

LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

HOG AND PIG numbers (December 1, 2023), at 4.5 million, were up 1 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head decreased from \$135.00 in 2022 to \$125.00 in 2023. This lowered the total inventory value to \$562.5 million, 6 percent below a year ago. Indiana remained in fifth place in the nation for the number of hogs on hand December 1, 2023.

CATTLE inventory numbers, at 790,000, were unchanged from January 1, 2023, while value per head increased to \$1,410 per head, up \$220.00 from the previous year. Total cattle inventory value, at \$1.11 billion, increased 18 percent from the \$940.1 million last year. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 370,000 head, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Of this total, 180,000 were beef cows, up 1 percent; and 190,000 were milk cows, up 2 percent from the previous year.

Total **SHEEP** inventory, at 80,000 head for January 1, 2024, was up 3 percent from a year earlier. Breeding sheep totaled 70,000 head. Average value per head, at \$295.00, was up \$8.00 from 2023. Total inventory value, at \$23.6 million, was 5 percent above the previous year.

Total **CHICKEN** inventory, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2023, at 45.7 million birds, was down 1 percent from the previous year. Indiana remained in third place in the nation for total chickens, excluding broilers, and for layers (35.8 million). The total value of the chicken inventory was \$192.1 million, up 22 percent from 2022. The value per bird, at \$4.20, was up \$0.80 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	2020	1963
Pig Crop	8,055,000	1963	4,800,000	2005	1963
Pigs per Litter	11.39	2023	6.94	1977	1963
All Cattle and Calves	2,225,000	1976	790,000	2024	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	46,167,000	2022	13,963,000	1961	1924
Turkeys Raised	20,000,000	2023	141,000	1929	1929

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