

LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

The total value of the four major species of livestock and poultry on Indiana farms January 1, 2003 (December 1, 2002 for swine and chickens) amounted to \$896.3 million, down 10 percent from a year earlier.

CATTLE inventory numbers, at 860,000, dropped 2 percent from January 1, 2002 and value per head at \$720 was \$70 below the previous year. Total cattle inventory value, at \$619.2 million, decreased 11 percent from the \$695.2 million last year. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 375,000 head, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Of this total, 230,000 were beef cows, up 2 percent from the previous year; and 145,000 were milk cows, down 6 percent from the previous year.

HOG AND PIG numbers (December 1, 2002), at 3.20 million, were unchanged from a year earlier. The average value per head decreased from \$78.00 in 2001 to \$74.00 in 2002. This lowered the total inventory

value to \$236.8 million, 4 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 12 percent fewer sheep and lambs on hand January 1, 2003 than a year earlier. Breeding sheep totaled 45,000 head. Average value per head at \$166.00, was up \$24.00 from 2002. Total inventory value at \$8.3 million was 3 percent above the previous year.

Total **CHICKEN** inventory, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2002, at 29.1 million birds, was up slightly from last year. With this inventory, Indiana ranked fifth in the nation for total chickens, excluding broilers, and remained in fifth position for hens and pullets of laying age (23.0 million). The total value of the chicken inventory was \$32.0 million, down 15 percent from 2001. The value per bird decreased \$0.20 from the previous year to \$1.10.

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY NUMBERS, INDIANA RECORD HIGHS AND LOWS

Species	Record High		Record Low		Year Series Began
	Number of Head	Year	Number of Head	Year	
All Cattle and Calves	2,225,000	1976	860,000	2003	1867
Milk Cows and Heifers that have Calved ^{1/}	848,000	1945	135,000	1998	1867
Beef Cows and Heifers that have Calved ^{1/}	618,000	1976	83,000	1925	1920
All Hogs	5,322,000	1944	2,475,000	1894	1867
Hog Breeding Herd	859,000	1963	330,000	2002	1963
All Sheep and Lambs	985,000	1938	50,000	2003	1920
All Chickens Excluding Commercial Broilers	29,607,000	1999	13,963,000	1961	1924
Turkeys Raised	15,400,000	1992	143,000	1929	1929

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