

LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

The total value of the four major species of livestock and poultry on Indiana farms January 1, 2008 (December 1, 2007 for swine and chickens) amounted to \$1,320.9 million, up 5 percent from a year earlier.

CATTLE inventory numbers, at 890,000, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007 and value per head, at \$1,110 was \$110 above the previous year. Total cattle inventory value, at \$987.9 million, increased 10 percent from the \$900.0 million last year. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 400,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier. Of this total, 234,000 were beef cows, and 166,000 were milk cows, both unchanged from the previous year.

HOG AND PIG numbers (December 1, 2007), at 3.70 million, were up 10 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head decreased from \$91.00 in 2006 to \$76.00 in 2007. This lowered the total inventory value to \$281.2 million,

8 percent below a year ago. Indiana remained in fifth place in the nation for the number of hogs on hand December 1, 2007.

Total **SHEEP** inventory, at 52,000 head, for January 1, 2008 was down 2 percent, compared to a year earlier. Breeding sheep totaled 46,000 head. Average value per head at \$194.00, was down \$1.00 from 2007. Total inventory value at \$10.1 million was 2 percent below the previous year.

Total **CHICKEN** inventory, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2007, at 32.1 million birds, was up 1 percent from last year. With this inventory, Indiana held on to third place in the nation for total chickens, excluding broilers, and remained in third position for hens and pullets of laying age (24.4 million). The total value of the chicken inventory was \$41.7 million, up 10 percent from 2006. The value per bird increased \$0.10 from the previous year to \$1.30.

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY NUMBERS, INDIANA RECORD HIGHS AND LOWS

Species	Record High		Record Low		Year Series Began
	Number of Head	Year	Number of Head	Year	
All Cattle and Calves	2,225,000	1976	830,000	2004	1867
Milk Cows and Heifers that have Calved ^{1/}	848,000	1945	135,000	1998	1867
Beef Cows and Heifers that have Calved ^{1/}	618,000	1976	83,000	1925	1920
All Hogs	5,393,000	1962	2,475,000	1893	1866
Hog Breeding Herd	721,000	1963	290,000	2004	1963
All Sheep and Lambs	985,000	1938	50,000	2006	1920
All Chickens Excluding Commercial Broilers	32,098,000	2007	13,963,000	1961	1924
Turkeys Raised	15,400,000	1992	143,000	1929	1929
^{1/} Prior to January 1, 1970, definition was milk cows and beef cows 2 years old and over.					