

## **LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS**

The total value of the four major species of livestock and poultry on Indiana farms January 1, 1999 (December 1, 1998 for swine and chickens) amounted to \$820.9 million, down 17 percent from a year earlier.

**CATTLE** inventory numbers, at 1.01 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 1998 and value per head at \$590 was \$10 below the previous year. Total cattle inventory value, at \$595.9 million, decreased 1 percent from the \$600.0 million last year. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 420,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier. Of this total, 283,000 were beef cows, down 1 percent from the previous year; and 137,000 were milk cows, up 1 percent from the previous year.

**HOG AND PIG** numbers (December 1, 1998), at 4.05 million, were 3 percent above a year earlier. The average value per head decreased from \$84.00 in 1997 to \$42.00 in 1998. This dropped the total

inventory value to \$170.1 million, 49 percent below a year ago. Indiana remained in fifth place in the nation for the number of hogs on hand December 1.

Indiana **SHEEP** producers had 4 percent more sheep and lambs on hand January 1, 1999 than a year earlier. Breeding sheep totaled 47,000 head. Average value per head at \$140.00, was unchanged from 1997. Total inventory value at \$8.0 million was 4 percent above the previous year.

Total **CHICKEN** inventory, excluding broilers, on December 1, 1998, at 29.4 million birds, was up 8 percent from last year. With this inventory, Indiana ranked fifth in the nation for both total chickens, excluding broilers, and hens and pullets of laying age (22.2 million). The total value of the chicken inventory was \$47.0 million, up 2 percent from 1997. The value per bird decreased \$0.10 from the previous year to \$1.60.

### **LIVESTOCK INVENTORY NUMBERS, INDIANA RECORD HIGHS AND LOWS**

Species	Record High		Record Low		Year
	Number of Head	Year	Number of Head	Year	Series Began
All Cattle and Calves	2,225,000	1976	1,000,000	1998	1867
Milk Cows and Heifers that have Calved <u>1/</u>	848,000	1945	135,000	1998	1867

Beef Cows and Heifers					
	618,000	1976	83,000	1925	1920
that have Calved <u>1/</u>					
All Hogs	5,322,000	1944	2,475,000	1894	1867
Hog Breeding Herd	859,000	1963	450,000	1998	1963
All Sheep and Lambs	985,000	1938	55,000	1998	1920
All Chickens Excluding					
Commercial Broilers	29,357,000	1998	13,963,000	1961	1924

1/ Prior to January 1, 1970, definition was milk cows and beef cows 2 years old and over.