

## LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

**HOG AND PIG** numbers (December 1, 2014), at 3.70 million, were up 1 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head increased from \$140.00 in 2013 to \$145.00 in 2014. This raised the total inventory value to \$536.5 million, 5 percent above a year ago. Indiana remained in fifth place in the nation for the number of hogs on hand December 1, 2014.

**CATTLE** inventory numbers, at 870,000, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2014 while value per head, at \$1,430 was \$320 above the previous year. Total cattle inventory value, at \$1.2 billion, increased 30 percent from the \$954.6 million last year. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 380,000 head, up 4 percent from a year earlier. Of this total, 199,000 were beef cows, up 6 percent; and 181,000 were milk cows, up 2 percent from the previous year.

Total **SHEEP** inventory, at 50,000 head for January 1, 2015, was unchanged from a year earlier. Breeding sheep totaled 43,000 head. Average value per head at \$232.00, was down \$2.00 from 2014. Total inventory value at \$11.6 million was 1 percent below the previous year.

Total **CHICKEN** inventory, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2014, at 34.6 million birds, was down 3 percent from last year. With this inventory, Indiana held on to third place in the nation for total chickens, excluding broilers, and for layers (26.9 million). The total value of the chicken inventory was \$100.2 million, up 31 percent from 2013. The value per bird, at \$2.90 was up \$0.80 from the previous year.

### 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	2013	1963
All Cattle and Calves	2,225,000	1976	810,000	2013	1867
Milk Cows and Heifers that have Calved <sup>1</sup>	848,000	1945	135,000	1998	1867
Beef Cows and Heifers that have Calved <sup>1</sup>	618,000	1976	83,000	1925	1920
All Sheep and Lambs	985,000	1938	<b>50,000</b>	<b>2015</b>	1920
All Chickens Excluding Commercial Broilers	35,640,000	2013	13,963,000	1961	1924
Turkeys Raised	<b>19,000,000</b>	<b>2014</b>	141,000	1929	1929

<sup>1</sup> Prior to January 1, 1970, definition was milk cows and beef cows 2 years old and over.