



# Indiana Agriculture Report

## Indiana Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Indiana as of January 1, 2020 were 840,000 head, down 5 percent from last year. Indiana highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers decreased 5 percent to 194,000 head. Beef replacement heifers decreased 9 percent to 41,000 head.
- Milk cows decreased 3 percent to 176,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement decreased 13 percent to 70,000 head.
- The 2019 calf crop was 335,000 head, down 4 percent from 2018.

Nationally, all cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2020 totaled 94.4 million head, slightly below the 94.8 million head on January 1, 2019. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.7 million head, were 1 percent below the 41.0 million head on January 1, 2019. Beef cows, at 31.3 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.33 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2020 totaled 20.1 million head, slightly below the 20.2 million head on January 1, 2019. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.77 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.64 million head.

### Cattle Inventory by Class - Indiana and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2019 <i>(1,000 head)</i>	2020 <i>(1,000 head)</i>	2019 <i>(1,000 head)</i>	2020 <i>(1,000 head)</i>
All cattle and calves .....	880	840	94,805	94,413
Cows .....	385	370	41,044	40,651
Beef .....	204	194	31,691	31,317
Milk .....	181	176	9,353	9,335
Replacement heifers .....	175	156	20,210	20,114
Beef .....	45	41	5,885	5,772
Milk .....	80	70	4,702	4,637
Other .....	50	45	9,624	9,706
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	115	113	16,758	16,671
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	17	16	2,253	2,237
Calves under 500 pounds .....	188	185	14,540	14,739
Cattle on feed .....	100	105	14,368	14,668

Totals may not add due to rounding.

## 2020 Release Schedule for 2019 County Estimates

Commodity	Release Date
Winter Wheat	December 12, 2019
Corn for Grain	February 20, 2020
Soybeans	February 20, 2020
Cattle & Calves	May 11, 2020

## Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Indiana totaled 35.9 million during December, up 5 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 911 million eggs, up 7 percent from last year. The rate of lay during December was 2,538 eggs per 100 layers.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 403.5 million during December, up 3 percent from a year ago. There were 22.4 million turkey poult hatchlings in the U.S. in December, down 3 percent from the previous year.

### Egg and Hatchery Production - Indiana and United States: December 2018 and 2019

Item	2018	2019	Percent Change
<b>Indiana</b>			
All layers..... Thousand	34,244	35,872	5
Eggs per hundred layers..... Number	2,487	2,538	2
Eggs produced..... Million	852	911	7
<b>U.S.</b>			
All Layers..... Thousand	392,577	403,496	3
Eggs per hundred layers..... Number	2,404	2,429	1
Eggs produced..... Million	9,436	9,800	4
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Jan 1..... Thousand	28,844	27,831	-4
Turkey Poults hatched, Dec..... Thousand	23,176	22,421	-3

## December Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of December 2019 are listed in the table below. Some Indiana highlights were: December corn, at \$4.01 per bushel, was up \$0.09 from November and up \$0.31 from last year; December soybeans, at \$9.18 per bushel, was up \$0.24 from last month and last year; December wheat, at \$5.26 per bushel, was down \$0.01 from November and decreased \$0.11 from last year; December milk, at \$20.40 per cwt., was up \$0.10 from last month and up \$3.80 from last year.

The December Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 89.5, increased 0.8 percent from November but decreased 0.8 percent from December 2018. At

83.3, the Crop Production Index was up 0.8 percent from last month but down 5.0 percent from the previous year. The Livestock Production Index, at 97.0, was unchanged from November, but increased 5.0 percent from December last year. Producers received higher prices during December for broilers, cattle, tomatoes, and strawberries but lower prices for market eggs, lettuce, oranges, and milk. In addition to prices, the indexes are influenced by the volume change of commodities that producers market. In December, there was increased monthly movement for oranges, milk, broilers, and cotton and decreased marketing of corn, grapes, soybeans, and calves.

### Prices Received by Farmers<sup>1</sup> - Indiana and United States: December 2019 with Comparisons

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn.....dollars/bu	3.70	3.92	4.01	3.54	3.68	3.71
Soybeans.....dollars/bu	8.94	8.94	9.18	8.56	8.59	8.70
Wheat, winter.....dollars/bu	5.37	5.27	5.26	5.24	4.36	4.57
Milk, all.....dollars/cwt	16.60	20.30	20.40	16.60	21.00	20.70

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

## Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2020, was 57,000 head, down 5 percent from 2019. The breeding sheep inventory, at 50,000 head, was down 2,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 7,000 head, down 1,000 from last year. The 2019 Indiana lamb crop was 44,000 head, down 2,000 from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Indiana, at 41,000 head, was down 1,000 from the previous year. Indiana shorn wool production in 2019 was 245,000 pounds, down 5,000

pounds from 2018. The average price paid for wool in Indiana was \$0.69 per pound, an increase of \$0.14 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$169,000, 22 percent above the 2018 value.

As of January 1, 2020, there were 13,000 milk goats in Indiana, up 1,000 from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 37,000 head, 3,000 head above the January 1, 2019, inventory.

### Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class - Indiana and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs .....	60	57	5,230	5,200
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	52	50	3,820	3,810
Ewes .....	40	38	3,000	2,980
Rams .....	4	4	170	170
Replacement lambs .....	8	8	650	660
Total market sheep and lambs .....	8	7	1,410	1,390
Previous year's lamb crop .....	46	44	3,235	3,230

### Goats and Kids Inventory by Class - Indiana and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Angora .....	(NA)	(NA)	137	130
Milk .....	12	13	430	440
Meat and other .....	34	37	2,055	2,090

(NA) Not available.

## December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 335 million pounds of milk during December, down 2.0 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 61.5, up 0.5 pounds from December 2018. The dairy herd was estimated at 176,000 head for December, down 5,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in December by Indiana dairy producers was \$20.40 per cwt., \$3.80 more than the price in December 2018.

### Milk Cows, Production, and Price - Indiana: December 2019 and 2020

Item	2018	2019
Cows .....	181	176
Milk per cow .....	61.0	61.5
Production .....	342	335
Milk price, all .....	16.60	20.40
Fat test .....	3.96	4.05
Protein <sup>1</sup> .....	3.23	3.23

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