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### NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS DOWN 17 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in July 2008. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of July 6-12, 2008 totaled 44,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.90.

There were 1,173,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 6-12, 2008, down 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 828,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 345,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.34 per hour during the July 2008 reference week, up 35 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.66 per hour, up 42 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.98 per hour compared with \$9.73 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.74 per hour, was up 37 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.5 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 2 percent from a year ago.



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**HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES  
EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, JULY 2007-2008 1/ 2/**

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<b>Thousands</b>			
Hired Workers on Farms	53	44	843	828
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	34	33	596	585
149 Days or Less	19	11	247	243
	<b>Hours</b>			
Hours Worked Per Week	36.0	35.0	41.4	40.5
	<b>Dollars Per Hour</b>			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	9.22	10.27	9.24	9.66
Livestock	10.32	10.87	9.73	9.98
Field & Livestock	9.57	10.43	9.37	9.74
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	10.20	10.90	9.99	10.34

1/ Reference weeks were July 6-12 in 2008 and July 8-14 in 2007. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

2/ Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.



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## PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN FROM LAST MONTH

The August 2008 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 183 (1991=100) was down 14 points from July's level but up 52 points from August 2007. The mid-August price for winter wheat, all hogs, and eggs increased from July. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, and all milk decreased from the previous month.

The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, barrows and gilts, and eggs increased from the August 2007

level. The mid-August price for sows and all milk decreased from the previous year's level.

The Livestock Price Index of 125 was up 9 points from last month's index and 8 points above August 2007. The Crop Price Index of 219 was down 28 points from the index last month but 79 points above last year.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -- INDIANA AND UNITED STATES AUGUST 2008 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		August 2007	July 2008	August 15 2008	August 2007	July 2008	August 15 2008
		<b>Dollars</b>			<b>Dollars</b>		
Corn	Bu.	3.27	5.92	5.16	3.26	5.24	4.90
Soybeans	Bu.	8.03	14.50	12.60	7.72	13.30	12.10
Winter Wheat	Bu.	5.70	6.32	6.41	5.66	7.10	7.70
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	2.24	3.46	3.17
All Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	124.00	164.00	165.00
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	135.00	177.00	180.00
Other Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	105.00	130.00	126.00
Apples 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.344	.446	.534
All Hogs	Cwt.	51.10	55.40	60.40	51.30	54.20	59.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	52.10	58.30	62.50	52.10	56.00	61.10
Sows	Cwt.	40.60	22.40	36.70	36.10	20.10	33.10
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	91.40	95.10	96.10
Milk Cows 3/	Head	3/	2010.00	3/	3/	1990.00	3/
All Milk	Cwt.	23.10	20.20	19.30	21.60	19.40	18.50
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	23.20	20.20	4/	21.60	19.40	18.50
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	16.00	7/	4/	19.90	18.90	18.10
Eggs 5/	Doz.	.710	.690	.850	.722	.668	.815
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.572	.611	.630

1/ Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. 2/ Mid-month Price. 3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July, and October. 4/ Only Whole-month Price published. 5/ Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Monthly estimates discontinued. 7/ Not Published.

## JULY EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 556 million eggs during July 2008, 1 percent below a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 23.9 million, was down 1 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. The rate of lay at 2,327 eggs per 100 layers, was up 2 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.92 million egg-type chicks during July, down 7 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-July 2008 was 37.3 million, down 2 percent from the same period of 2007.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.60 billion during July 2008, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.49 billion table eggs and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2008 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,262 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2007. Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2008 totaled 37.9 million, up 5 percent from July 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.0 million on August 1, 2008, up 2 percent from a year ago.

### EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., JULY 2007-2008

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	24,639	23,896	97	340,035	336,101	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,281	2,327	102	2,235	2,262	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	562	556	99	7,599	7,601	100
Table Eggs (millions)	550	544	99	6,461	6,486	100
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	12	100	1,138	1,115	98
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	5,275	4,922	93	35,952	37,929	105
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched	1/	1/	1/	818,983	806,555	98

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 14 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during July 2008 totaled 137.8 million pounds, up 14 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 3,700 cattle killed totaled 3.9 million pounds. Total live weight of the 698,200 hogs killed totaled 178.5 million pounds. The 2,600 sheep slaughtered during July 2008 totaled 283,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during July 2008 totaled 4.25 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in July 2007. Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.06 million head, up 6 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from

the previous year, at 1,273 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.3 million pounds, 16 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 87,900 head, up 41 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was down 46 pounds from last year, at 243 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 12 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.47 million head, up 13 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 262 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from July 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,800 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from July a year ago.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	July		Jan - Jul		July		Jan - Jul	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Cattle</b>								
Number of Head (000)	3.1	3.7	21.1	23.0	2,903.1	3,064.0	19,886.8	20,388.4
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,054	1,061	1,050	1,059	1,269	1,273	1,258	1,271
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,309	3,934	22,148	24,365	3,673,852	3,888,150	24,931,382	25,821,151
<b>Calves</b>								
Number of Head (000)	2/	2/	2/	2/	62.5	87.9	451.4	519.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	289	243	320	267
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	17,883	21,052	143,496	137,029
<b>Hogs</b>								
Number of Head (000)	616.5	698.2	4,334.4	4,754.0	8,399.0	9,465.2	60,608.5	67,004.4
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	256	256	262	262	264	262	269	269
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	157,899	178,511	1,134,856	1,246,960	2,217,224	2,480,080	16,270,041	17,982,491
<b>Sheep</b>								
Number of Head (000)	2.2	2.6	14.2	16.0	206.0	207.8	1,540.8	1,484.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	107	107	108	108	131	132	139	139
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	240	283	1,533	1,726	26,985	27,411	213,360	206,156

1/ Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

2/ Not published to avoid disclosure.

## INDIANA SIXTH IN TURKEYS RAISED

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2008 is 271 million, down slightly from the number raised during 2007.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2008: Minnesota, at 49.0 million turkeys, is up 2 percent from last year; North Carolina, at 39.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from last year; Arkansas, at 31.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from a year ago; Virginia, at 21.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from 2007; Missouri, at 20.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from last year; and Indiana, at 15.9 million turkeys, is up 5 percent from last year.

### TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED SELECTED STATES & UNITED STATES

State	Total All Breeds		
	2007 1/	2008	2008 as % of 2007
<b>Thousand Birds</b>			
Arkansas	31,000	31,000	100
California	16,000	15,700	98
Indiana	15,100	15,900	105
Minnesota	48,000	49,000	102
Missouri	20,000	20,000	100
North Carolina	39,000	39,000	100
Ohio	5,200	5,200	100
Virginia	21,000	21,000	100
United States	271,685	271,084	100

1/ Revised.

## MIDWEST PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES UP

The Midwest farm production region contributed most to the total 2007 U.S. Farm Production Expenditures with expenses of \$74.4 billion, or 29 percent. The other regions ranked by Total Expenditures were: Plains, at \$64.3 billion; West, at \$58.7 billion; Atlantic, at \$32.3 billion; and South, at \$30.2 billion.



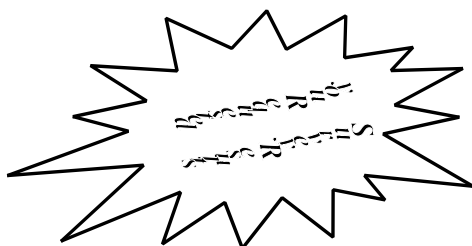
### PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES: MAJOR INPUT ITEMS, AVERAGE PER FARM AND TOTAL, MIDWEST REGION, 2006-2007 <sup>1/</sup>

Expenditures - Farm Share	Average Per Farm		Total Expenditures	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<u>Dollars</u>		<u>Million Dollars</u>	
Total Farm Production Expenditures	106,710	122,445	65,040	74,410
Livestock and Poultry	8,843	8,475	5,390	5,150
Feed	10,697	13,658	6,520	8,300
Farm Services	11,485	13,773	7,000	8,370
Rent	13,634	13,856	8,310	8,420
Agricultural Chemicals	4,692	5,463	2,860	3,320
Fertilizer & Lime	8,121	10,976	4,950	6,670
Interest	5,906	6,368	3,600	3,870
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	4,906	5,266	2,990	3,200
Labor	5,890	7,356	3,590	4,470
Fuels	5,037	6,105	3,070	3,710
Farm Supplies & Repairs	6,120	7,191	3,730	4,370
Farm Improvements & Construction	5,775	6,451	3,520	3,920
Tractors & Self Propelled Farm Machinery	4,413	4,739	2,690	2,880
Other Farm Machinery	2,445	2,600	1,490	1,580
Seeds & Plants	7,022	8,326	4,280	5,060
Trucks & Autos	1,608	1,711	980	1,040

<sup>1/</sup> Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

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