24,400	5	Harrison	7,300	5	Adams	7,500
Harrison	22,100	6	Orange	4,900	6	Marshall	7,100
Kosciusko	21,000	7	Perry	4,900	7	Noble	5,000
Lawrence	20,600	8	Ripley	4,900	8	LaPorte	4,300
Marshall	18,300	9	Franklin	4,800	9	Cass	3,500
Adams	17,900	10	Monroe	4,600	10	Huntington	3,500
						Steuben	3,500

MARCH EGG PRODUCTION VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED

Indiana's laying flocks produced 562 million eggs during March 2009, virtually unchanged from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.3 million, was down slightly from both last month and last year. The rate of lay at 2,311 eggs per 100 layers, was up slightly from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 5.68 million egg-type chicks during March, up 10 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-March 2008 was 16.3 million, up 1 percent from the same period of 2008.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.72 billion during March 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2009 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,269 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2008. Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2008 totaled 40.1 million, up 1 percent from March 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.6 million on April 1, 2009, up slightly from a year ago.

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

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	24,415	24,315	100	342,017	340,451	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,306	2,311	100	2,244	2,269	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	563	562	100	7,675	7,724	101
Table Eggs (millions)	551	547	99	6,517	6,632	102
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	15	125	1,159	1,093	94
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	5,174	5,681	110	39,547	40,137	101
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	832,899	783,348	94

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 7 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during March 2009 totaled 145.6 million pounds, up 7 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 3,200 cattle killed totaled 3.4 million pounds. Total live weight of the 704,400 hogs killed totaled 189.3 million pounds. The 2,300 sheep slaughtered during March 2009 totaled 266,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during March 2009 totaled 4.14 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in March 2008. Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, up slightly from March 2008. The average live weight was up 29 pounds

from the previous year, at 1,305 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, 8 percent above March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,800 head, up 12 percent from March 2008. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from last year, at 263 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.97 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.65 million head, down slightly from March 2008. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.9 million pounds, was down slightly from March 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 222,000 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 4 pounds from March a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

Species	Indiana				United States			
	March		Jan - Mar		March		Jan - Mar	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	3.1	3.2	10.1	10.4	2,728.3	2,730.1	8,270.4	7,975.8
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,056	1,056	1,056	1,056	1,276	1,305	1,284	1,307
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,231	3,378	10,667	10,979	3,469,413	3,550,136	10,580,558	10,387,030
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	71.0	79.8	211.6	238.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	273	263	272	255
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	19,177	20,784	56,778	59,996
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	667.0	704.4	2,090.4	2,063.3	9,660.6	9,652.8	29,600.7	28,488.3
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	265	269	266	270	271	272	271	272
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	176,839	189,337	556,650	556,077	2,615,373	2,622,851	8,025,702	7,738,629
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.3	2.3	5.9	6.6	230.6	222.0	655.4	591.6
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	107	113	109	113	139	143	140	142
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	249	266	642	747	32,059	31,764	91,792	83,940

^{1/} 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.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2009 were greater than year earlier levels for eggs, turkey, and cheese.

Butter stocks were up 5 percent from last month but down 4 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 4 percent from the previous month and down 6 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 5 percent from the previous month and down 10 percent

from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 3 percent from last month and down 26 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on March 31, 2009 were up 3 percent from the previous month but down 4 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 17 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 10 percent from last month and up 19 percent from March 31, 2008.

U.S. POULTRY SLAUGHTER DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during March 2009 was 4.71 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 4.74 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.03 billion pounds, down slightly from March 2008. Mature chickens, at 68.1 million pounds, were down 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 592 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.3 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2009 averaged 5.55 pounds per bird, down slightly from March 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.79 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2009 averaged 29.4 pounds per bird, up slightly from March 2008.

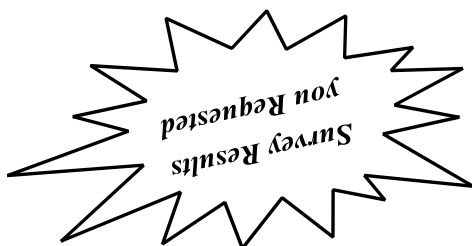
POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION UNITED STATES, MARCH 2009 WITH COMPARISONS

	Number Slaughtered			Live Weight		
	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2009	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2009
	<u>Million Head</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>		
<u>Chickens</u>						
Young	726.8	657.2	727.0	4,037.8	3,642.6	4,034.2
Mature	12.7	10.2	11.8	71.8	59.4	68.1
Total ^{1/}	739.6	667.4	738.7	4,109.6	3,702.0	4,102.3
<u>Turkeys</u>						
Young	20.8	18.7	19.9	610.4	555.2	587.1
Old	0.2	0.1	0.2	4.6	3.3	4.9
Total ^{1/}	20.9	18.8	20.1	615.0	558.4	592.0
<u>Ducks</u>	2.0	1.7	2.0	13.8	11.2	13.3

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

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