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**INDIANA'S HOG INVENTORY UP**

Indiana producers had a total inventory of 3.75 million hogs and pigs on March 1, 2012, up 6 percent from a year earlier. Market hogs, at 3.46 million head were 6 percent above last year. Breeding inventory, at 290,000 head, was the same as the previous year. Sows farrowed totaled 145,000 during the December 2011 - February 2012 quarter, unchanged from a year ago. Pig crop, at 1.38 million head, was unchanged from last year with a litter rate averaging 9.50, also unchanged from the previous year. Indiana hog producers intend to have 145,000 hogs farrow during the March - May 2011 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011. Intended farrowings for June 2012 – August 2012, at 145,000 head, is also down 3 percent from the same period as last year.

U. S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2012 was 64.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from March 1, 2011, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2011. Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter. The December 2011-February 2012 pig crop, at 28.7 million head, was up 3 percent from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, up 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.97 for the December-February period, compared to 9.80 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.30 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs

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to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U. S. hog producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the March-May 2012 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011, and down 1 percent from 2010. Intended farrowings for June-August 2012, at 2.88 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2011, and down 2 percent from 2010.

**MARCH 1 HOGS AND PIGS - INDIANA AND UNITED STATES 2011-2012**

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	Thousand Head		%	Thousand Head		%
Hogs and Pigs, March 1	3,550	3,750	106	63,684	64,872	102
Breeding Hogs	290	290	100	5,788	5,820	101
Market Hogs	3,260	3,460	106	57,896	59,052	102
Under 50 Pounds	1,080	1,110	103	18,863	19,332	102
50-119 Pounds	870	920	106	16,060	16,456	102
120-179 Pounds	610	710	116	12,361	12,569	102
180 Pounds and over	700	720	103	10,612	10,695	101
Farrowing, Dec <sup>1</sup> - Feb						
Sows Farrowing	145	145	100	2,843	2,877	101
Pigs Per Litter	9.50	9.50	100	9.80	9.97	102
Pig Crop <sup>2</sup>	1,378	1,378	100	27,866	28,681	103
Sows Farrowing						
March - August	300	290 <sup>3</sup>	97	5,844	5,770 <sup>3</sup>	99
March - May	150	145 <sup>3</sup>	97	2,917	2,890 <sup>3</sup>	99
June - August	150	145 <sup>3</sup>	97	2,927	2,880 <sup>3</sup>	98

<sup>1</sup> December of the preceding year.

<sup>2</sup> Number of pigs born December through February that were on hand March 1 or had been sold.

<sup>3</sup> Intentions.

SOURCE: USDA-NASS, *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs*, March 30, 2012.

## INDIANA CORN PLANTING INTENTIONS ARE UP, WHILE SOYBEAN AND WHEAT INTENTIONS ARE DOWN

Indiana farmers intend to plant 6.10 million acres of corn for all purposes and 5.10 million acres of soybeans in 2012 based on USDA-NASS, Indiana Field Office's March 1 survey. If these intentions are realized, corn planted acreage would be up 3 percent from last year while soybean planted acreage would be down 4 percent from the previous year.

The 2012 winter wheat acreage seeded last fall is estimated at 390,000 acres, 9 percent below the 430,000 acres seeded a year earlier. Intended acres seeded to oats, at 20,000 acres, is up 33 percent from 2011. Intended all hay acreage for harvest, at 670,000 acres, is unchanged

from 2011. Tobacco estimates for Indiana were discontinued in 2005.

Nationally, corn growers intend to plant 95.9 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2012, up 4 percent from last year and 9 percent higher than in 2010. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1937 when an estimated 97.2 million acres were planted.

U.S. soybean planted area for 2012 is estimated at 73.9 million acres, down 1 percent from last year and down 5 percent from 2010.

### PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS - 2012 <sup>1</sup>

Crop	Acres for Planting			
	2010	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	<u>Thousand Acres</u>			<u>%</u>
<b>INDIANA:</b>				
Corn, All Purposes	5,900	5,900	6,100	103
Soybeans	5,350	5,300	5,100	96
Winter Wheat <sup>2</sup>	250	430	390	91
Oats	20	15	20	133
All Hay <sup>3</sup>	670	670	670	100
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>				
Corn, All Purposes	88,192	91,921	95,864	104
Soybeans	77,404	74,976	73,902	99
Winter Wheat <sup>2</sup>	37,335	40,646	41,709	103
Spring Wheat (Including Durum)	16,258	13,763	14,199	103
Oats	3,138	2,496	2,863	115
Sorghum, All Purposes	5,404	5,481	5,950	109
All Hay <sup>3</sup>	59,872	55,633	57,348	103
Tobacco <sup>3</sup>	337.5	324.8	318.0	98

<sup>1</sup> As of March 1. <sup>2</sup> Seeded the previous year. <sup>3</sup> Harvested acres.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Prospective Plantings*, March 30, 2012.

## HONEY

According to last December's Bee and Honey Survey, honey from Indiana producers with five or more colonies totaled 408,000 pounds in 2011, down 5 percent from last year. There were 8,000 colonies producing honey in 2011, down 20 percent from 2010. Prices for the 2011 crop averaged \$2.06 per pound, down 8 percent from the previous year. At the state level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold retail, coop and private.

Nationally, honey production in 2011 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 16 percent from 2010. There were 2.49 million colonies producing honey in 2011, down 7 percent from 2010. Yield per colony averaged 59.6 pounds, down 9 percent from the 65.6 pounds in 2010. Honey prices increased to a record high during 2011 to 172.9 cents per pound, up 7 percent from 161.9 cents per pound in 2010.

### NUMBER OF BEE COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS, AND VALUE INDIANA, SELECTED STATES, AND U.S., 2011 <sup>1</sup>

State	Number of Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2</sup>	Average Price Per Pound <sup>3</sup>	Value of Production
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>1,000 Pounds</u>		<u>Cents</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Illinois	7	50	350	98	398	1,393
<b>Indiana</b>	8	51	408	147	206	840
Iowa	25	62	1,550	961	195	3,023
Michigan	74	64	4,736	2,084	176	8,335
Ohio	15	66	990	228	226	2,237
Wisconsin	57	63	3,591	1,508	180	6,464
United States	2,491	59.6	148,357	36,761	172.9	256,509

<sup>1</sup> Includes producers with 5 or more colonies. Preliminary.

<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>3</sup> Prices weighted by sales.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Honey*, March 30, 2012.

## INDIANA SOYBEAN STOCKS ARE UP, WHILE CORN AND WHEAT STOCKS ARE DOWN

Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2012 in Indiana totaled 391.3 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year. On-farm corn stocks totaled 205.0 million bushels, down 11 percent from the previous year. Off-farm corn stocks totaled 186.3 million bushels, up 7 percent from 2011. Soybean stocks in all positions totaled 104.0 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year. On-farm soybean stocks totaled 48.0 million bushels, up 14 percent from March 1, 2011. Indiana off-farm soybean stocks totaled 56.0 million bushels, up 6 percent from the previous year. Winter Wheat stocks in all positions totaled 36.9 million bushels, down slightly from a year ago.

Nationally, corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2012 totaled 6.01 billion bushels, down 8 percent from March 1, 2011. Of the total stocks, 3.19 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 6 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.82 billion bushels, are down 10 percent from a year ago. The December 2011 - February 2012 indicated

disappearance is 3.64 billion bushels, compared with 3.53 billion bushels during the same period last year.

U.S. soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2012 totaled 1.37 billion bushels, up 10 percent from March 1, 2011. Soybean stocks stored on farms are estimated at 555 million bushels, up 10 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 817 million bushels, are up 10 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance for the December 2011 - February 2012 quarter totaled 998 million bushels, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2012 totaled 1.20 billion bushels, down 16 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 217 million bushels, down 25 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 983 million bushels, are down 14 percent from a year ago. The December 2011 - February 2012 indicated disappearance is 462 million bushels, down 9 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### STOCKS OF GRAIN, INDIANA AND U.S., MARCH 1, 2011 - 2012

Type of Grain	On-Farm Stocks			Off-Farm Stocks <sup>1</sup>			Total Stocks in all Positions		
	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	Thousand Bushels		%	Thousand Bushels		%	Thousand Bushels		%
<b>INDIANA:</b>									
Corn, shelled & ear	230,000	205,000	89	174,421	186,283	107	404,421	391,283	97
Soybeans	42,000	48,000	114	52,811	55,997	106	94,811	103,997	110
Wheat <sup>2</sup>	360	550	153	36,675	36,396	99	37,035	36,946	100
Oats	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>		91	72	79	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>									
Corn, shelled & ear	3,384,000	3,192,000	94	3,139,228	2,817,260	90	6,523,228	6,009,260	92
Soybeans	505,000	555,000	110	743,800	817,258	110	1,248,800	1,372,258	110
Wheat <sup>2</sup>	288,010	217,400	75	1,137,292	983,255	86	1,425,302	1,200,655	84
Oats	26,950	19,750	73	59,361	52,788	89	86,311	72,538	84

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, processors and CCC-owned grain at bin sites.

<sup>2</sup> Includes All Wheat.

<sup>3</sup> Not Published.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Grain Stocks*, March 30, 2012.

## DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS

Butter prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grade AA standards averaged \$1.45 per pound for the week ending March 24, 2012. The United States (US) price per pound increased 0.9 cent from the previous week.

Nonfat Dry Milk prices received for bag, tote, and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Grade A standards averaged \$1.30 per pound for the week ending March 24, 2012. The US price per pound decreased 2.2 cents from the previous week.

Dry Whey prices received for bag, tote, and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 61.1 cents per pound for the week ending March 24, 2012. The US price per pound increased 0.5 cent from the previous week.

Cheddar Cheese prices received for US 40 pound blocks averaged \$1.51 per pound for the week ending March 24, 2012. The price per pound increased 1.8 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.55 per pound, up 4.9 cents from the previous week.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Dairy Products Prices*, March 30, 2012.

## MARCH FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 5 POINTS

Indiana's mid-month price for corn and soybeans both increased from last year, while winter wheat and all milk both decreased from March 2011. Corn and soybeans both increased from last month, while winter wheat and all milk prices decreased from February 2012.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 186 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 5 points (2.8 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 8 points (3.9 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for soybeans, corn,

broilers, and cattle and lower prices for milk, strawberries, snap beans, and lettuce. In addition to prices, the overall index is affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of soybeans, strawberries, broilers, and milk offset decreased marketings of corn, cattle, cotton, and wheat.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 13 points (7.5 percent) from March 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 173, increased 5 points (3.0 percent) from last month and March 2011.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, MARCH 2012 WITH COMPARISONS <sup>1</sup>

Item	Unit	Dollars per Unit		
		March 2011	February 2012	March 15, 2012
<b>Indiana</b>				
Corn	Bu.	5.80	6.45	6.73
Soybeans	Bu.	12.80	12.50	13.30
Winter Wheat	Bu.	7.58	7.19	6.40
All Milk	Cwt.	21.10	18.30	17.60
<b>United States</b>				
Corn	Bu.	5.53	6.28	6.48
Soybeans	Bu.	12.70	12.20	13.10
Winter Wheat	Bu.	7.02	6.67	6.65
Oats	Bu.	3.28	3.46	3.58
All Hay <sup>2</sup>	Ton	126.00	176.00	181.00
Alfalfa Hay <sup>2</sup>	Ton	142.00	198.00	201.00
Other Hay <sup>2</sup>	Ton	99.50	130.00	139.00
Apples <sup>2</sup>	Lb.	0.282	0.354	0.364
All Hogs	Cwt.	62.90	65.50	65.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	63.10	65.80	65.80
Sows	Cwt.	58.00	58.30	60.40
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	115.00	127.00	130.00
All Milk	Cwt.	20.40	17.70	17.40
Table Eggs <sup>2</sup>	Doz.	0.652	0.669	0.791
Turkeys <sup>2</sup>	Lb.	0.599	0.650	0.685

<sup>1</sup> Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise.

<sup>2</sup> Mid-month prices.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Agricultural Prices*, March 29, 2012.

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