



Indiana Agriculture Report

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will spend the next several months gathering production practices information from farmers and ranchers across the nation through the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). The results of this survey will serve as a baseline for numerous federal policies and programs that affect U.S. farms and farm families.

NASS conducts ARMS jointly with USDA's Economic Research Service. In an effort to obtain the most accurate data, the federal agencies will reach out to nearly 41,000 producers nationwide, including approximately 2,100 in Indiana, between January and April. The survey asks producers to

provide data on their operating expenditures, production costs, and household characteristics.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, ensuring no individual respondent or operation can be identified.

The economic data gathered in ARMS will be published in the annual *Farm Production Expenditures* report on August 4, 2016. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, please call the Great Lakes Regional Field Office at (800) 453-7501.

Indiana Vegetable Report

Indiana produced 3.02 million hundredweight (cwt) of fresh market vegetables in 2015, a 24 percent decrease from 2014. The value of fresh market vegetables, at the farm level, was \$53.8 million, a 1 percent increase from 2014.

2016 Release Schedule for 2015 County Estimates

Commodity	Anticipated Release Date
Oats	December 10, 2015
Winter Wheat	December 10, 2015
Corn for Grain	February 18, 2016
Soybeans	February 18, 2016
Dry Edible Beans	April 21, 2016
Sugar Beets	July 21, 2016
Cattle & Calves	May 9, 2016

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 348 million pounds of milk during December, up 3.6 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 61.0 pounds, up 0.8 pounds from December 2014. The dairy herd was estimated at 184,000 head for December, up 4,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in December by Indiana dairy producers was \$17.50 per cwt., \$3.70 less than the price in December 2014.

Indiana Dairy Summary, December 2015

Item	2013	2014	2015
Cows 1,000 Hd	178	180	184
Milk per cow Lb/day	58.7	60.2	61.0
Production Mil lbs	324	336	348
Milk price, all Dol/cwt	22.60	21.20	17.50
Fat test Pct	3.88	3.82	3.85
Protein ¹ Pct	3.21	3.17	3.16

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Indiana Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Indiana as of January 1, 2016 were 890 thousand head, an increase of 2 percent from last year. Indiana highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers decreased 2 percent to 196,000. Beef replacement heifers remained unchanged at 50,000 head.

- Milk cows increased 2 percent to 184,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement remained unchanged at 80,000 head.
- The 2015 calf crop was 335,000 head, up 10,000 head from 2014.

Cattle inventory, January 1, 2015-16

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All cattle and calves	870	890	89,143	91,988
Cows	380	380	38,609	39,646
Beef	199	196	29,302	30,331
Milk	181	184	9,307	9,315
Replacement heifers	174	181	19,261	19,822
Beef	50	50	6,086	6,285
Milk	80	80	4,710	4,824
Other	44	51	8,464	8,713
Steers 500 pounds and over	116	115	15,630	16,320
Bulls 500 pounds and over	17	18	2,109	2,142
Calves under 500 pounds	183	196	13,534	14,057
Cattle on feed	100	115	13,025	13,177

December Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of December 2015 are listed in the table below. Some Indiana highlights were: December corn, at \$3.88 per bushel was down \$0.11 from November but up \$0.08 from last year. December soybeans at \$8.95 per bushel, was up \$0.18 from November

but down \$1.55 from last year. December wheat, at \$5.05 per bushel, was up \$0.60 from November, but down \$0.37 from last year. December milk, at \$17.50 per cwt., was down \$1.50 from last month and down \$3.70 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, December 2015

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	Dec 2014	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Dec 2014	Nov 2015	Dec 2015
Corn dollars/bu	3.80	3.99	3.88	3.79	3.60	3.65
Soybeans dollars/bu	10.50	8.77	8.95	10.30	8.68	8.76
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	5.42	4.45	5.05	6.14	4.66	4.49
Milk, all.....dollars/cwt	21.20	19.00	17.50	20.40	18.20	17.20

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2016, was estimated at 50,000 head, unchanged from 2015. The breeding sheep inventory, at 43,000 head, was unchanged from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 7,000 head, also unchanged from last year. The 2015 Indiana lamb crop was 42,000 head, down 1,000 from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Indiana, 34,000 head, was down 1,000 from the previous year. Indiana shorn wool production in 2015 was 210,000 pounds, unchanged from 2014. The average price paid for wool in Indiana was \$0.75 per pound, an increase of 29 cents from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$158,000, 63 percent above the 2014 value.

As of January 1, 2016, there were 11,500 milk goats in Indiana, unchanged from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 32,000 head, 1,000 head above the January 1, 2015, inventory.

Goat inventory, January 1, 2015-16

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	160	150
Milk	11.5	11.5	365	375
Meat and other	31.0	32.0	2,125	2,095

(NA) Not available.

Sheep inventory, January 1, 2015-16

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	50	50	5,280	5,320
Breeding sheep and lambs	43	43	3,935	3,965
Ewes	34	33	3,110	3,125
Rams	3	3	175	175
Replacement lambs	6	7	650	665
Total market sheep and lambs	7	7	1,345	1,355
Previous year's lamb crop	43	42	3,440	3,440

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Indiana totaled 30.3 million during December, up 12 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 749 million eggs, up 13 percent from last year. The rate of lay during December was 2,469 eggs per 100 layers. On January 1, in the East North Central Region, which includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin,

there were 9.3 million egg-type eggs in incubators, unchanged from a year earlier. In the same region, there were 14.5 million broiler-type eggs in incubators, up 2 percent from the previous year. There were 22.5 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in December, down 9 percent from the previous year.

Egg and hatchery production, December 2015

Item	Unit	2014	2015	Percent change
Indiana				
All layers	Thou	27,009	30,335	12
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,444	2,469	1
Eggs produced	Mil	660	749	13
East North Central Region				
Eggs in incubators, Jan 1				
Egg-type	Thou	9,258	9,303	0
Broiler type	Thou	14,160	14,462	2
U.S.				
All Layers	Thou	365,691	345,094	-6
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,388	2,333	-2
Eggs produced	Mil	8,731	8,052	-8
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Jan 1	Thou	29,281	26,885	-8
Turkey Poults hatched, Dec	Thou	24,660	22,538	-9

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