



Indiana Agriculture Report

Winter Wheat Production

Indiana farmers anticipate better wheat yields than they did a month ago. Indiana winter wheat production is anticipated to be 20.6 million bushels, down 33 percent from last year on fewer harvested acres and a lower anticipated yield. The yield is forecast at 86 bushels per acre, 6 bushels below last year but up 2 bushels from the May 1 forecast. The 2024 winter wheat crop was 92 percent headed as of June 2, a 6-percentage point increase from last year and 13 points ahead of the five-year average. The crop condition was rated 79 percent good to excellent at the beginning of June, 3 points higher than the same time a year ago.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.29 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 4 percent from 2023. As of June 1, the United States yield is forecast at 51.4 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from last month and up 0.8 bushel from last year's average yield of 50.6 bushels per acre. Montana, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin are expecting record high yields. As of June 2, forty-nine percent of the winter wheat acreage in the 18 major producing States was rated in good to excellent condition, 13 percentage points higher than at the same time last year. Nationally, 83 percent of the winter wheat crop was headed by June 2, five percentage points ahead of the 5-year average pace.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop - Indiana and United States: 2023 - 2024

Commodity	Indiana		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Wheat, winter				
Planted 1,000 acres	405	350	36,699	34,135
Harvested 1,000 acres	335	240	24,683	25,198
Yield Bushels	92.0	86.0	50.6	51.4
Production 1,000 bu	30,820	20,640	1,247,748	1,294,885

April Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 381 million pounds of milk during April, up 0.3 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Indiana averaged 2,005 pounds for April, 5 pounds below April 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 190,000 head for April, up 1,000 head from a

year earlier. The average price of milk cows in April was \$2,290 per head, up \$390 from a year ago. The average price of milk sold in April by Indiana dairy producers was \$22.00 per cwt., \$0.60 more than the price in April 2023.

Milk Cows, Production, and Price - Indiana: April 2023 and 2024

Item	2023	2024
Cows 1,000 hd	189	190
Milk per cow lbs/month	2,010	2,005
Production mil lbs	380	381
Milk cow price dol/hd	1,900	2,290
Milk price, all dol/cwt	21.40	22.00
Fat test pct	4.04	4.11
Protein ¹ pct	3.22	3.24

¹ FMO 33

April Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of April 2024 are listed in the table below. Some Indiana highlights were: April corn, at \$4.42 per bushel, decreased \$0.04 from March and decreased \$2.21 from last year; April soybeans, at \$12.10 per bushel, decreased \$0.40 from last month and decreased \$3.00 from last year; April wheat, at \$5.47 per bushel, decreased \$0.06 from March and decreased \$1.84 from last year; April milk, at \$22.00 per cwt., decreased \$0.20 from last month but increased \$0.60 from last year.

Nationally, the April Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 122.5, increased 0.2 percent from March but decreased 6.3 percent from April 2023. At 101.4,

the Crop Production Index was up 1.6 percent from last month but down 20 percent from the previous year. The Livestock Production Index, at 142.6, decreased 1.3 percent from March, but increased 5.6 percent from April last year. Producers received higher prices during April for hogs, broilers, strawberries, and broccoli but lower prices for market eggs, lettuce, oranges, and milk. In addition to prices, the volume change of commodities marketed also influences the indexes. In April, there was increased monthly movement for strawberries, milk, broilers, and lettuce and decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, cattle, and hay.

Prices Received by Farmers¹ - Indiana and United States: April 2024 with Comparisons

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	Apr 2023	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	Apr 2023	Mar 2024	Apr 2024
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn.....dollars/bu	6.63	4.46	4.42	6.70	4.36	4.39
Soybeans.....dollars/bu	15.10	12.50	12.10	14.90	11.80	11.80
Wheat, winter.....dollars/bu	7.31	5.53	5.47	8.07	5.64	5.60
Milk, all.....dollars/cwt	21.40	22.20	22.00	20.60	20.70	20.50

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Milk Production and Income

Cash receipts from marketings of milk by Indiana producers were \$961 million in 2023, down 14.1 percent from 2022. The average price of milk sold was \$21.30 per cwt, down 4.30 from 2022. Milk production in Indiana during 2023 was 4.51 billion pounds, compared with 4.37

billion pounds in 2022. The milk cow herd averaged 190,000 head, up 5,000 from 2022. Milk per cow was 23,753 pounds, up from 23,627 in 2022. Indiana ranked fifteenth among States in milk production in 2023.

Milk Production, Utilization, Marketings, and Value - Indiana: 2022 and 2023

Item	2022	2023
Production		
Total milk produced on farms..... mil. Lbs.	4,371	4,513
Milkfat produced..... mil. Lbs.	175.3	181.4
Milkfat percent	4.01	4.02
Utilization		
Milk used where produced		
Fed to calves..... mil. Lbs.	26	26
Used for milk, cream, and butter..... mil. Lbs.	4	4
Milk marketed by producers mil. Lbs.	4,341	4,483
Average return per 100 lbs. of milk dollars	25.60	21.30
Average return per pound milkfat dollars	6.38	5.30
Fluid grade percent	100	100
Total cash receipts 1,000 dol	1,111,296	954,879
Value		
Value of milk used where produced ¹ 1,000 dol	1,024	852
Total value of milk produced..... 1,000 dol	1,118,976	961,269

¹ Includes value of milk fed to calves and milk used by farm households.

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Indiana totaled 36.2 million during April, down 2 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 891 million eggs, down slightly from last year. The rate of lay during April was 2,463 eggs per 100 layers. All layers in the

U.S. totaled 375.2 million during April, down 2 percent from a year ago. There were 21.3 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in April, up 1 percent from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production - Indiana and United States: April 2023 and 2024

Item	2023	2024	Percent Change
Indiana			
All layers thousand	37,073	36,160	-2
Eggs per hundred layers number	2,405	2,463	2
Eggs produced million	892	891	0
U.S.			
All Layers thousand	384,281	375,214	-2
Eggs per hundred layers number	2,346	2,381	1
Eggs produced million	9,014	8,935	-1
Turkey Eggs in incubators, May 1 thousand	27,625	25,528	-8
Turkey Poults hatched, Apr..... thousand	21,115	21,345	1

Red Meat Production

Commercial red meat production in Indiana totaled 159.2 million pounds in April 2024, up 10 percent from April 2023.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.64 billion pounds in April, up 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in April 2023.

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, up 7 percent from April 2023. The average live weight was up 41 pounds from the previous year, at 1,395 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.5 million pounds, 2 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 17,500 head, down 20 percent from April 2023. The average live weight was up 59 pounds from last year, at 338 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.32 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, up 10 percent from April 2023. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 290 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.4 million pounds, was up 4 percent from April 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 188,800 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 119 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2024 commercial red meat production was 18.3 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023.

Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

Commercial Slaughter - Indiana: April 2023 and 2024

Species	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	3.9	4.8	4,767	5,725	1,210	1,204
Calves	0.6	0.5	277	189	458	412
Hogs	676.1	743.0	188,552	207,810	279	280
Sheep	6.6	5.9	661	589	100	101

Maple Syrup Production

Indiana maple syrup production was estimated at 22,000 gallons for the 2024 season. Indiana ranked eleventh in maple syrup production in 2024. Total Indiana taps were 95,000, and the syrup yield was 0.228 gallons per tap.

The 2024 United States maple syrup production totaled 5.86 million gallons, up 17 percent from the previous season for comparable States. The number of taps totaled 17.1 million, up 5 percent from the 2023 total for comparable States. Yield per

tap was 0.342 gallon, up 0.035 gallon from the previous season for comparable States.

The 2023 United States average price per gallon was \$32.80, down \$1.70 from 2022. Value of production, at \$159 million for 2023, was down 23 percent from the 2022 season.

Estimates began for maple in 2024 for Connecticut, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, and West Virginia.

Indiana Floriculture Sales Worth Nearly \$58 Million

Indiana floriculture was worth nearly \$58 million in 2023. Indiana floriculture producers sold \$57.9 million worth of floriculture commodities in 2023. This was up 2 percent from the \$56.6 million sold in 2022. There was 5.42 million square feet of greenhouse used to produce floriculture crops in 2023, down from the 6.22 million square feet used in 2022. Two hundred thirty-seven producers in Indiana sold at least \$10,000

worth of floriculture products last year, up from 197 the previous year. The smallest sales classes accounted for the majority of the increase in producers. The complete set of data, which includes statistics on type, pot size and price of individual floricultural crops, can be found in the NASS Quick Stats database at quickstats.nass.usda.gov.