



# Indiana Agriculture Report

## Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Indiana totaled 32.6 million during December, up 1 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 811 million eggs, slightly below last year. The rate of lay during December was 2,489 eggs per 100 layers. All

layers in the U.S. totaled 382 million during December up 1 percent from a year ago. There were 22.3 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in December, down 12 percent the previous year.

### Egg and Hatchery Production, December 2017

Item	2016	2017	Percent Change
<b>Indiana</b>			
All layers..... Thousand	32,296	32,580	1
Eggs per hundred layers..... Number	2,516	2,489	-1
Eggs produced ..... Million	813	811	0
<b>U.S.</b>			
All Layers ..... Thousand	376,570	382,016	1
Eggs per hundred layers..... Number	2,412	2,375	-2
Eggs produced ..... Million	9,083	9,074	0
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Jan 1 ..... Thousand	29,961	28,673	-4
Turkey Poults hatched, Dec ..... Thousand	25,422	22,258	-12

## 2018 Release Schedule for 2017 County Estimates

Commodity	Anticipated Release Date
Winter Wheat	December 14, 2017
Corn for Grain	February 22, 2018
Soybeans	February 22, 2018
Hay	April 19, 2018
Cattle & Calves	May 14, 2018

## Indiana Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Indiana as of January 1, 2018 were 870,000 head, down 2 percent from last year. Indiana highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers decreased 1 percent to 208,000. Beef replacement heifers remained unchanged at 50,000 head.
- Milk cows increased 1 percent to 187,000 head. Heifers

for milk cow replacement decreased 6 percent to 75,000 head.

- The 2017 calf crop was 340,000 head, unchanged from 2016.

### Cattle inventory, January 1, 2017-18

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All cattle and calves	890	870	93,705	94,399
Cows	395	395	40,559	41,123
Beef	210	208	31,213	31,723
Milk	185	187	9,346	9,400
Replacement heifers	180	170	20,132	20,245
Beef	50	50	6,368	6,131
Milk	80	75	4,754	4,781
Other	50	45	9,010	9,332
Steers 500 pounds and over	108	104	16,384	16,352
Bulls 500 pounds and over	17	16	2,244	2,252
Calves under 500 pounds	190	185	14,386	14,427
Cattle on feed	110	90	13,067	14,006

## December Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of December 2017 are listed in the table below. Some Indiana highlights were: December corn, at \$3.42 per bushel, was up \$0.10 from November but decreased \$0.15 from last year;

December soybeans, at \$9.56 per bushel, was up \$0.15 from last month but decreased \$0.35 from last year; December milk, at \$17.30 per cwt., was down \$0.60 from last month, and decreased \$1.90 from last year.

### Prices Received by Farmers<sup>1</sup>, December 2017

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	Dec 2016	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017	Dec 2017
Corn ..... dollars/bu	3.57	3.32	3.42	3.32	3.15	3.23
Soybeans ..... dollars/bu	9.91	9.41	9.56	9.64	9.22	9.30
Wheat, winter ..... dollars/bu	3.98	4.48	(D)	3.40	4.07	3.91
Milk, all ..... dollars/cwt	19.20	17.90	17.30	18.90	18.10	17.20

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Entire month weighted average price.

## Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2018, was 53,000 head, up 2 percent from 2017. The breeding sheep inventory, at 46,000 head, was up 1,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 7,000 head, unchanged from last year. The 2017 Indiana lamb crop was 43,000 head, up 3,000 from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Indiana, 36,000 head, was up 1,000 from the previous year. Indiana shorn wool production in 2017 was 225,000 pounds, up 5,000 pounds from 2016. The average price paid for wool in Indiana was \$0.60 per pound, an increase of 10 cents from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$135,000, 23 percent above the 2016 value.

As of January 1, 2018, there were 11,000 milk goats in Indiana, unchanged from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 36,000 head, 3,000 head above the January 1, 2017, inventory.

### Goat inventory, January 1, 2017-18

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	152	142
Milk	11.0	11.0	373	380
Meat and other	33.0	36.0	2,115	2,098

(NA) Not available.

### Sheep inventory, January 1, 2017-18

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	52	53	5,250	5,230
Breeding sheep and lambs	45	46	3,875	3,830
Ewes	35	35	3,045	3,005
Rams	4	4	170	170
Replacement lambs	6	7	660	655
Total market sheep and lambs	7	7	1,375	1,400
Previous year's lamb crop	40	43	3,250	3,200

## December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 355 million pounds of milk during December, up 1.4 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 61.3 pounds, up 0.3 pounds from December 2016. The dairy herd was estimated at 187,000 head for December, up 2,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in December by Indiana dairy producers was \$17.30 per cwt., \$1.90 less than the price in December 2016.

### Indiana Dairy Summary, December 2017

Item	2015	2016	2017
Cows..... 1,000 Hd	184	185	187
Milk per cow ..... Lb/day	60.2	61.0	61.3
Production ..... Mil lbs	343	350	355
Milk price, all ..... Dol/cwt	17.50	19.20	17.30
Fat test ..... Pct	3.77	3.92	3.91
Protein <sup>1</sup> ..... Pct	3.16	3.22	3.22

<sup>1</sup> FMO 33

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