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Indiana Corn and Soybean Production Are Down From Last Year

Based on conditions November 1, Indiana's 2012 corn production is forecast at 605.0 million bushels, down 28 percent from the 839.5 million bushels produced in 2011. If realized, the expected yield of 100 bushels per acre would be down 46 bushels from last year's 146 bushels per acre. The 6.05 million acres for harvest is up 5 percent from the acreage harvested last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 226.2 million bushels, down 6 percent from the 240.7 million bushels produced in 2011. The expected yield of 44.0 bushels per acre is down 1.5 bushels from the previous year. The acreage expected to be harvested for beans, at 5.14 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2011.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, up slightly

from the October forecast but down 13 percent from 2011. This represents the lowest production in the United States since 2006. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 122.3 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from the October forecast but 24.9 bushels below the 2011 average. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.7 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 4 percent from 2011.

National soybean production is forecast at 2.97 billion bushels, up 4 percent from October but down 4 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.3 bushels per acre, up 1.5 bushels from last month but down 2.6 bushels from last year. Compared with last

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month, yield forecasts are higher or unchanged across all States except for Oklahoma and Texas. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 75.7 million acres, unchanged from October and up 3 percent from last year.

Acres for Harvest, Yield and Production, Indiana and United States: 2011 – 2012 ¹

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield Per Acre		Total Production			Unit
	2011	2012	Percent of 2011	2011	2012	2011	2012	Percent of 2011	
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Percent)			(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Percent)	
Indiana									
Corn for Grain	5,750	6,050	105	146	100	839,500	605,000	72	Bu
Soybeans	5,290	5,140	97	45.5	44.0	240,695	226,160	94	Bu
Winter Wheat	400	300	75	62	67	24,800	20,100	81	Bu
Oats	7	5	71	61	70	427	350	82	Bu
Alfalfa Hay	300	280	93	4.00	2.90	1,200	812	68	Tons
Other Hay	370	330	89	1.90	1.90	703	627	89	Tons
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	20,000	5,500	28	Lbs
United States									
Corn for Grain	83,981	87,721	104	147.2	122.3	12,358,412	10,725,191	87	Bu
Soybeans	73,776	75,693	103	41.9	39.3	3,093,524	2,971,022	96	Bu
Winter Wheat	32,314	34,834	108	46.2	47.2	1,493,677	1,645,202	110	Bu
Oats	939	1,045	111	57.1	61.3	53,649	64,024	119	Bu
Alfalfa Hay	19,213	18,812	98	3.40	2.95	65,332	55,566	85	Tons
Other Hay	36,420	38,762	106	1.81	1.71	65,812	66,408	101	Tons
Tobacco	325.0	338.1	104	1,841	2,308	598,320	780,428	130	Lbs
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	9,420,000	8,065,700	86	Lbs

¹ Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports.

Sources: USDA-NASS, *Crop Production*, November 9, 2012.

Preliminary District Estimates - November 2012

District	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	Thousands		Thousands		Bushels		Thousands	
Corn								
NW	1,005	1,035	968	1,000	157.8	117.0	152,715	117,000
NC	800	810	769	790	151.6	113.0	116,569	89,300
NE	555	600	529	575	132.5	98.0	70,075	56,500
WC	725	760	716	750	153.2	101.0	109,700	76,000
C	1,185	1,230	1,172	1,220	142.0	103.0	166,465	125,700
EC	480	500	473	490	142.8	98.0	67,525	48,200
SW	745	845	733	820	149.8	73.0	109,825	59,900
SC	210	220	201	210	121.4	70.0	24,411	14,700
SE	195	200	189	195	117.5	91.0	22,215	17,700
State	5,900	6,200	5,750	6,050	146.0	100.0	839,500	605,000
Soybeans								
NW	610	605	609	604	46.6	48.0	28,385	29,050
NC	615	597	614	596	46.8	48.0	28,719	28,470
NE	607	611	606	610	43.2	44.5	26,165	27,160
WC	645	616	644	615	46.2	41.0	29,723	25,220
C	1,149	1,122	1,148	1,120	46.8	46.0	53,702	51,710
EC	560	526	559	525	46.3	47.0	25,901	24,680
SW	668	618	666	617	42.9	39.0	28,585	24,000
SC	205	200	204	199	36.4	32.0	7,425	6,370
SE	241	255	240	254	39.4	37.5	9,445	9,500
State ¹	5,300	5,150	5,290	5,140	45.5	44.0	240,695	226,160
Wheat²								
NW	31.8	27.7	29.4	23.4	72.1	65.0	2,119	1,516
NC	42.2	37.9	36.7	28.8	65.9	70.5	2,419	2,029
NE	78.1	67.0	77.3	60.9	65.3	72.5	5,045	4,416
WC	26.8	31.9	23.7	25.9	57.6	69.0	1,366	1,789
C	51.2	48.9	49.4	44.0	61.7	73.0	3,047	3,201
EC	34.0	28.4	32.8	25.7	61.1	71.5	2,004	1,842
SW	130.5	111.5	119.6	91.6	60.8	61.5	7,268	5,614
SC	18.6	21.3	16.0	16.4	53.0	55.0	848	899
SE	16.8	15.4	15.1	13.3	45.3	60.5	684	804
State	430.0	390.0	400.0	330.0	62.0	67.0	24,800	22,110

¹ 2011 state yield and production estimate revised 11/09/2012. District yields and production estimates will be revised in 2013.

² August 1 forecast carried forward.

Source: USDA-NASS, Indiana Field Office, November 9, 2012.

Major Agricultural Survey

About 3,200 Indiana farm operators will be part of a national sample of producers who will be contacted for the U.S. Agricultural Department's annual December survey.

This major survey will be conducted during the first half of December by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The information gathered will be used to make state and national estimates of crop production, grain in storage, and hog & pig inventories.

This survey is important in making accurate crop and livestock estimates, which provide a basis for an orderly marketing system. An orderly marketing system is essential to all involved in agriculture.

The December Agricultural Survey is one of the most important of the many surveys conducted each year by the Indiana Field Office of USDA-NASS. Other Agricultural Surveys are scheduled for March, June, and September. The farms expected to participate nationally in the December survey are selected from 2.2 million farms nationwide using statistical sampling procedures. Facts about an individual's farm or ranch are strictly confidential and used only in combination with reports from other farmers to produce agricultural statistics for Indiana and the nation.

Source: USDA-NASS, Indiana Field Office, Nov. 19, 2012.

Cold Storage Highlights

On September 30, 2012, total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses were down 1 percent from the previous month and down 5 percent from September 30, 2011.

Butter stocks were down 3 percent from last month but up 29 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on September 30, 2012 were down 3 percent from the previous month and down 1 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 1 percent from the previous month and down 3 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 5 percent from last month but up 2 percent from September 30, 2011.

Total frozen fruit stocks were up 2 percent from last month and up 10 percent from a year ago. Total frozen vegetable stocks were up 11 percent from last month and up 2 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 15 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month and down slightly from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 8 percent from the previous month and up 28 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 17 percent from last month and up 79 percent from last year.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Cold Storage*, October 22, 2012.

U.S. Poultry Slaughter Down 8 Percent from Last Year

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during September 2012 was 4.55 billion pounds, down 8 percent from 4.92 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.90 billion pounds, down 8 percent from September 2011. Mature chickens, at 69.1 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 567 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.1 million pounds, down 12 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2012 averaged 5.88 pounds per bird, up slightly from September 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.89 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2012 averaged 29.3 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2011.

Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection United States, September 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Number Slaughtered			Live Weight		
	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012
	(Million Head)			(Million Pounds)		
<u>Chickens</u>						
Young	721.9	760.6	663.5	4,240.2	4,420.1	3,899.2
Mature	12.8	13.7	11.7	73.8	80.7	69.1
Total ¹	734.7	774.3	675.2	4,314.0	4,500.7	3,968.3
<u>Turkeys</u>						
Young	20.3	22.7	19.2	591.1	657.1	563.5
Old	0.1	0.2	0.1	3.2	4.9	3.1
Total ¹	20.4	22.9	19.3	594.4	662.0	566.6
<u>Ducks</u>	2.0	2.1	1.8	13.7	14.3	12.1

¹ Totals may differ due to rounding.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Poultry Slaughter*, October 25, 2012.

Eastern Cornbelt Workers Down 12 Percent, Wages Up 4 Percent from a Year Ago

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in October 2012. There were 30,000 workers hired directly by Eastern Cornbelt (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) farm operations during the week of July 8 – 14, 2012, down 24% from a year ago. The average wage rate for all workers was \$11.57 for that week. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States during the week of October 7 – 13, 2012 totaled 29,000 and farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$12.09 per hour. The number of workers was down 12% from a year ago.

Beginning in 2012, two quarters of farm labor data are published semi-annually. Additionally, the agricultural service component was discontinued in 2012. Hired worker estimates exclude agricultural service employees.

Nationally, there were 906,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2012, up nearly 9 percent from the July 2011 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm

operators numbered 872,000 for the reference week of October 7-13, 2012, up more than 5 percent from the October 2011 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.36 per hour during the July 2012 reference week, up nearly 4 percent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.71 per hour, up more than 4 percent, while livestock workers earned \$10.89 per hour compared with \$10.29 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.75 per hour, was up 47 cents from last year.

During the October 2012 reference week, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.76 per hour, up over 5 percent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$11.22 per hour, up over 6 percent from a year earlier. Livestock workers earned \$10.83, up 16 cents. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$11.13 per hour, was up 56 cents from a year earlier.

Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked, and Wage Rates Eastern Cornbelt and United States, July 2012 and October 2011 - 2012 ^{1, 2}

Item	Eastern Cornbelt			United States		
	Oct. 2011	July 2012	Oct. 2012	Oct. 2011	July 2012	Oct. 2012
Hired Workers on Farms	33	30	29	828	906	872
Expected to be Employed:						
150 Days or More	20	21	20	590	626	610
149 Days or Less	13	9	9	238	280	262
Hours Worked Per Week	38.3	37.6	36.2	41.6	40.4	41.5
Type of Hired Worker						
Field	12.07	11.58	11.87	10.54	10.71	11.22
Livestock	10.60	10.41	10.84	10.67	10.89	10.83
Field & Livestock	11.50	11.10	11.50	10.57	10.75	11.13
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	11.66	11.57	12.09	11.15	11.36	11.76

¹ Reference weeks are October 9 - 15 in 2011. For 2012, the reference weeks are July 8 -14 and October 7 – 13.

² Eastern Corn Belt Region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Farm Labor*, November 19, 2012.

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