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INDIANA WINTER WHEAT FORECAST UP 66 PERCENT

Based on conditions May 1, Indiana's 2008 winter wheat crop is expected to total 35.0 million bushels, up 66 percent from 21.1 million bushels produced in 2007. The expected yield of 66 bushels per acre is 9 bushels above last year's yield of 57 bushels per acre. Intended acreage for harvest as grain, at 530,000 acres, increased 43 percent from last year. The crop was rated 68 percent good to excellent as of May 4, compared with 37 percent a year ago.

As of May 4, pasture condition was rated 54 percent good to excellent, compared to 61 percent a year earlier. Hay stocks on Indiana farms totaled 93,000 tons, down 53 percent from a year earlier.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.78 billion bushels, up

17 percent from 2007. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 40.2 million acres, up 12 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.3 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from the previous year.

Hard Red production is up 5 percent from a year ago to 1.01 billion bushels. Soft Red production is up 54 percent and totals 551 million bushels. White production totals 215 million bushels, up 10 percent from a year ago. Of the White production total, 23.2 million bushels are Hard White and 192 million bushels are Soft White.

U.S. Hay Stocks on Farms: All hay stored on farms May 1, 2008 totaled 21.6 million tons, up 44 percent from the previous year. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2007- May 1, 2008

totaled 82.4 million tons, 1 percent more than the disappearance of 81.5 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

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CROPS MAY 1, 2008 WITH COMPARISONS

Item	Indiana		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Winter Wheat				
For Harvest (1,000 Acres)	370	530	35,952	40,162
Yield Per Acre (Bushels)	57.0	66.0	42.2	44.3
Production (1,000 Bushels)	21,090	34,980	1,515,989	1,777,532
Hay Stocks on Farms, May 1				
Quantity (1,000 Tons)	198	93	15,013	21,593

PASTURE CONDITION, BY PERCENT INDIANA & UNITED STATES, MAY 4, 2008

State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Indiana	6	10	30	42	12
United States	8	14	33	38	7

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SPRING CROP PROGRESS

Heavy rainfall during the week halted field work in many areas of the state. Planting of corn is running about 7 days behind last year and 8 days behind the 5-year average pace. Soybean planting is about 9 days behind last year and 11 days behind the 5-year average. Standing water may result in the need to replant some corn and soybean acreage. Emergence and growth of the major field crops continues to be slow due to the cool, wet conditions.

There was 1.0 day suitable for field work. Sixty-eight percent of the intended corn acreage has been planted compared with 89 percent last year and 82 percent for the 5-year average. By area, 75 percent has been planted in the north, 78 percent in the central region, and 37 percent in the south. Thirty-five percent of the corn acreage has now emerged compared with 57 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. Twenty-three percent of the intended soybean acreage has been planted compared with 63 percent last year and 51 percent for the 5-year average.

Thirty-six percent of the winter wheat is headed compared with 51 percent last year and 59 percent for the 5-year average. Winter wheat condition is rated 63 percent good to excellent compared to 39 percent last year at this time. Some wind and water damage is being reported in a few southern counties.

Major activities during the week included: spraying fungicides on wheat, equipment maintenance, fertilizer applications, spraying herbicides, hauling grain to market, hauling manure, and taking care of livestock.

Pasture condition is rated 19% excellent, 54% good, 21% fair, 5% poor and 1% very poor. Pasture condition continues to improve with plenty of precipitation. Livestock remain in mostly good condition.

INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 284 million pounds during April 2008, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 168,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from production in these same States in April 2007.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for April, 12 pounds above April 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 8,000 head more than March 2008, and 152,000 head more than April 2007.



**MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION
INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, APRIL 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	168	168	1,725	1,690	290	284	98
Illinois	103	102	1,645	1,615	169	165	98
Iowa	211	216	1,710	1,670	361	361	100
Kentucky	92	92	1,270	1,230	117	113	97
Michigan	331	345	1,915	1,825	634	630	99
Minnesota	455	463	1,610	1,570	733	727	99
Ohio	275	280	1,550	1,540	426	431	101
Wisconsin	1,246	1,251	1,615	1,630	2,012	2,039	101
23 State Total	8,292	8,444	1,745	1,757	14,470	14,833	103

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.



POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in Indiana during 2007 was \$233,000, unchanged from the previous year. Prices remained the same, at 0.8 cent per pound. The number of chickens sold in 2007 totaled 8.8 million, slightly below the total sold during the previous year. Indiana's value of egg production in 2007 was \$422.6 million, up 84 percent from the \$229.3 million in 2006. Egg production totaled 6.7 billion eggs, down 1 percent from the

previous year. In 2007, eggs averaged 76.0 cents per dozen, compared with 40.8 cents in 2006. The value of Indiana's turkeys produced during 2007 was \$249.8 million, up 6 percent from the \$235.8 million the previous year. Turkey production in 2007 totaled 543.2 million pounds live weight, compared with 462.3 million pounds in 2006. The average price received by producers during 2007 was 46.0 cents per pound, compared to 51.0 cents per pound in 2006.

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

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as a % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as a % of 2006
Chickens (excluding broilers) 1/						
Number Lost (1,000 head) 2/	4,240	3,950	93	101,078	100,663	100
Number Sold for slaughter (1,000 head)	8,824	8,821	100	172,748	167,249	97
Pounds Sold (1,000 Lbs.)	29,119	29,109	100	918,977	906,809	99
Price per Pound (Dollars)	0.008	0.008	100	0.058	0.056	97
Value of Sales (1,000 Dollars)	233	233	100	53,754	50,783	94
Eggs 1/						
Eggs Produced (Million)	6,745	6,673	99	91,328	90,581	99
Price per Dozen (Dollars) 3/	0.408	0.760	186	0.582	0.885	152
Value of Production (1,000 Dollars)	229,297	422,640	184	4,431,745	6,678,147	151
Turkeys						
Number Raised (1,000 Head) 4/	13,800	15,300	111	262,460	271,689	104
Pounds Produced (1,000 Pounds)	462,300	543,150	117	7,463,885	7,869,224	105
Price per Pound (Dollars) 5/	0.510	0.460	90	0.479	0.472	99
Value of Production (1,000 Dollars)	235,773	249,849	106	3,573,690	3,710,846	104

1/ Estimates cover the 12 month period December 1 the previous year through November 30.

2/ Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during the 12 month period.

3/ Including hatching and market (table) eggs.

4/ Based on turkeys placed September 1, previous year through August 31, of the current year. Excludes young turkeys lost.

5/ Equivalent live weight returns to producers.

MAJOR AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

Nearly 4,000 Indiana farm operators will be part of a national sample of producers who will be contacted for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's June survey.

This major survey will be conducted during the first half of June by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The information gathered will be used to make state, regional and national estimates of crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventories, number of farms and land in farms and other statistics.

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 June Agricultural Survey is one of the most important of the many surveys conducted each year by Indiana

Agricultural Statistics. Other Agricultural Surveys are scheduled for September, December, and March. In addition to the agricultural surveys of farm operators conducted by this office, corn and soybean plots are randomly selected and laid out to aid in monitoring crop condition and potential yields during the growing season. Separate cattle, sheep, and goat inventory surveys are conducted in July and January.

The farms expected to participate nationally in the June survey are selected from over 2 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.



TOP CATTLE PRODUCING COUNTIES

Elkhart county led the State for all cattle, followed again by Lagrange county in second place, followed by Jasper county in third place. Dubois and Washington counties held on to their spot, claiming fourth and fifth positions, respectively. Lawrence county held its first place position for beef cows for the January 1, 2007 inventory, followed again by

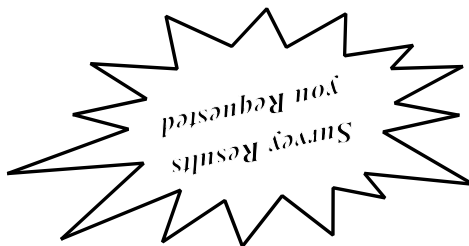
Washington, Harrison, Dubois and Greene counties. Jasper county maintained its first place position for milk cows. Elkhart, Newton, Lagrange, and Adams counties remained in second, third, fourth, and fifth positions, respectively for milk cows.

TOP TEN COUNTIES IN INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2008

Cattle and Calves		Rank	Beef Cows		Rank	Milk Cows	
Elkhart	45,600	1	Lawrence	10,600	1	Jasper	23,000
Lagrange	36,400	2	Washington	9,800	2	Elkhart	18,600
Jasper	36,000	3	Harrison	9,200	3	Newton	14,500
Dubois	28,100	4	Dubois	8,600	4	Lagrange	9,700
Washington	26,500	5	Greene	7,800	5	Adams	5,900
Lawrence	22,000	6	Spencer	5,600	6	Marshall	5,600
Harrison	21,300	7	Jefferson	5,100	7	Laporte	4,500
Kosciusko	20,100	8	Orange	4,900	8	Noble	4,500
Newton	19,000	9	Perry	4,800	9	Wabash	3,800
Adams	17,800	10	Franklin	4,800	10	Cass	3,700
Greene	17,800						

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