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## USDA to Measure Financial Well-Being of Indiana Farmers

Beginning in January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will spend several weeks gathering information about farm economics and production practices from farmers and ranchers across Indiana, as the agency conducts the third and final phase of the 2023 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). ARMS is a joint effort between NASS and USDA’s Economic Research Service. The information farmers and ranchers provide through the survey influences national and state policy-making decisions. In addition, ARMS data are used to calculate the farm sector portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The survey also collects detailed information on production practices, costs, and returns for 13 principal commodities on a rotating basis.

In an effort to obtain the most accurate data, NASS will reach out to more than 40,000 producers nationwide, including over 1,600 in Indiana, between January and April. The survey asks producers to provide in-depth information about their operating revenues, production costs, and household characteristics. The 2023 ARMS survey in Indiana includes a special version of the questionnaire focused on farm costs and

returns for soybean producers. The survey also includes questions on conservation practices, farm and household finances, and off-farm employment. In January, interviewers will begin reaching out to those farmers who have not yet responded by mail or on-line. We appreciate their time and are here to help them with the questionnaire so that their information will continue supporting sound agricultural decision-making.

In addition to producing accurate information, NASS has strong safeguards in place to protect the confidentiality of all farmers who respond to its surveys. The agency will only publish data in an aggregate form, ensuring the confidentiality of all responses and that no individual respondent or operation can be identified.

The expense data gathered in ARMS will be published in the annual *Farm Production Expenditures* report on July 26, 2024. That report and others are available at [nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://nass.usda.gov/Publications). More reports based on ARMS data and more information about ARMS are available at [ers.usda.gov/arms](http://ers.usda.gov/arms).

## Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Indiana totaled 36.2 million during October, down 3 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 913 million eggs, down 2 percent from last year. The rate of lay during October was 2,522 eggs per 100 layers. All layers in

the U.S. totaled 389.4 million during October, up 3 percent from a year ago. There were 23.0 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in October, up 2 percent from the previous year.

### Egg and Hatchery Production - Indiana and United States: October 2022 and 2023

Item	2022	2023	Percent Change
<b>Indiana</b>			
All layers .....thousand	37,134	36,192	-3
Eggs per hundred layers .....number	2,515	2,522	0
Eggs produced ..... million	934	913	-2
<b>U.S.</b>			
All Layers .....thousand	377,572	389,378	3
Eggs per hundred layers .....number	2,443	2,452	0
Eggs produced ..... million	9,225	9,549	4
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Nov 1 .....thousand	26,479	25,752	-3
Turkey Poults hatched, Oct .....thousand	22,454	22,952	2

## October Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of October 2023 are listed in the table below. Some Indiana highlights were: October corn, at \$4.85 per bushel, decreased \$0.51 from September and decreased \$1.61 from last year; October soybeans, at \$12.80 per bushel, decreased \$0.40 from last month and decreased \$0.80 from last year; October wheat, at \$6.12 per bushel, increased \$0.19 from September but decreased \$2.72 from last year; October milk, at \$22.80 per cwt., increased \$1.40 from last month but decreased \$3.40 from last year.

Nationally, the October Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 114.1, decreased 6.3 percent from

September and 11 percent from October 2022. At 104.0, the Crop Production Index was down 7.6 percent from last month and 14 percent from the previous year. The Livestock Production Index, at 133.5, increased 0.3 percent from September, but decreased 4.1 percent from October last year. Producers received lower prices for corn, hogs, soybeans, and apples but higher prices during October for milk, calves, cattle, and dry beans. In addition to prices, the volume change of commodities marketed also influences the indexes. In October, there was decreased marketing of cattle, milk, broilers, and wheat and increased monthly movement for soybeans, corn, cotton, and calves.

### Prices Received by Farmers<sup>1</sup> - Indiana and United States: October 2023 with Comparisons

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn .....dollars/bu	6.46	5.36	4.85	6.49	5.21	4.93
Soybeans .....dollars/bu	13.60	13.20	12.80	13.50	13.20	12.70
Wheat, winter .....dollars/bu	8.84	5.93	6.12	9.09	6.71	6.43
Milk, all .....dollars/cwt	26.20	21.40	22.80	25.60	21.00	21.60

<sup>1</sup> Entire month weighted average price.

## October Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 377 million pounds of milk during October, up 2.4 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Indiana averaged 1,975 pounds for September, 5 pounds below October 2022. The dairy herd was estimated at 191,000 head for October, up 5,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk cows in October was \$1,930 per head, up \$140 from a year ago. The average price of milk sold in October by Indiana dairy producers was \$22.80 per cwt., \$3.40 less than the price in October 2022.

### Milk Cows, Production, and Price - Indiana: October 2022 and 2023

Item	2022	2023
Cows.....1,000 hd	186	191
Milk per cow.....lbs/month	1,980	1,975
Production.....mil lbs	368	377
Milk cow price..... dol/hd	1,790	1,930
Milk price, all .....dol/cwt	26.20	22.80
Fat test .....pct	4.07	4.05
Protein <sup>1</sup> .....pct	3.28	3.26

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## Red Meat Production

Commercial red meat production in Indiana totaled 169.8 million pounds in October 2023, down slightly from October 2022.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.77 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 4.76 billion pounds produced in October 2022.

Beef production, at 2.34 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, down 3 percent from October 2022. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,374 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.2 million pounds, 8 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 23,100 head, down 24 percent from October 2022. The average live weight was up 49 pounds from last year, at 308 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.42 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.4 million head, up 5 percent from October 2022. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.3 million pounds, was up 7 percent from October 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,500 head, 14 percent above last year. The average live weight was 115 pounds, down 7 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2023 commercial red meat production was 45.2 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

### Commercial Slaughter - Indiana: October 2022 and 2023

Species	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>
Cattle	4.9	5.0	5,904	5,982	1,205	1,206
Calves	0.4	0.6	188	273	437	440
Hogs	785.5	797.6	221,761	222,204	282	279
Sheep	6.6	6.5	737	658	111	102

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin publishing 2023 county level estimates soon. The table below shows the county estimate release schedule. County estimates for 2023 and all previous years will be available on the Quick Stats searchable database ([www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)) at 3:00 p.m. ET on the release date.

### Release Schedule for 2023 County Estimates

Commodity	Release Date
Winter Wheat	December 15, 2023
Corn for Grain	February 23, 2024
Soybeans	February 23, 2024
Cattle & Calves	May 13, 2024



### **Thank You to our Data Providers**

The USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region, Indiana Field Office and enumerator staff are pleased to provide you and the Indiana agricultural industry with current, reliable information as summarized in the following articles. This service is possible because you and other respondents provided us with timely survey responses. Thank you!