

LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

HOG AND PIG numbers (December 1, 2022), at 4.45 million, were up 2 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head increased from \$115.00 in 2021 to \$135.00 in 2022. This raised the total inventory value to \$587.3 million, 17 percent above a year ago. Indiana remained in fifth place in the nation for the number of hogs on hand December 1, 2022.

CATTLE inventory numbers, at 790,000, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2022, while value per head increased to \$1,190 per head, up \$130.00 from the previous year. Total cattle inventory value, at \$940.1 million, increased 9 percent from the \$858.6 million last year. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 360,000 head, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Of this total, 173,000 were beef cows, down 6 percent; and 187,000 were milk cows, up 1 percent from the previous year.

Total **SHEEP** inventory, at 62,000 head for January 1, 2023, was up 3 percent from a year earlier. Breeding sheep totaled 54,000 head. Average value per head, at \$285.00, was up \$26.00 from 2022. Total inventory value, at \$17.7 million, was 14 percent above the previous year.

Total **CHICKEN** inventory, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2022, at 46.4 million birds, was up 2 percent from the previous year. Indiana remained in third place in the nation for total chickens, excluding broilers, and for layers (37.1 million). The total value of the chicken inventory was \$157.6 million, up 15 percent from 2021. The value per bird, at \$3.40, was up \$0.40 from the previous year.

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 Hogs | 5,393,000 | 1962 | 2,475,000 | 1893 | 1866 |
| Hog Breeding Herd | 721,000 | 1963 | 250,000 | 2021 | 1963 |
| Pig Crop | 8,055,000 | 1963 | 4,800,000 | 2005 | 1963 |
| Pigs per Litter | 10.87 | 2020 | 6.94 | 1977 | 1963 |
| All Cattle and Calves | 2,225,000 | 1976 | 790,000 | 2023 | 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 Sheep and Lambs | 985,000 | 1938 | 50,000 | 2015 | 1920 |
| Goats, Meat and Other | 38,000 | 2021 | 29,000 | 2013 | 2008 |
| Goats, Milk | 14,200 | 2022 | 10,000 | 2008 | 2008 |
| All Chickens Excluding Commercial Broilers | 46,355,000 | 2022 | 13,963,000 | 1961 | 1924 |
| Turkeys Raised | 20,500,000 | 2021 | 141,000 | 1929 | 1929 |

¹ Prior to January 1, 1970, definition was milk cows and beef cows 2 years old and over.