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INDIANA SOYBEAN AND WHEAT PRODUCTION UP, WHILE CORN PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Based on conditions August 1, Indiana's 2008 corn production is forecast at 877.4 million bushels, down 11 percent from the 987.4 million bushels produced in 2007. The expected yield of 164 bushels per acre is up 9 bushels from 2007. The 5.35 million acres for harvest is 16 percent below the acreage harvested last year. As of August 3, corn condition was rated 67 percent good to excellent.

Soybean production is forecast at 255.3 million bushels, up 21 percent from the 210.6 million bushels produced in 2007. The expected yield of 46 bushels per acre is up 1 bushel

from last year. The acreage expected to be harvested for beans, at 5.55 million acres, is up 19 percent from 2007 and up 7 percent from the June estimate. As of August 3, soybean condition was rated 63 percent good to excellent.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 36.6 million bushels, up 3 percent from July 1 and up 73 percent from last year's level of 21.1 million bushels. The average yield is estimated at 69 bushels per acre. This average is 2 bushels per acre above the previous month's yield, and 12 bushels above last year's yield of 57 bushels

per acre. Area for harvest at 530,000 acres is unchanged from July's forecast, and up 43 percent from the previous year's acreage of 370,000.

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ACRES FOR HARVEST, YIELD AND PRODUCTION INDIANA AND UNITED STATES: 2007 - 2008

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield Per Acre		Total Production			Unit
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	2007	2008	08/07	
	Thousands	Percent				Thousands	Percent		
Indiana									
Corn for Grain	6,370	5,350	84	155	164	987,350	877,400	89	Bu
Soybeans	4,680	5,550	119	45	46	210,600	255,300	121	Bu
Winter Wheat	370	530	143	57	69	21,090	36,570	173	Bu
Alfalfa Hay	320	320	100	2.70	4.00	864	1,280	148	Tons
Other Hay	340	320	94	2.00	2.60	680	832	122	Tons
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	33,000	42,000	127	Lbs
United States									
Corn for Grain	86,542	79,290	92	151.1	155.0	13,073,893	12,287,875	94	Bu
Soybeans	62,820	73,341	117	41.2	40.5	2,585,207	2,972,577	115	Bu
Winter Wheat	35,952	40,252	112	42.2	46.6	1,515,989	1,874,857	124	Bu
Oats	1,505	1,443	96	60.9	62.3	91,599	89,897	98	Bu
Alfalfa Hay	21,670	20,778	96	3.35	3.41	72,575	70,944	98	Tons
Other Hay	39,955	39,661	99	1.95	1.94	77,729	77,011	99	Tons
Tobacco	356.0	350.4	98	2,191	2,271	779,899	796,009	102	Lbs
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	9,113,900	9,165,200	101	Lbs

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PRELIMINARY DISTRICT ESTIMATES AUGUST 2008

District	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands		Thousands		Bushels		Thousands	
	Corn							
NW	1,055	920	1,020	880	170	163	172,900	143,717
NC	845	730	823	700	163	170	133,950	118,924
NE	625	540	600	510	141	163	84,500	83,290
WC	795	690	790	665	170	170	134,500	112,978
C	1,320	1,135	1,308	1,090	151	167	197,000	181,597
EC	525	450	519	435	139	164	72,150	71,519
SW	880	760	870	715	157	160	136,900	114,419
SC	225	185	216	175	126	147	27,250	25,703
SE	230	190	224	180	126	140	28,200	25,253
State	6,500	5,600	6,370	5,350	155	164	987,350	877,400
	Soybeans							
NW	572	715	570	711	49	46	27,962	32,933
NC	544	655	542	650	49	48	26,387	31,417
NE	552	650	550	648	48	47	26,283	30,668
WC	583	690	582	680	49	46	28,242	31,497
C	1,027	1,200	1,024	1,192	46	48	47,120	57,614
EC	469	550	468	545	45	46	21,062	25,244
SW	576	695	573	685	39	41	22,524	28,280
SC	170	205	167	202	30	41	4,928	8,340
SE	207	240	204	237	30	39	6,092	9,307
State	4,700	5,600	4,680	5,550	45	46	210,600	255,300
	Wheat							
NW	29	39	26	37	60	69	1,554	2,586
NC	45	57	41	56	59	71	2,424	3,967
NE	76	93	72	90	57	70	4,092	6,295
WC	27	40	23	39	53	57	1,224	2,234
C	55	83	48	81	60	74	2,873	5,986
EC	35	45	31	43	56	73	1,748	3,147
SW	122	146	105	141	57	68	5,995	9,628
SC	15	27	13	25	47	63	614	1,583
SE	16	20	11	19	52	59	566	1,144
State	420	550	370	530	57	69	21,090	36,570

Source: USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office

MAJOR AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

Nearly 2,600 Indiana farm operators will be part of a national sample of producers who will be contacted for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's September survey.

This major survey will be conducted during the first half of September 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, and hog 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 September 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 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 and sheep inventory surveys are conducted in July and January.

The farms expected to participate nationally in the September survey are selected from 2.1 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.



U.S. FARM REAL ESTATE VALUES CONTINUE STRONG UPWARD TREND

Indiana cropland and pasture values both increased 12 percent, while farm real estate values increased by 11 percent during 2008.

U.S. farm real estate values, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$2,350 per acre on January 1, 2008, up 8.8 percent from 2007. The \$2,350 per acre is a record high and \$190 more than a year earlier.

Nationally, both cropland and pasture values for 2008 are record highs. Cropland values rose by 10 percent to \$2,970

per acre, up from the previous high of \$2,690 in 2007. Pasture value rose by 6 percent to \$1,230 per acre.

While commercial and residential development has slowed in many regions, U.S. farm real estate values continue to increase. Strong commodity prices and farm programs, outside investments, favorable interest rates, and tax incentives continue to be the factors that drive farm real estate values to record levels. Livestock prices, recreational use, and urban development remain the predominant influences that increase pasture land values.

AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES CORNBELT, SELECTED STATES, AND 48 STATES: JANUARY 1, 2005-2008

Farm Real Estate: Average Value per Acre					
States	2005	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007
Cornbelt	2,720	3,050	3,450	3,910	113
Illinois	3,330	3,800	4,330	5,000	115
Indiana	3,140	3,630	4,000	4,450	111
Iowa	2,650	2,930	3,400	4,000	118
Missouri	1,790	1,980	2,280	2,450	107
Ohio	3,180	3,490	3,800	4,150	109
48 States	1,650	1,900	2,160	2,350	109
Cropland: Average Value per Acre					
States	2005	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007
Cornbelt	2,880	3,240	*3,710	4,260	115
Illinois	3,370	3,850	4,460	5,320	119
Indiana	3,150	3,670	4,050	4,550	112
Iowa	2,770	3,110	*3,630	4,310	119
Missouri	1,890	2,090	2,450	2,660	109
Ohio	3,230	3,540	3,920	4,250	108
48 States	2,110	2,390	*2,690	2,970	110
Pasture: Average Value per Acre					
States	2005	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007
Cornbelt	1,440	1,670	2,010	2,220	110
Illinois	1,720	2,050	2,500	2,800	112
Indiana	1,930	2,090	2,500	2,800	112
Iowa	1,070	1,400	1,800	2,100	117
Missouri	1,340	1,550	1,820	1,920	105
Ohio	2,240	2,400	2,820	3,400	121
48 States	761	1,000	1,160	1,230	106

* Revised.

INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 274 million pounds during July 2008, down 4 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 166,000 head, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

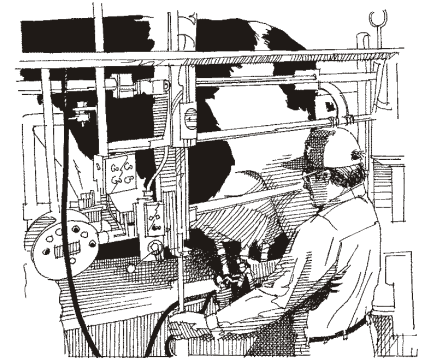
Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,742 pounds for July, unchanged from July 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 5,000 head more than June 2008, and 143,000 head more than July 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from production in these same States in July 2007.



MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, JULY 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
INDIANA	167	166	1,700	1,650	284	274	96
Illinois	103	102	1,550	1,520	160	155	97
Iowa	215	215	1,700	1,670	366	359	98
Kentucky	89	90	1,150	1,060	102	95	93
Michigan	336	348	1,940	1,870	652	651	100
Minnesota	463	463	1,575	1,590	729	736	101
Ohio	276	282	1,530	1,540	422	434	103
Wisconsin	1,248	1,252	1,675	1,675	2,090	2,097	100
23 State Total	8,322	8,465	1,742	1,742	14,500	14,750	102

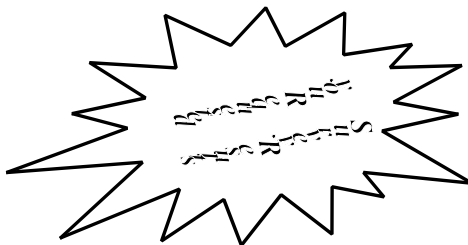


^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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