



# Indiana Agriculture Report

## 2019 Crop Values Summary

The preliminary farm value of Indiana field crops produced in 2019 was \$6.14 billion, down 12 percent from 2018. The total value of Indiana state production declined due to lower total production of corn, soybeans, and wheat. Some Indiana highlights from the Crop Values Annual Report follow:

- Corn for grain value was down 9 percent to \$3.34 billion in 2019. The average price was \$4.10 per bushel.
- Soybean value decreased 17 percent to \$2.49 billion in 2019. The average price was \$9.10 per bushel.

- Wheat value was down 12 percent to \$79.8 million. The average price was \$4.95 per bushel.

Nationally:

- U.S. corn for grain value increased 2 percent to \$52.9 billion in 2019.
- Soybean value in the U.S. was down 15 percent to \$31.2 billion.
- All U.S. wheat value was down 8 percent to \$8.88 billion.

### Value of Crop Production-Indiana and United States 2018-2019

| Crop                              | Indiana        |                |                        |                        | United States  |                |                        |                        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                                   | Price per unit |                | Value of production    |                        | Price per unit |                | Value of production    |                        |
|                                   | 2018           | 2019           | 2018                   | 2019                   | 2018           | 2019           | 2018                   | 2019                   |
|                                   | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Million dollars</i> | <i>Million dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Million dollars</i> | <i>Million dollars</i> |
| Total field and misc. crops ..... | NA             | NA             | 6,963.2                | 6,144.1                | NA             | NA             | 141,850.8              | 135,228.1              |
| Corn for Grain .....Bushel        | 3.78           | 4.10           | 3,657.8                | 3,339.8                | 3.61           | 3.85           | 52,102.4               | 52,911.3               |
| All Hay .....Ton                  | 154.00         | 178.00         | 211.0                  | 230.1                  | 166.00         | 165.00         | 17,288.2               | 18,160.6               |
| Soybeans .....Bushel              | 8.73           | 9.10           | 2,991.8                | 2,487.6                | 8.48           | 8.75           | 36,819.0               | 31,202.7               |
| All wheat .....Bushel             | 4.90           | 4.95           | 90.5                   | 79.8                   | 5.16           | 4.55           | 9,661.9                | 8,882.8                |
| Peppermint .....Lb                | 21.50          | 22.30          | 7.5                    | 6.8                    | 19.80          | 19.30          | 106.5                  | 105.4                  |
| Spearmint .....Lb                 | (D)            | (D)            | (D)                    | (D)                    | 16.80          | 16.90          | 43.2                   | 40.8                   |

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

## January Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 347 million pounds of milk during January, down 1.7 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Indiana averaged 1,970 pounds for January, 20 pounds above January 2019. The dairy herd was estimated at 176,000 head for January, down 5,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in January by Indiana dairy producers was \$19.50 per cwt., \$2.80 more than the price in January 2019.

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

| Item                           | 2019  | 2020  |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Cows ..... 1,000 hd            | 181   | 176   |
| Milk per cow ..... lbs/month   | 1,950 | 1,970 |
| Production..... mil lbs        | 353   | 347   |
| Milk price, all..... dol/cwt   | 16.70 | 19.50 |
| Fat test..... pct              | 4.00  | 3.99  |
| Protein <sup>1</sup> ..... pct | 3.21  | 3.20  |

<sup>1</sup> FMO 33

## January Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of January 2020 are listed in the table below. Some Indiana highlights were: January corn, at \$4.08 per bushel, increased \$0.07 from December and increased \$0.32 from last year; January soybeans, at \$9.20 per bushel, increased \$0.02 from

last month and increased \$0.26 from last year; January wheat, at \$5.48 per bushel, increased \$0.22 from December and increased \$0.02 from last year; January milk, at \$19.50 per cwt., decreased \$0.90 from last month but increased \$2.80 from last year.

### Prices Received by Farmers<sup>1</sup>-Indiana and United States: January 2020 with Comparisons

| Commodity                     | Indiana  |          |          | United States |          |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|
|                               | Jan 2019 | Dec 2019 | Jan 2020 | Jan 2019      | Dec 2019 | Jan 2020 |
| Corn .....dollars/bu          | 3.76     | 4.01     | 4.08     | 3.56          | 3.71     | 3.79     |
| Soybeans .....dollars/bu      | 8.94     | 9.18     | 9.20     | 8.64          | 8.70     | 8.84     |
| Wheat, winter .....dollars/bu | 5.46     | 5.26     | 5.48     | 5.25          | 4.57     | 4.86     |
| Milk, all .....dollars/cwt    | 16.70    | 20.40    | 19.50    | 16.60         | 20.70    | 19.60    |

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

## Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Indiana totaled 35.5 million during January, up 1 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 906 million eggs, up 4 percent from last year. The rate of lay during January was 2,554 eggs per 100 layers. All layers in

the U.S. totaled 403.0 million during January, up slightly from a year ago. There were 24.0 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in January, up 3 percent from the previous year.

### Egg and Hatchery Production - Indiana and United States: January 2019 and 2020

| Item   | 2019    | 2020    | Percent Change |
|--|---------|---------|----------------|
| <b>Indiana</b>                                 |         |         |                |
| All layers ..... thousand                      | 35,154  | 35,483  | 1              |
| Eggs per hundred layers ..... number           | 2,480   | 2,554   | 3              |
| Eggs produced.....million                      | 872     | 906     | 4              |
| <b>U.S.</b>                                    |         |         |                |
| All Layers..... thousand                       | 402,763 | 402,985 | 0              |
| Eggs per hundred layers ..... number           | 2,398   | 2,415   | 1              |
| Eggs produced.....million                      | 9,658   | 9,732   | 1              |
| Turkey Eggs in incubators, Feb 1..... thousand | 28,052  | 27,467  | -2             |
| Turkey Poults hatched, Jan..... thousand       | 23,287  | 23,975  | 3              |

## 2019 County Estimates Highlights

The National Agricultural Statistics Service released county acreage and production estimates for major row crops on February 20, 2020. These figures, combined with the small grain estimates released on December 10, 2019, are the direct result of an extensive data collection effort that included the September and December Agricultural Surveys and their corresponding County Agricultural Production Surveys. These surveys utilize sampling methodology that identifies sample sizes that can produce figures with a high level of accuracy while minimizing survey burden. Not every farmer will be contacted any given year. The sampling process produces a rotation of names, so all growers are likely to be contacted at some point.

There are instances where some counties may not be published individually but are accounted for in a group of combined counties in a given district. This is the result of insufficient data collected for that county. While samples drawn are sufficient to produce a publishable number, the surveys that collect data are voluntary. Low participation in the surveys prevent NASS from producing a statistically reliable estimate for that county.

Below are some highlights. The three highest county average corn yields were found in Carroll County, with 194.6 bushels per acre; Warren County, with 192.4 bushels per acre; and Montgomery County, with 189.9 bushels per acre. The top

three corn producing counties were White County, with 23.8 million bushels; Benton County, with 22.5 million bushels; and Montgomery County, with 20.7 million bushels. The three highest county average soybean yields were found in Vanderburgh County, with 60.9 bushels per acre; Warren County, with 60.7 bushels per acre; and Putnam County, with 58.8 bushels per acre. The top three soybean producing counties were Montgomery County, with 6.77 million bushels; Rush County, with 5.70 million bushels; and Benton County, with 5.70 million bushels. The three highest county average winter wheat yields were found in Lake County, with 81.8 bushels per acre; Bartholomew County, with 75.3 bushels per acre; and Decatur County, with 74.4 bushels per acre. The top three winter wheat producing counties were Posey County, with 1.08 million bushels; Gibson County, with 890,000 bushels; and Knox County, with 675,000 bushels.

County estimates for 2019 and all previous years are available via the Quick Stats database at: [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). Maps and tables for recent years are available at: [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Indiana/Publications/County\\_Estimates/index.php](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Indiana/Publications/County_Estimates/index.php).

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## Indiana Farm Numbers

The number of farms in Indiana in 2019 was 56,000. Land in farms was 14.9 million acres, down 100,000 acres from last year. The average size farm in Indiana was 266 acres per farm, down 1 acre from 2018.

The number of farms in the United States for 2019 is estimated at 2,023,400, down 5,800 farms from 2018. Total land in farms, at 897,400,000 acres, decreased 2,100,000 acres from 2018. The average farm size for 2019 is 444 acres, up 1 acre from the previous year.

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