



Indiana Agriculture Report

Indiana Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Indiana as of January 1, 2024, were 790,000 head, unchanged percent from last year. Indiana highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers increased 1 percent to 180,000 head. Beef replacement heifers increased 7 percent to 32,000 head.
- Milk cows increased 2 percent to 190,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement increased 6 percent to 55,000 head.
- The 2023 calf crop was 345,000 head, an increase of 5 percent from 2022.

Nationally, all cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2024, totaled 87.2 million head, 2 percent below

the 88.8 million head on January 1, 2023. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 37.6 million head, were 2 percent below the 38.3 million head on January 1, 2023. Beef cows, at 28.2 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.36 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2024, totaled 18.5 million head, 1 percent below the 18.8 million head on January 1, 2023. Beef replacement heifers, at 4.86 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.06 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.57 million head, were 2 percent below a year earlier.

Cattle Inventory by Class - Indiana and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>
All cattle and calves	790	790	88,841	87,157
Cows	365	370	38,337	37,580
Beef	178	180	28,939	28,223
Milk	187	190	9,398	9,357
Replacement heifers	139	142	18,761	18,483
Beef	30	32	4,930	4,858
Milk	52	55	4,074	4,059
Other	57	55	9,758	9,566
Steers 500 pounds and over	100	88	16,057	15,789
Bulls 500 pounds and over	14	14	2,029	2,021
Calves under 500 pounds	172	176	13,658	13,285
Cattle on feed	95	90	14,196	14,423

Totals may not add due to rounding.

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Indiana totaled 36.0 million during December, down 3 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 901 million eggs, down 4 percent from last year. The rate of lay during December was 2,502 eggs per 100 layers.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 384.0 million during December, up 2 percent from a year ago. There were 21.5 million turkey poult hatchlings in the U.S. in December, down 6 percent from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production - Indiana and United States: December 2022 and 2023

Item	2022	2023	Percent Change
Indiana			
All layers..... Thousand	37,021	35,996	-3
Eggs per hundred layers..... Number	2,537	2,502	-1
Eggs produced..... Million	939	901	-4
U.S.			
All Layers..... Thousand	375,943	383,968	2
Eggs per hundred layers..... Number	2,434	2,462	1
Eggs produced..... Million	9,149	9,453	3
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Jan 1..... Thousand	27,284	24,820	-9
Turkey Poults hatched, Dec..... Thousand	22,853	21,484	-6

December Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of December 2023 are listed in the table below. Some Indiana highlights were: December corn, at \$4.74 per bushel, increased \$0.22 from November but decreased \$1.84 from last year; December soybeans, at \$13.40 per bushel, increased \$0.30 from last month but decreased \$1.40 from last year; December wheat, at \$6.56 per bushel, increased \$1.28 from November but decreased \$1.72 from last year; December milk, at \$21.90 per cwt., decreased \$0.90 from last month, and decreased \$3.40 from last year.

Nationally, the December Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 113.5, decreased 0.4 percent from

November and 18 percent from December 2022. At 101.7, the Crop Production Index was up 0.7 percent from last month but down 21 percent from the previous year. The Livestock Production Index, at 130.0, decreased 3.0 percent from November, and 14 percent from December last year. Producers received lower prices during December for cattle, milk, hogs, and turkeys, but higher prices for broilers, corn, onions, and eggs. In addition to prices, the volume change of commodities marketed also influences the indexes. In December, there was decreased monthly movement for corn, grapes, soybeans, and calves, and increased marketing of broilers, milk, wheat, and cotton.

Prices Received by Farmers¹ - Indiana and United States: December 2023 with Comparisons

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corndollars/bu	6.58	4.52	4.74	6.58	4.66	4.80
Soybeansdollars/bu	14.80	13.10	13.40	14.40	13.00	13.10
Wheat, winterdollars/bu	8.28	5.28	6.56	8.47	6.10	6.20
Milk, alldollars/cwt	25.30	22.80	21.90	24.50	21.70	20.60

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2024, was 80,000 head, up 2,000 from 2023. The breeding sheep inventory, at 70,000 head, was up 2,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year. The 2023 Indiana lamb crop was 59,000 head, up 1,000 from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Indiana, at 44,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. Indiana shorn wool production in 2023 was 250,000 pounds, unchanged from

2022. The average price paid for wool in Indiana was \$0.70 per pound, an increase of \$0.10 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$175,000, up \$25,000 from the 2022 value.

As of January 1, 2024, there were 14,000 milk goats in Indiana, up 1,000 from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 37,000 head, unchanged from the January 1, 2023, inventory.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class - Indiana and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	78	80	5,130	5,030
Breeding sheep and lambs	68	70	3,740	3,670
Ewes	51	52	2,930	2,870
Rams	6	6	167	165
Replacement lambs	11	12	644	635
Total market sheep and lambs	10	10	1,390	1,360
Previous year's lamb crop	58	59	3,099	3,030

Goats and Kids Inventory by Class - Indiana and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	107	105
Milk	13	14	410	415
Meat and other	37	37	2,010	1,950

(NA) Not available.

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 379 million pounds of milk during December, up 1.3 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Indiana averaged 1,995 pounds for December, 5 pounds below December 2022. The dairy herd was estimated at 190,000 head for December, up 3,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in December by Indiana dairy producers was \$21.90 per cwt., \$3.40 less than the price in December 2022.

Milk Cows, Production, and Price - Indiana: December 2022 and 2023

Item	2022	2023
Cows	187	190
Milk per cow	2,000	1,995
Production	374	379
Milk price, all	25.30	21.90
Fat test	4.16	4.21
Protein ¹	3.31	3.30

¹ FMO 33

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