



Indiana Agriculture Report

Indiana Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Indiana as of January 1, 2021 were 850,000 head, up 1 percent from last year. Indiana highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers remained unchanged at 194,000 head. Beef replacement heifers decreased 7 percent to 38,000 head.
- Milk cows increased 9 percent to 191,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement increased 3 percent to 77,000 head.
- The 2020 calf crop was 340,000 head, up 1 percent from 2019.

Nationally, all cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2021 totaled 93.6 million head, slightly below the

93.8 million head on January 1, 2020. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million head, were slightly below the 40.7 million head on January 1, 2020. Beef cows, at 31.2 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.44 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year. All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2021 totaled 20.0 million head, slightly below the 20.0 million head on January 1, 2020. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.81 million head, were up slightly from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.60 million head, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.58 million head, were 1 percent above a year earlier.

Cattle Inventory by Class – Indiana and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All cattle and calves	840	850	93,793	93,595
Cows	370	385	40,681	40,598
Beef	194	194	31,339	31,158
Milk	176	191	9,343	9,440
Replacement heifers	161	161	20,024	20,000
Beef	41	38	5,809	5,812
Milk	75	77	4,684	4,605
Other	45	46	9,532	9,584
Steers 500 pounds and over	108	113	16,541	16,598
Bulls 500 pounds and over	16	15	2,237	2,211
Calves under 500 pounds	185	176	14,309	14,188
Cattle on feed	105	115	14,658	14,707

Totals may not add due to rounding.

2021 Release Schedule for 2020 County Estimates

Commodity	Release Date
Winter Wheat	December 10, 2020
Corn for Grain	February 25, 2021
Soybeans	February 25, 2021
Cattle & Calves	May 10, 2021

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Indiana totaled 35.2 million during December, down 2 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 898 million eggs, down 1 percent from last year. The rate of lay during December was 2,549 eggs per 100 layers. All layers in

the U.S. totaled 391.9 million during December, down 3 percent from a year ago. There were 22.8 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in December, up 1 percent from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production – Indiana and United States: December 2019 and 2020

Item	2019	2020	Percent Change
Indiana			
All layers.....Thousand	35,883	35,227	-2
Eggs per hundred layers.....Number	2,538	2,549	0
Eggs produced.....Million	911	898	-1
U.S.			
All Layers.....Thousand	404,190	391,134	-3
Eggs per hundred layers.....Number	2,427	2,453	1
Eggs produced.....Million	9,809	9,596	-2
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Jan 1.....Thousand	28,820	26,430	-8
Turkey Poults hatched, Dec.....Thousand	22,655	22,776	1

December Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of December 2020 are listed in the table below. Some Indiana highlights were: December corn, at \$4.06 per bushel, increased \$0.24 from November and increased \$0.06 from last year; December soybeans, at \$10.80 per bushel, increased \$0.50 from last month and increased \$1.63 from last year; December wheat, at \$6.15 per bushel, increased \$0.21 from November and increased \$0.89 from last year; December milk, at \$19.20 per cwt., decreased \$0.20 from last month, and decreased \$1.20 from last year.

Nationally, the December Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 91.4, decreased 1.8 percent from

November but increased 0.3 percent from December 2019. At 91.8, the Crop Production Index was down 0.5 percent from last month but up 6.6 percent from the previous year. The Livestock Production Index, at 90.9, decreased 3.5 percent from November and 6.4 percent from December 2019. Producers received higher prices during December for broilers, corn, soybeans, and cattle but lower prices for milk, lettuce, market eggs, and oranges. In addition to prices, the volume change of commodities marketed also influences the indexes. In December, there was increased monthly movement for oranges, broilers, cotton, and milk and decreased marketing of corn, grapes, soybeans, and calves.

Prices Received by Farmers¹-Indiana and United States: December 2020 with Comparisons

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	Dec 2019	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	Nov 2020	Dec 2020
Corn.....dollars/bu	4.00	3.82	4.06	3.71	3.79	3.97
Soybeans.....dollars/bu	9.17	10.30	10.80	8.70	10.30	10.50
Wheat, winter.....dollars/bu	5.26	5.94	6.15	4.58	5.34	5.57
Milk, all.....dollars/cwt	20.40	19.40	19.20	20.70	21.30	18.50

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2021, was 60,000 head, up 5 percent from 2020. The breeding sheep inventory, at 53,000 head, was up 3,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 7,000 head, unchanged from last year. The 2020 Indiana lamb crop was 48,000 head, up 4,000 from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Indiana, at 42,000 head, was up 1,000 from the previous year. Indiana shorn wool production in 2020 was 245,000 pounds, unchanged from

2019. The average price paid for wool in Indiana was \$0.82 per pound, an increase of \$0.13 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$201,000, 19 percent above the 2019 value.

As of January 1, 2021, there were 14,000 milk goats in Indiana, up 1,000 from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 38,000 head, 1,000 head above the January 1, 2020, inventory.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Indiana and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>
All sheep and lambs	57	60	5,200	5,170
Breeding sheep and lambs	50	53	3,810	3,780
Ewes	38	41	2,980	2,960
Rams	4	4	170	170
Replacement lambs	8	8	660	650
Total market sheep and lambs	7	7	1,390	1,390
Previous year's lamb crop	44	48	3,230	3,210

Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Indiana and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	130	117
Milk	13	14	435	420
Meat and other	37	38	2,090	2,045

(NA) Not available.

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 371 million pounds of milk during December, up 9.8 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Indiana averaged 1,940 pounds for December, 20 pounds above December 2019. The dairy herd was estimated at 191,000 head for December, up 15,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in December by Indiana dairy producers was \$19.20 per cwt., \$1.20 less than the price in December 2019.

Milk Cows, Production, and Price – Indiana: December 2019 and 2020

Item	2019	2020
Cows..... 1,000 hd	176	191
Milk per cow lb/month	1,920	1,940
Production mil lbs	338	371
Milk price, all dol/cwt	20.40	19.20
Fat test pct	3.97	4.07
Protein ¹ pct	3.23	3.27

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