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In this issue of the 2006-2007 Indiana Agricultural Statistics Annual Summary you will find a comprehensive snapshot of Indiana's agriculture. The data contained in this book is published each year to meet the need for accurate, reliable and unbiased information regarding Indiana's agricultural production. This information is often used to provide facts to decision makers that determine the future of Indiana's agricultural industry. Our goal for this publication remains unchanged. To provide the public with data to help them understand the current situation of Indiana's farming community and future opportunities. We continue to strive to exceed this goal. Hoosier crop farmers should take pride in the fact that Indiana continues to rank near the top in the production of corn, soybeans, popcorn, blueberries, peppermint, spearmint, processing tomatoes, and vegetables for processing. Indiana livestock producers helped put Indiana's rank at the top for hogs, chickens, eggs, and turkeys raised. The information in this annual summary is collected from farmers using surveys throughout the year. The voluntary response and cooperation of Indiana farmers, agricultural business firms, USDA Farm Services Agency County staff, Purdue University County Extension Staff, the NASDA Enumerators, and others across the state make this annual summary possible. The Indiana Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service pledges confidentiality of all individual reports or business data. We take every action necessary to ensure this pledge is upheld.

We are again pleased to feature the photography talents of 21 individual 4-H members in Indiana's 2006-2007 Agricultural Statistics Annual Summary. These photographs, exhibited at the 2006 Indiana State Fair, provide a glimpse of the wide variety of Indiana's agriculture from future farmers perspective. We are grateful to all of the 4-H members who submitted their photos for publication.

This is the 81st edition, which documents Indiana Agriculture in 2006, and is published by the cooperative efforts of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service and Purdue University Agricultural Research Programs. The Federal/University cooperative partnership has existed since 1925 and continues to enhance agricultural research programs with State specific statistical projects. Some of those projects include Timber Price Survey, Corn-after Corn Management Survey, Soybean Growers, Corn Ear Rot & Mycotoxin Analysis, Soybean Phytophthora Root Rot & Cyst Nematode Sampling, and Grain Marketing Analysis. Results of these special research efforts are mostly published by the individual research programs and generally not a part of this publication.

Sincerely,

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