



Indiana Agriculture Report

USDA to Gauge Farmland Ownership and Farm Economics

The United States Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin surveying farmland owners to measure financial impacts and challenges of land ownership. Landowners should have received questionnaires in the mail in late December or early January called, “Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL).

“The recent Census of Agriculture counted more than 7,000,000 acres of land that were rented or leased in Indiana, but it has been more than a decade since we spoke to landowners themselves,” said Greg Matli, State Statistician of the Indiana Field Office. “I hope all who receive TOTAL surveys will respond to help update landownership information.” The data will ensure that all decisions impacting Indiana farmland is based on accurate information that comes directly from the source.

TOTAL is a part of the Census of Agriculture program, which means response to this survey is mandatory. The TOTAL survey program will collect data from both farm operators and landlords who are not farm operators to create a complete picture of farm costs, land ownership, demographics about farm operators and landlords,

improvements made to farmland and buildings, among other characteristics. More than 80,000 farmland owners and producers across the United States will receive TOTAL questionnaires including 1,635 in Indiana.

“This survey is lengthy and we realize some producers and landowners may have questions or need clarification,” explained Matli. “In February or March, our interviewers will begin reaching out to those producers and landowners who have not yet responded to answer any questions they may have and help them complete their questionnaires.” In addition to accurate data, NASS is strongly committed to confidentiality. Information produced by respondents is confidential by law. The agency safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, ensuring no individual respondent or operation can be identified.

NASS will publish results of the TOTAL survey in its Quick Stats database in August 2015. Quick Stats is available online at quickstats.nass.usda.gov. NASS will also publish the economic data gathered in the annual *Farm Production Expenditures* report on August 4, 2015. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

Indiana Vegetable Summary 2014

Indiana produced 3.95 million hundredweight (cwt) of fresh market vegetables in 2014, a 17 percent increase from 2013. The value of fresh market vegetables, at the farm level, was \$53 million, down 22 percent from the revised 2013 total.

2015 Release Schedule for 2014 County Estimates

Commodity	Anticipated Release Date
Winter Wheat	December 11, 2014
Corn for Grain	February 19, 2015
Soybeans	February 19, 2015
Cattle & Calves	May 11, 2015

Indiana Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Indiana as of January 1, 2015 were 870 thousand head, an increase of 1 percent from last year. Indiana highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers increased 6 percent to 199,000. Beef replacement heifers increased 15 percent to 45,000 head.
- Milk cows increased 2 percent to 181,000 head. Heifers

for milk cow replacement increased 15 percent to 78,000 head.

- The 2014 calf crop was 330,000 head, up 5,000 head from 2013.

Cattle inventory, January 1, 2014-15

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All cattle and calves	860	870	88,526	89,800
Cows	365	380	38,293	39,000
Beef	187	199	29,085	29,693
Milk	178	181	9,208	9,307
Replacement heifers	160	170	18,969	19,240
Beef	39	45	5,551	5,777
Milk	68	78	4,549	4,615
Other	53	47	8,869	8,847
Steers 500 pounds and over	108	118	15,668	15,779
Bulls 500 pounds and over	17	17	2,038	2,104
Calves under 500 pounds	210	185	13,558	13,677
Cattle on feed	110	100	13,018	13,093

December Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of December 2014 are listed in the table below. Some Indiana highlights were: December corn, at \$3.80 per bushel, increased \$0.30 from November and decreased \$0.57 from last year; December soybeans, at \$10.50 per bushel, increased

\$0.30 from last month and decreased \$2.60 from last year; December wheat, at \$5.42 per bushel, increased \$1.04 from November and decreased \$0.80 from last year; December milk, at \$21.20 per cwt., decreased \$2.30 from last month, and decreased \$1.40 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, December 2014

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	Dec 2013	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Dec 2013	Nov 2014	Dec 2014
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn dollars/bu	4.37	3.50	3.80	4.41	3.58	3.78
Soybeans dollars/bu	13.10	10.20	10.50	13.00	10.20	10.30
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	6.22	4.38	5.42	6.84	5.86	6.15
Milk, alldollars/cwt	22.60	23.50	21.20	22.00	23.00	20.40

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2015, was estimated at 50,000 head, unchanged from 2014. 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 2014 lamb crop was 43,000 head, down 1,000 from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn, 35,000 head, was down 1,000 from the previous year. Shorn wool production in 2014 was 210,000 pounds, down 5 percent from 2013. The average price paid for wool was \$0.46 per pound, a decrease of 36 cents from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$97,000, 46 percent below the 2013 value.

As of January 1, 2015, there were 11,500 milk goats in Indiana, down 300 from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 31,000 head, 400 head below the January 1, 2014, inventory.

Goat inventory, January 1, 2014-15

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	148	160
Milk	11.8	11.5	358	365
Meat and other	31.4	31.0	2,105	2,150

¹ (NA) Not Available

Sheep inventory, January 1, 2014-15

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<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	5,245	5,280
Breeding sheep and lambs	43	43	3,900	3,935
Ewes	34	34	3,090	3,110
Rams	3	3	175	175
Replacement lambs	6	6	635	650
Total market sheep and lambs	7	7	1,345	1,345
Previous year's lamb crop	44	43	3,370	3,440

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Indiana totaled 27 million during December, down 2 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 659 million eggs, nearly unchanged from last year. The rate of lay during December was 2,443 eggs per 100 layers. On January 1 in the East North Central Region, which includes Michigan, Illinois,

Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, there were 9.1 million egg-type eggs in incubators, up 3 percent from a year earlier. In the same region, there were 14.2 million broiler-type eggs in incubators, up 2 percent from the previous year. There were 24.7 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in December up 12 percent from the previous year.

Egg and hatchery production, December 2014

Item	Unit	2013	2014	Percent change
Indiana				
All layers	Thou	27,516	26,980	-2
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,399	2,443	2
Eggs produced	Mil	660	659	0
East North Central Region				
Eggs in incubators, Jan 1				
Egg-type	Thou	8,882	9,126	3
Broiler type	Thou	13,861	14,175	2
U.S.				
All Layers	Thou	356,527	362,035	2
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,352	2,384	1
Eggs produced	Mil	8,387	8,632	3
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Jan 1	Thou	27,299	29,291	7
Turkey Poults hatched, Dec	Thou	22,085	24,660	12

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 336 million pounds of milk during December, up 3.7 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 60.2 pounds, up 1.5 pounds from December 2013. The dairy herd was estimated at 180,000 head for December, up 2,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in December by Indiana dairy producers was \$21.20 per cwt., \$1.40 less than the price in December 2013.

Indiana Dairy Summary, December 2014

Item	2012	2013	2014
Cows..... 1,000 Hd	174	178	180
Milk per cow.....Lb/day	59.7	58.7	60.2
Production..... Mil lbs	322	324	336
Milk price, all Dol/cwt	21.50	22.60	21.20
Fat testPct	3.83	3.88	3.87
Protein ¹Pct	3.15	3.21	3.17

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