

# MARKETS

The Associated Press

## Indianapolis grain

Estimated grain prices Wednesday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: cash \$2.00, October-November \$2.29. Soybeans: cash \$5.62, October-November \$5.89. Wheat: \$3.34.

## Eastern Cornbelt direct hogs

Eastern Cornbelt Lean Value Direct Hogs report for Wednesday:

Trend: Barrows and gilts were 99 cents lower compared with previous day's close.

Base-market carcass basis plant-delivered: 0.9 to 1.1 square inches of back fat, \$45.50-\$58.57; weighted average \$57.32.

Net prices, including premiums: 0.9-1.0, \$45.50-\$61.85; 1.0-1.1, \$45.50-\$60.80; 1.1-1.2, \$45.50-\$59.74.

Daily movement estimate: 7,012.

## Wall Street

NEW YORK — Upbeat reports from the Federal Reserve and DuPont Co. lifted stocks for a second day Wednesday, pushing the Standard & Poor's 500 past 1,300 for the first time since May 2001.

The industrials, materials and transportation sectors led the market higher, allowing the S&P 500 to finally pop above 1,297, a ceiling the index has not been able to cross since November.

"From a technician's point of view, breaking through 1,300 was an important factor," said Tobias Levkovich, chief US equities strategist at Citigroup.

Stocks rose in choppy trading following the New York Fed's Empire State index, which came in much stronger than expected, with the highest reading since July 2004. The survey, which measures the conditions for New York state manufacturers, is seen as a good predictor of the Institute for Supply Management's national manufacturing survey. The Empire State index rose to 31.2 in March from 21.0 in February.

But the advance solidified after the U.S. Federal Reserve's beige book, a compilation of reports from the Fed's 12 district banks, said economic activity continued to expand in January and February. Most of the Fed district banks characterized the pace of expansion as "moderate or steady."

The Dow rose 58.43, or 0.52 percent, to 11,209.77, its highest close since it reached 11,257.24 on May 22, 2001. The Dow rose 75.32, or 0.68 percent, on Tuesday, and surged 104 points on Friday.

Broader stock indicators edged higher. The S&P 500 index rose 5.54, or 0.43 percent, to 1,303.02, and the Nasdaq rose 15.94, or 0.69 percent, to 2,311.84.

Bond prices fell, pushing the yield on the 10-year bond higher after a sharp drop Tuesday. The yield rose to 4.73 percent from 4.69 percent late Tuesday.

The U.S. dollar fell against other major currencies. Gold prices were higher. Crude oil futures fell. A barrel of light crude settled at \$62.17, down 93 cents, in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In other economic news Wednesday, a national survey of import prices showed they fell 0.5 percent in February, while export prices were unchanged, indicating that inflation pressures are contained.

Meanwhile, the housing market again showed signs of slowing. The National Association of Home Builders index for sales of new, single-family homes fell to 55 in March from 56 in February, the fourth month it has hovered in a two-point range. When the index is over 50, it means the number of buyers who see good sales outnumber the number who see poor sales.

In company news, chemicals maker DuPont rose 95 cents to \$42.87, and gave other industrial and materials stocks a boost, after it raised its earnings outlook for 2006. The company also said it plans to cut 1,500 jobs and close four facilities in Europe as it restructures its performance coatings business.

## The stock report after the close of markets Wednesday:

	price	change -x
The AES Group	17.26	+0.27
AT&T Corp.	27.31	-0.01
Alcoa	29.90	+0.30
Allstate	54.85	+0.07
ArvinMeritor	15.32	+0.17
Best Buy	55.36	+0.17
BP Amoco	69.92	+1.39
Cinergy Corp.	45.54	+0.24
Comm Health Sys	38.71	-0.41
Cummins	108.17	+2.17
Diageo	64.75	+0.39
Duff & Phelps	10.85	-0.01
Exxon Mobil	61.02	+0.21
Fifth Third Bank	39.25	+0.52
First Indiana Bank	27.32	+0.32
General Electric	34.42	+0.64
General Motors	21.50	+0.36
Guidant	77.42	-0.13
Heartland Bancshrs	13.50	—
IBM	83.38	+0.50
Invin Bank	19.46	-0.32
KeyCorp.	37.26	-0.21
Kimball Int'l CIB	14.90	+0.33
Kroger	20.76	+0.04
Lilly Co.	56.97	-0.58
Lincoln Bancorp	17.80	—
Marsh Class B	8.10	+0.10
MainSource	18.49	-0.24
National City Corp.	35.63	+0.26
Navistar	29.07	+0.47
Owens-Illinois	17.76	-0.22
Pepsico	60.06	-0.37
Phelps Dodge	73.11	+1.65
Sara Lee Corp.	17.99	-0.07
Schlumberger	120.54	+0.09
Sprint Corp.	25.58	-0.12
Third Century Bncp	13.10	—
Vectren	26.05	+0.07
Verizon	34.39	—
Wal-Mart	45.32	-0.05
Walt Disney	28.75	+0.09
WellPoint	78.58	+0.68

# LOTTERIES

Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday:

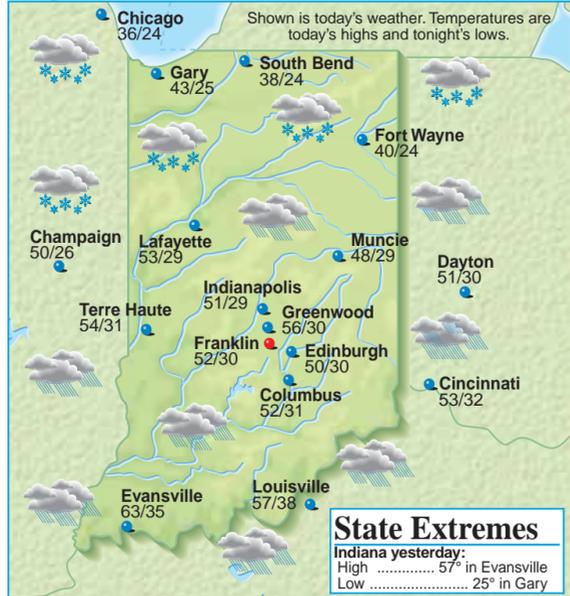
**Indiana**  
Daily Three Midday: 5-1-8.  
Daily Three Evening: 2-5-8.  
Daily Four Midday: 9-7-3-8.  
Daily Four Evening: 5-2-7-5.  
Lucky Five Midday: 1-6-10-26-32.  
Lucky Five Evening: 4-11-23-25-28.  
Hoosier Lotto: 3-21-29-33-40-44.  
Jackpot: \$1.5 million.  
**Powerball**  
7-12-36-48-54. Powerball: 37. Power Play: 5. Jackpot: \$75 million.

# WEATHER

## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy; a couple of showers.	Colder with times of clouds and sun.	Partly sunny.	Chilly with sunshine and patchy clouds.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine.
50-54 28-32	38-42 22-26	41-45 23-27	42-46 23-27	47-51 26-30

## Regional weather



### State Extremes

Indiana yesterday:

High	57° in Evansville
Low	25° in Gary

## Regional summary

**Indianapolis/Greenwood:** Mostly cloudy and breezy with a couple of showers today. Evening showers; otherwise, mostly cloudy tonight.

**Edinburgh/Franklin:** Mostly cloudy and breezy with a couple of showers today. Evening showers; otherwise, mostly cloudy tonight.

## Today in weather history™

A giant storm on March 16, 1843, dumped heavy snow from the Mississippi Valley to New England. Little Rock, Ark., had 10 inches. New York City received more than 12 inches.

## Regional cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Anderson	45/30/s	36/24/pc	Indianapolis	48/31/s	41/26/pc
Bloomington	53/33/s	43/23/pc	Kokomo	48/30/s	36/24/pc
Chicago	42/25/pc	36/20/pc	Lafayette	47/26/s	39/24/pc
Cincinnati	51/33/pc	40/24/pc	Louisville	58/36/s	47/32/pc
Evansville	57/31/s	49/29/pc	Muncie	44/30/s	34/23/pc
Fort Wayne	45/28/pc	36/20/pc	South Bend	41/28/pc	35/20/pc
Gary	46/25/s	37/21/pc	Terre Haute	48/32/s	42/25/pc

## Sun and moon

Sunrise today ..... 6:55 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 6:52 p.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 8:45 p.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 7:35 a.m.

Last New First Full  
 Mar 22 Mar 29 Apr 5 Apr 13

## AccuWeather UV Index™

Highest Today in Johnson County  
 Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

Low Moderate High Very High Extreme

## Weather Trivia™

Where is most of the world's ice stored?  
90 percent is stored in the Antarctic cap.

## Wind Chill Today

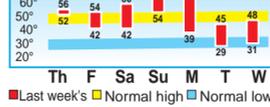
How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.  
8 a.m. Noon 4 p.m.  
34° 43° 51°

## Heating Degree Days

Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day with negative values counting as zero

Yesterday ..... 25  
 Month to date ..... 323  
 Normal month to date ..... 396

## Weekly temperatures



## River stages

Fid: flood stage. Stage: in feet at 7 a.m. Wednesday. Chg: change in previous 24 hours.

Station	Fid	Stage	Chg
White River			
Mooreville	9	9.85	-1.20
White River (East Fork)			
Edinburgh	12	8.87	-3.78

## AccuWeather.com

## Almanac

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 Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

**Temperature**  
 High ..... 48°  
 Low ..... 31°  
 Normal high ..... 51°  
 Normal low ..... 32°  
 Record high ..... 79° in 1990  
 Record low ..... 6° in 1975

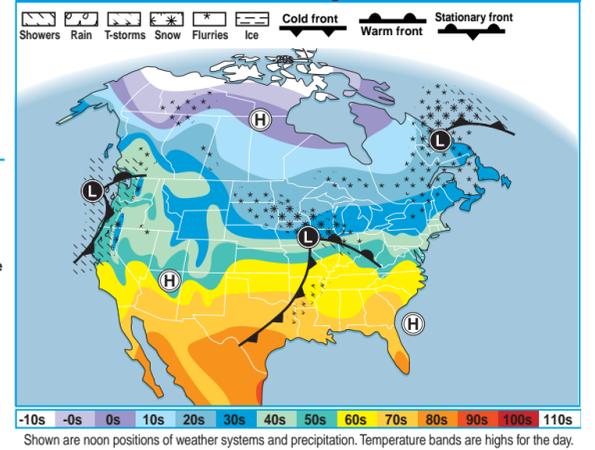
**Precipitation**  
 24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. .... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 4.69"  
 Normal month to date ..... 1.59"  
 Year to date ..... 9.88"  
 Normal year to date ..... 6.48"

**Wind**  
 Average dir./speed .. WSW at 7.7 mph  
 Highest speed ..... 13

**Humidity**  
 Yesterday's average ..... 55%  
 Today's average ..... 63%

**Air quality**  
**Indianapolis** Source: IAPC  
 Yesterday ..... 38  
 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-151, Unhealthy (sens. grps.); 151-200, Unhealthy

## National weather today



## National cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	40/28/sf	39/16/pc	Houston	73/42/pc	74/62/t
Atlanta	63/37/s	67/40/pc	Jacksonville	70/40/s	78/47/pc
Baltimore	52/37/pc	43/26/sn	Kansas City	67/36/pc	46/28/pc
Boston	44/35/sn	40/23/s	Las Vegas	61/45/s	67/48/c
Buffalo	37/28/sf	33/19/pc	Los Angeles	65/44/s	62/50/r
Burlington, VT	34/26/sf	30/14/pc	Louisville	58/36/s	47/32/pc
Champaign	48/26/pc	38/24/pc	Memphis	67/40/s	56/39/s
Charleston, SC	68/37/s	75/48/pc	Miami	80/69/pc	83/66/pc
Cheyenne	50/21/pc	42/22/sn	Milwaukee	41/24/pc	33/19/pc
Chicago	42/25/pc	36/20/pc	Minneapolis	29/10/sn	27/8/pc
Cleveland	41/30/sf	35/20/pc	Nashville	66/32/s	49/35/pc
Columbia, SC	67/33/s	72/42/pc	New Orleans	69/54/pc	72/54/c
Columbus, GA	69/41/s	72/44/pc	New York	47/39/pc	41/26/sn
Dallas	71/44/pc	60/48/c	Philadelphia	50/37/r	42/26/sn
Denver	63/28/sh	52/27/pc	Phoenix	73/51/s	76/55/pc
Des Moines	50/21/pc	34/17/pc	St. Louis	58/33/pc	45/29/s
Detroit	44/28/s	37/20/pc	Salt Lake City	44/28/sn	52/34/c
El Paso	79/45/pc	75/49/pc	San Francisco	55/44/pc	57/44/sh
Fairbanks	11/-24/pc	18/-15/s	Seattle	47/39/r	48/34/sh
Honolulu	79/69/sh	82/69/sh	Tampa	75/55/s	80/60/pc
			Washington, DC	54/40/pc	46/30/r

Weather (w): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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# New Whiteland home gutted

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A New Whiteland home was heavily damaged by a fire Wednesday night that started near the garage and spread to the rest of the house.

No one was injured in the blaze at 412 Parkview Drive, which started about 8 p.m.

New Whiteland firefighters were still investigating the cause of the fire Wednesday evening.

Melissa Scarsee was running late to pick up her daughter from Girl Scouts at a nearby community center when she drove by the house and noticed flames in the garage.

She stopped in front of the house and started banging on the front door and window.

Theresa Key, 56, was sitting in her living room when she noticed the lights flicker and heard a pop. Then, she heard Scarsee



PHOTO BY KATHY MCDERMOTT  
A home at 412 Parkview Drive in New Whiteland is engulfed in flames Wednesday evening.

banging on her front door, telling her that her house was on fire.

There wasn't any smoke or fire in the rest of the house, but the pair came outside to a thick cloud of smoke, making it difficult for Scarsee to find her car on the street.

Key went back to the house to get her purse and tried to move her car out of the garage.

But the power was out in that part of the house, and the door wouldn't open.

The New Whiteland Fire Department got the call around 8:12 p.m. and within 15 minutes, firefighters were spraying water onto the house, assistant chief Troy Nelson said.

Key's brother, Kevin Stephenson, 47, said flames were starting to come through the roof when he got to the home.

"It was roaring," Stephenson said.

The garage was black from the outside, and a large section of the roof was gone.

Key said she wasn't worried about where she would stay that night, noting she had several siblings living in the area.

"I have no shoes but plenty of places to stay," Key said, gesturing to her house slippers.

## Benefit

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agreeing to have their heads shaved around St. Patrick's Day.

The Keegan's Clan group had raised \$17,150 toward its goal of \$25,000 by Tuesday afternoon.

McKendree, a cousin of Keegan's father Mike McCarthy, serves as team leader and is the only female shaver.

She's always worn her hair short, she said, and she's almost

## GOING BALD

**What:** About 30 people will have their heads shaved to raise money for childhood cancer research.

**When:** 6:30 p.m. today  
**Where:** Knights of Columbus Council 3660 at 511 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis

looking forward to the shave.

"I'm not as concerned as other women might think," she said. "It's only hair; it's not like I'm cutting off my nose. It will grow back."

As owner of the Bay Window, McKendree, 48, will spend a good

**To donate:** Visit www.stbaldricks.org and find Keegan's Clan or call (888) 899-BALD

**On TV:** Mike McCarthy, Keegan's father, will appear on WISH-Channel 8 during the station's morning broadcast as a preview of tonight's event.

deal of her bald time in the public eye. She might wear hats until her hair begins to grow out in a few months, she said.

A lot of her support has come from her workers and restaurant patrons, she said.

## Disease

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money for cancer research, and for praying.

He writes — in bold, underlined, capital letters — that his 9-year-old sister is a bone marrow match.

He ends every entry with the words "dead cancer" because he's decided that the cancer is going to die, not him.

Two months ago, Keegan, a southside resident, was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia, the most common type of childhood leukemia. He was also diagnosed as positive for the Philadelphia chromosome, an abnormality that makes his leukemia more aggressive and harder to treat than most.

## ON THE WEB

11-year-old Keegan McCarthy writes an online journal about his life and his battle with cancer. Here's how you can get a look at the journal:

Go to www.caringbridge.com  
Click on "visit a CaringBridge site"  
Under site name enter keeganmccarthy  
Enter your name and e-mail address to read the journal, see pictures and leave messages for Keegan.

Chemotherapy began just days after his diagnosis Jan. 17. He has about a month of the treatment left.

After chemo, he faces a bone marrow transplant. Testing of his family members showed that his younger sister, Shannon, was the only match.

"I think she's proud," Mike McCarthy said of his daughter. "This is her way to finally be

able to do something to help her brother. A lot of attention has gone his way, and we try to keep her in focus too. This is something that can get her into the spotlight and show that she's really doing a good thing."

Mike McCarthy, who is Bargersville town manager, and his wife, Kathy McCarthy, haven't discussed all the details of the transplant with their two children yet. They take one day at a time, and right now the focus is getting Keegan through chemotherapy.

Sometimes he has to stay overnight at the hospital. Other days he's well enough to visit school and his friends.

Some days he brags about eating three Coney dogs at Skyline Chili. On others, his nausea won't go away and his mother has to remind him to eat.