

LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

HOG AND PIG numbers (December 1, 2011), at 3.85 million, were up 5 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head increased from \$110.00 in 2010 to \$120.00 in 2011. This raised the total inventory value to \$462.0 million, 15 percent above a year ago. Indiana remained in fifth place in the nation for the number of hogs on hand December 1, 2011.

CATTLE inventory numbers, at 860,000, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2011 and value per head, at \$1,000 was \$80 above the previous year. Total cattle inventory value, at \$860.0 million, increased 1 percent from the \$782.0 million last year. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 370,000 head, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Of this total, 195,000 were beef cows, down 8 percent; and 175,000 were milk cows, up 2 percent from the previous year.

Total **SHEEP** inventory, at 55,000 head for January 1, 2012, was up 10 percent, from a year earlier. Breeding sheep totaled 48,000 head. Average value per head at \$246.00, was up \$19.00 from 2011. Total inventory value at \$13.5 million was 19 percent above the previous year.

Total **CHICKEN** inventory, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2011, at 31.1 million birds, was up 2 percent from last year. With this inventory, Indiana held on to third place in the nation for total chickens, excluding broilers, but dropped to fourth position for layers (22.9 million). The total value of the chicken inventory was \$65.4 million, up 26 percent from 2010. The value per bird increased \$0.40 from the previous year to \$2.10.

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY NUMBERS, INDIANA RECORD HIGHS AND LOWS

Species	Record High		Record Low		Year Series Began
	Number of Head	Year	Number of Head	Year	
All Hogs	5,393,000	1962	2,475,000	1893	1866
Hog Breeding Herd	721,000	1963	280,000	2009	1963
All Cattle and Calves	2,225,000	1976	830,000	2004	1867
Milk Cows and Heifers that have Calved ¹	848,000	1945	135,000	1998	1867
Beef Cows and Heifers that have Calved ¹	618,000	1976	83,000	1925	1920
All Sheep and Lambs	985,000	1938	50,000	2011	1920
All Chickens Excluding Commercial Broilers	32,343,000	2006	13,963,000	1961	1924
Turkeys Raised	16,000,000	2011	141,000	1929	1929
¹ Prior to January 1, 1970, definition was milk cows and beef cows 2 years old and over.					