



Indiana Agriculture Report

March 1 Grain Stocks

On March 1, 2018, Indiana corn stocks totaled 572.9 million bushels, 8 percent above a year earlier. About 60 percent of the corn was stored on farms. The second quarter disappearance was 236.2 million bushels, compared with 289.3 million bushels a year earlier. Soybean stocks on March 1, 2018, were 161.1 million bushels. That was 15 percent higher than stocks a year earlier. The second quarter indicated disappearance was

82.2 million bushels, compared with 96.4 million bushels during the same period a year ago. Farm stocks of soybeans were 75 million bushels. Wheat stocks on March 1, 2018, were 36.1 million bushels, 2 percent below a year ago. Ninety-seven percent of all wheat stocks were in commercial storage. Third quarter indicated disappearance was 5.0 million bushels, 11 percent of supply.

March Hogs and Pigs

Indiana's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was 4.05 million head, unchanged from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 260,000 head, was down 7 percent from last March. Market hog inventory, at 3,790,000 head, was up 1 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December to February quarter was 10.45, up 0.2 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2018 was 72.9 million head. This was up 3 percent from March 1, 2017, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2017. Breeding inventory, at 6.20 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 66.7 million head, was up 3 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December-February 2018 pig crop, at 32.3 million head, was up 4 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.06 million head, up 2 percent from 2017. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.58 for the December-February period, compared to 10.43 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.08 million sows farrow during the March-May 2018 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2017, and up 4 percent from 2016. Intended farrowings for June-August 2018, at 3.16 million sows, are up 1 percent from 2017, and up 4 percent from 2016.

Honey Production Down 23 Percent

Indiana honey production for 2017 totaled 336 thousand pounds, down 23 percent from 2016. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Indiana's 7,000 honey producing colonies averaged 48 pounds in 2017, compared with 62 pounds the previous year. Indiana honey price averaged \$3.94 per pound, up 48 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$1.32 million, down 12 percent from 2016. Honey stocks were 128 thousand pounds, down 38 percent from 2016.

Nationally, honey production in 2017 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 9 percent from 2016. There were 2.67 million colonies producing honey in 2017, down 4 percent from 2016. Yield per colony averaged 55.3 pounds, down 5 percent from the 58.3 pounds in 2016. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the

honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 30.6 million pounds on December 15, 2017, down 26 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased 2 percent during 2017 to 215.6 cents per pound, compared to 211.9 cents per pound in 2016. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2016 crop reflect honey sold in 2016 and 2017. Some 2016 crop honey was sold in 2017, which caused some revisions to the 2016 crop prices.

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Indiana totaled 31.8 million during February, down 1 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 681 million eggs, down 7 percent from last year. The rate of lay during February was 2,138 eggs per 100 layers. All layers

in the U.S. totaled 383.9 million during February up 2 percent from a year ago. There were 22.7 million turkey poult hatchlings in the U.S. in February, down 4 percent the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production, February 2018

Item	2017	2018	Percent Change
Indiana			
All layers.....Thousand	32,206	31,847	-1
Eggs per hundred layers.....Number	2,281	2,138	-6
Eggs produced.....Million	735	681	-7
U.S.			
All Layers.....Thousand	376,341	383,918	2
Eggs per hundred layers.....Number	2,159	2,121	-2
Eggs produced.....Million	8,124	8,143	0
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Mar 1.....Thousand	30,030	28,505	-5
Turkey Poults hatched, Feb.....Thousand	23,598	22,725	-4

2012 Census Profiles Indiana Farmers and Agriculture

Indiana farmers still have time to be counted in the 2017 Census of Agriculture. Although the first deadline has just passed, NASS will continue to accept Census information through the spring to get a complete and accurate picture of American agriculture that represents all farmers. We thank everyone who has completed their Census to date and ask those that have not yet returned their Census to please take the time to do it. A lot is at stake if producers are not represented in this data. Census data have and will continue to influence important decisions for American agriculture. The data will affect every operation and every farming community at some point, whether it be through farm policy, disaster relief, insurance or loan programs, infrastructure improvements, or agribusiness setup. There is accuracy and strength in numbers, which is why NASS is

committed to giving producers every opportunity to respond.

Federal law mandates that everyone who received the 2017 Census of Agriculture questionnaire complete it and return it even if not currently farming. NASS will continue to follow-up with producers through the spring with mailings, phone calls, and personal visits. To avoid these additional contacts, farmers are encouraged to complete their Census either online at www.agcounts.usda.gov or by mail as soon as possible. Responding online saves time by skipping sections that do not apply and automatically calculating totals. The online questionnaire is accessible on desktops, laptops, and mobile devices. For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov. For questions or assistance filling out the Census, call toll-free (888) 424-7828.

February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 333 million pounds of milk during February, up 0.6 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 63.6 pounds, unchanged from February 2017. The dairy herd was estimated at 187,000 head for February, up 1,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in February by Indiana dairy producers was \$14.90 per cwt., \$3.80 less than the price in February 2017.

Indiana Dairy Summary, February 2018

Item	2016	2017	2018
Cows..... 1,000 Hd	184	186	187
Milk per cow.....Lb/day	64.8	63.6	63.6
Production..... Mil lbs	334	331	333
Milk price, all.....Dol/cwt	15.80	18.70	14.90
Fat test.....Pct	3.78	3.86	3.85
Protein ¹Pct	3.15	3.16	3.17

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Prospective Planting Report

Indiana farmers intend to plant 6.1 million acres of soybeans this year, which, if realized, would be a new record. If these intentions are realized, acreage planted to soybeans would be up 3 percent from the previous year.

Acres intended for corn are 5.10 million acres, down 5 from last year. The 2018 winter wheat acreage seeded last

fall is estimated at 300,000 acres, 3 percent above the 290,000 acres seeded the previous year. Hay acres intended for harvest, at 530,000 acres, is 9 percent below the 580,000 acres harvested the previous year.

Acres by Crop - Indiana and United States: 2016 - 2018

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Corn, all Planted..... 1,000 acres	5,600	5,350	5,100	94,004	90,167	88,026
Hay, all Harvested..... 1,000 acres	500	580	530	53,481	53,784	53,726
Soybeans Planted..... 1,000 acres	5,650	5,950	6,100	83,433	90,142	88,982
Winter Wheat Planted..... 1,000 acres	330	290	300	36,152	32,696	32,708

February Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of February 2018 are listed in the table below. Some Indiana highlights were: February corn, at \$3.60 per bushel, increased \$0.06 from January, but decreased \$0.13 from last year; February soybeans, at \$9.77 per bushel, increased \$0.16 from

last month, but decreased \$0.33 from last year; February wheat, at \$4.79 per bushel, increased \$0.17 from January and increased \$0.62 from last year; February milk, at \$14.90 per cwt., decreased \$1.20 from last month, and decreased \$3.80 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, February 2018

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	Feb 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn..... dollars/bu	3.73	3.54	3.60	3.44	3.29	3.38
Hay, alfalfa..... dollars/ton	(NA)	205.00	195.00	127.00	152.00	155.00
Hay, other..... dollars/ton	(NA)	160.00	155.00	121.00	124.00	124.00
Soybeans..... dollars/bu	10.10	9.61	9.77	9.86	9.30	9.49
Wheat, winter..... dollars/bu	4.17	4.62	4.79	3.77	4.19	4.63
Milk, all.....dollars/cwt	18.70	16.10	14.90	18.50	16.10	15.30

(NA) Not available.

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

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