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INDIANA'S CROP RANKING

Indiana's national ranking in crop production during 2007 increased from 2006 for one crop. Corn production remained in its 5th position ranking and soybean production remained in 4th place. Cantaloup production moved up to 4th position in the national ranking.

positions two places were blueberries (11th), sweet corn (15th), and winter wheat (17th). Hay decreased its rank four places to the 32nd spot. Two crops that decreased their rank positions five places were commercial apples (18th) and oats (26th).

Indiana crops that remained in the same positions were tomatoes for processing (2nd), peppermint (4th), and watermelon (6th). One crop that decreased one position was spearmint to 5th place. Crops that decreased their

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INDIANA'S RANK IN CROP PRODUCTION AMONG STATES, 2007

Crop	Unit	Top Ranking States and Indiana					
		First		Second		Indiana	
		State	Production	State	Production	Rank	Production
		Thousand		Thousand		Thousand	
Corn, Grain	Bu	Iowa	2,368,350	Illinois	2,283,750	5	987,350
Soybeans	Bu	Iowa	438,780	Illinois	350,450	4	210,600
Winter Wheat	Bu	Kansas	283,800	Texas	140,600	17	21,090
Oats	Bu	North Dakota	15,340	Minnesota	10,800	26	440
Hay, All	Ton	Texas	15,330	California	9,422	32	1,544
Apples, Commercial	Lb	Washington	5,400,000	New York	1,270,000	18	33,000
Blueberries	Lb	Michigan	93,000	New Jersey	54,000	11	1,600
Peppermint	Lb	Washington	2,760	Oregon	1,914	4	374
Spearmint	Lb	Washington	1,778	Oregon	284	5	78
Tomatoes for Processing	Ton	California	12,082	Indiana	294	2	294
Cantaloup, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	California	11,756	Arizona	5,936	4	504
Watermelon, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	Georgia	10,360	Florida	8,110	6	2,664
Sweet Corn, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	Florida	5,015	California	4,608	15	459

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2007 APPLE AND BLUEBERRY PRODUCTION DOWN

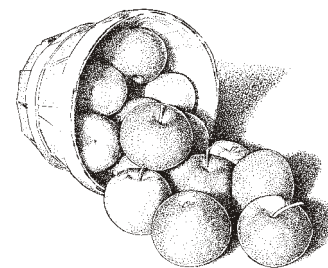
Indiana's commercial apple production totaled 33.0 million pounds during 2007, down 40 percent from the 2006 level of 55.0 million pounds. The 2007 average price per pound increased 2.2 cents from the previous year to 32.1 cents.

Blueberry production totaled 1.6 million pounds, a 53 percent decrease from 2006. The average price for all blueberries was 1.92 dollars per pound, 44.0 cents above the average price received during 2006.

United States utilized apple production for 2007 is estimated at 9.30 billion pounds, down 6 percent from 2006. In Michigan, utilized production decreased 10 percent from 2006. Low summer precipitation levels in Michigan reduced fruit sizes but fruit quality remained high. A severe frost decimated orchards in the Southeast and Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky. Reports of tree damage and total crop loss were common in these States.

TOTAL FRUIT PRODUCTION INDIANA, SELECTED STATES AND U. S., 2006 - 2007

State	Apples			Blueberries		
	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06
	Million Pounds		%	Million Pounds		%
California	355.0	390.0	110	---	---	
Illinois	52.5	5.0	10	---	---	
INDIANA	55.0	33.0	60	3.4	1.6	47
Michigan	870.0	760.0	87	90.0	93.0	103
New York	1,250.0	1,270.0	102	2.2	2.5	114
Ohio	102.0	60.9	60	---	---	
Washington	5,550.0	5,400.0	97	19.0	29.6	156
U.S.	9,851.7	9,342.6	95	282.9	283.4	100



INDIANA WOOL PRODUCTION DECREASES

Wool production in Indiana at 250,000 pounds decreased 9 percent in 2007. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 40,000 head, 9 percent less than a year earlier. The average fleece weight was 6.3 pounds. The total value of shorn wool was \$60,000, 28 percent above last year's total of \$47,000. Wool averaged 24 cents per pound in 2007.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2007 was 34.5 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.71 million head, down 3 percent from 2006. The average price paid for wool sold in 2007 was 88 cents per pound for a total value of 30.3 million dollars, up 23 percent from 24.5 million dollars in 2006.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2006-2007

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
Sheep Shorn (1,000 Head)	44.0	40.0	91	4,852.0	4,705.0	97
Live Weight Per Fleece (Lbs.)	6.3	6.3	100	7.4	7.3	99
Wool Production (1,000 Lbs.)	275	250	91	36,019	34,533	96
Price Per Pound	.17	.24	141	.68	.88	129
Value (1,000 Dollars) ^{1/}	47	60	128	24,510	30,258	123

^{1/} Production multiplied by marketing year average price for individual States, U.S. value is summation of State values.

VEGETABLES, FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING

Tomatoes harvested for fresh market in Indiana during 2007 totaled 1,700 acres, an increase of 13 percent from the previous year. Yield per acre at 150 cwt. was up 36 percent from 2006. Total production at 255,000 cwt. increased 55 percent above the 165,000 produced the previous year. The value of production increased 87 percent to total 20.7 million dollars. **Processing tomato** acreage harvested at 8,400 acres was up 8 percent from the 2006 level. Production, at 294,000 tons, was up 30 percent from last year and the total value of the crop, at 27.6 million dollars, was 37 percent above the 2006 level. Indiana growers harvested 2,800 acres of **cantaloups**, up 4 percent from the 2006 level. The average yield per acre was 180 cwt. compared to 175 cwt. in 2006. Total production of 504,000 cwt. increased 31,000 cwt. above the 2006 production. **Watermelon** growers harvested 7,400 acres, unchanged from the previous year. An average yield of 360 cwt. per acre was down 3 percent from the average yield in 2006. Total production of 2.66 million cwt. decreased 3 percent below the 2.74 million cwt. produced a year earlier.

Nationally, **fresh market** vegetable and melon production for the 24 selected crops estimated in 2007 totaled 494 million hundredweight, up 2 percent from last year. Harvested area covered 1.94 million acres, virtually unchanged from 2006. Value of the 2007 crop is estimated at 10.9 billion dollars, up 2 percent from a year ago. The three largest crops, in terms of production, are onions, head lettuce, and watermelons, which combined to account for 38 percent of the total production. United States **processing** production of 8 selected vegetables estimated in 2007 totaled 17.8 million tons, up 12 percent from last year. Area harvested is estimated at 1.25 million acres, down slightly from a year ago. Processing crop value is estimated at 1.60 billion dollars, 20 percent above 2006. The three largest crops, in terms of production, are tomatoes, sweet corn, and snap beans, which combine to account for 92 percent of the 8 processing crops estimated in 2007.

VEGETABLES, FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2006 - 2007

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Unit	Total Value	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007		2006	2007
Indiana	<u>Acres</u>							<u>1,000 Dollars</u>	
Fresh Market									
Tomatoes	1,500	1,700	110	150	165,000	255,000	Cwt	11,055	20,655
Sweet Corn	5,200	5,400	62	85	322,000	459,000	Cwt	7,664	10,511
Cantaloups	2,700	2,800	175	180	473,000	504,000	Cwt	7,190	8,165
Watermelons	7,400	7,400	370	360	2,738,000	2,664,000	Cwt	26,011	20,246
Processing									
Tomatoes	7,800	8,400	28.91	35.00	225,500	294,000	Ton	20,205	27,636
Snap Beans	5,300	5,000	3.18	3.15	16,860	15,770	Ton	3,249	3,158
Cucumbers	1,600	1,500	4.44	4.30	7,100	6,450	Ton	2,215	2,245
United States									
Fresh Market									
Tomatoes	122,600	119,200	300	311	36,809,000	37,032,000	Cwt	1,618,533	1,277,559
Sweet Corn	227,600	234,400	117	120	26,690,000	28,234,000	Cwt	610,885	625,539
Cantaloups	85,700	86,030	239	246	20,451,000	21,194,000	Cwt	351,612	312,700
Watermelons	141,100	150,700	299	284	42,245,000	42,869,000	Cwt	436,805	476,209
Processing									
Tomatoes	299,400	313,600	35.44	40.37	10,611,820	12,659,890	Ton	704,669	901,761
Sweet Corn	384,700	367,600	8.02	7.88	3,085,550	2,897,430	Ton	205,965	236,908
Snap Beans	203,240	202,570	3.87	3.79	785,950	767,770	Ton	123,218	129,637
Cucumbers	103,000	95,500	4.90	5.31	505,190	507,560	Ton	149,340	167,831

MAJOR AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

Approximately 3,000 Indiana farm operators will be contacted for the USDA's March Agricultural survey.

This major survey will be conducted during the first half of March by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The information gathered will be used to make state and national estimates of crop intentions, grain in storage and hog and pig inventories.

This survey is important in making accurate crop and livestock estimates, which provide a basis for an orderly marketing system. An orderly marketing system is essential to all involved in agriculture.

The March Agricultural Survey is one of the most important of the many surveys conducted each year by the Indiana Field Office of USDA, NASS. Other Agricultural Surveys are scheduled for June, September and December. The approximately 70,000 farms expected to participate nationally in the March survey are selected from over two million farms nationwide using statistical sampling procedures. Facts about an individual's farm or ranch are strictly confidential and used only in combination with reports from other farmers to produce agricultural statistics for Indiana and the nation.

INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 286 million pounds during January 2008, up 1 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 167,000 head, increasing 1 percent from a year earlier.

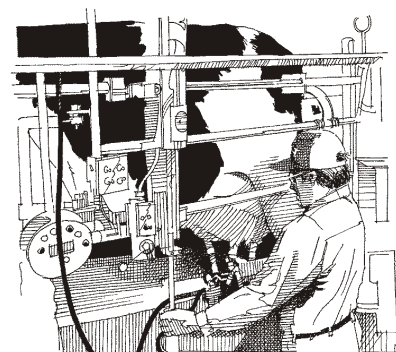
Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from production in these same States in January 2007.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for January, 17 pounds above January 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 15,000 head more than December 2007, and 120,000 head more than January 2007.



**MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION
INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, JANUARY 2007-2008**

State	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
INDIANA	165	167	1,720	1,710	284	286	101
Illinois	103	103	1,645	1,615	169	166	98
Iowa	210	216	1,730	1,680	363	363	100
Kentucky	93	91	1,220	1,180	113	107	95
Michigan	328	344	1,945	1,910	638	657	103
Minnesota	455	463	1,635	1,610	744	745	100
Ohio	275	278	1,530	1,530	421	425	101
Wisconsin	1,245	1,250	1,630	1,640	2,029	2,050	101
23 State Total	8,284	8,404	1,726	1,743	14,302	14,648	102

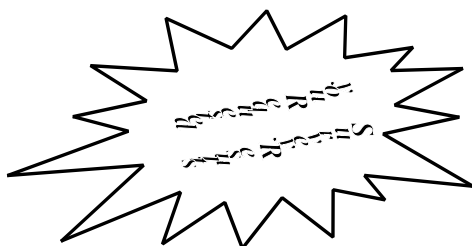


1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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