

MARKETS

The Associated Press

Indianapolis grain

Estimated grain prices Wednesday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: cash \$1.88, March \$1.90. Soybeans: cash \$5.56, March \$5.58. Wheat: \$3.12.

Eastern Cornbelt direct hogs

Eastern Cornbelt Lean Value Direct Hogs report for Wednesday: Trend: Barrows and gilts were 51 cents lower compared with previous day's close.

Base-market carcass basis plant-delivered: 0.9 to 1.1 square inches of back fat, \$44.00-\$54.05; weighted average \$50.65.

Net prices, including premiums: 0.9-1.0, \$44.00-\$55.55; 1.0-1.1, \$44.00-\$54.05; 1.1-1.2, \$44.00-\$51.55. Daily movement estimate: 6,679.

Wall Street

NEW YORK — Disappointing tech sector earnings set off a second day of selling on Wall Street Wednesday, though the markets showed strength in the face of a major selloff in Japan. The tech-dominated Nasdaq composite bore the brunt of investors' concerns.

While Japan's Nikkei 225 lost 2.94 percent for the session overnight, prompting the Tokyo stock market to close early due to heavy volume, Wall Street remained focused on earnings from Intel Corp. and Yahoo Inc., anxious that shortcomings there foretold disappointing earnings at other major companies.

Yet despite the tech sector's losses, other stocks generally held firm, resisting a broader selloff after the Labor Department reported better-than-expected retail inflation data.

"The selling you're seeing is nearly all on the tech side, and you're seeing resilience in other parts of the market," said Russ Koesterich, senior portfolio manager at Barclays Global Investments in San Francisco. "This tells me that people aren't panicking over Japan or anything else."

The tech-focused Nasdaq composite index fell 23.05, or 1 percent, to 2,279.64.

The other major stock indicators also fell, though not as much. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 41.46, or 0.38 percent, to 10,854.86, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 5.00, or 0.39 percent, to 1,277.93.

Bonds edged lower, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.34 percent from 4.33 percent late Tuesday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices dropped.

Crude oil futures fell below \$66 per barrel as traders took profits after the recent surge in energy prices, prompted by escalating tensions in the Middle East. A barrel of light crude settled at \$65.73, down 58 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The government's inflation data helped keep Wall Street's losses confined to the tech sector. The consumer price index, which measures the price of retail goods and services, fell 0.1 percent, better than the 0.2 percent rise expected on Wall Street. So-called "core" CPI, with food and fuel prices removed, rose 0.2 percent, in line with economists' forecasts.

Yet investors remained concerned that the disappointments in the tech sector could foreshadow lower-than-expected earnings across the board. With the runup in stocks since the beginning of the year, investors may be skittish about holding on to those gains, and could sell off heavily if earnings continue to fall below expectations.

Dow component Intel posted a 16 percent jump in fourth-quarter profits, but missed Wall Street's earnings forecasts by 3 cents per share.

The stock report after the close of markets Wednesday:

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LOTTERIES

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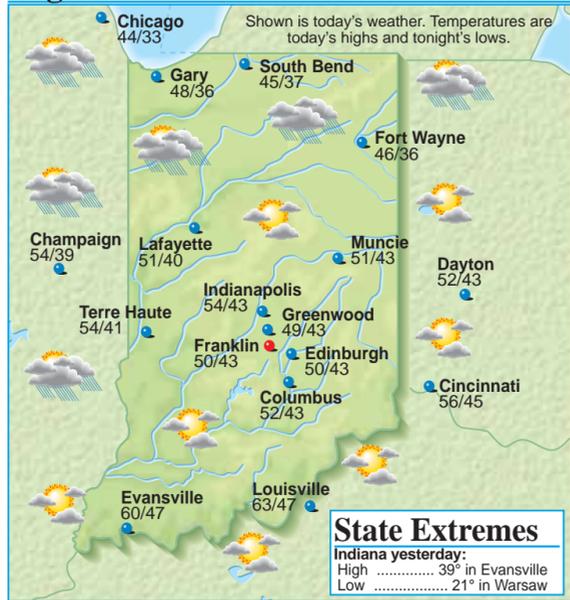
Indiana Daily Three Midday: 0-2-8. Daily Three Evening: 1-4-3. Daily Four Midday: 9-3-9-6. Daily Four Evening: 4-2-8-1. Lucky Five Midday: 11-18-27-33-36. Lucky Five Evening: 2-9-18-28-29. Hoosier Lotto: 5-8-13-36-44-48. Jackpot: \$1 million. Powerball 15-29-38-52-53. Powerball: 7. Power Play: 2. Jackpot: \$87 million.

WEATHER

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Regional weather



Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Breezy and warmer with times of clouds and sunshine today. Cloudy with a bit of rain possible tonight. Edinburg/Franklin: Milder today with a mixture of clouds and sunshine. Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with a shower possible.

Today in weather history™

Snow is rare in Florida. It did not fall in Miami Beach until 1977; however, on Jan. 19, snowflakes fell for the first time at the famous resort.

Regional cities

Table with columns: City, Yest. Hi/Lo/W, Fri. Hi/Lo/W. Lists cities like Anderson, Bloomington, Chicago, Cincinnati, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Gary, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Lafayette, Louisville, Muncie, South Bend, Terre Haute.

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Wisdom

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can expect when entering a new school and the next level of the district's growing gifted program.

"We all had questions, were worried and didn't know what to expect coming in," sophomore Lindsey Bailey said. "A lot out there was false information, and we just needed the right information."

Parents stood to ask questions such as differences in grading scales, learning that an honors "A" equates to a 4.33 grade while a regular "A" is a 4.0. Another found out that honors classes are for freshmen and sophomores, while Advanced Placement classes, which can lead to college credits, are mostly for juniors and seniors.

Expect summer assignments in advanced English classes, the high school panelists said. A reading list is given out, and students can choose which to create projects on, they said.

Freshman Alex Kuka advised not waiting until the end of summer, as he did when completing two collages about what he'd learned.

"I put it on a shelf and forgot about it then had to blow the dust off in July because I'd forgotten about it," he said. "Get it done early so you won't have to worry."

Sophomore Dillon Etter said not to expect more homework, just a different type of education. Teachers don't check homework as often as in regular classes, but they expect you to know the material, students said.

"There's not more (homework), just more in-depth work," Etter said. "Instead of just reading a chapter, you have to find the meaning and symbolism in it."

Students encouraged incoming freshmen to try advanced courses if they are unsure. Balancing

Districts

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Sharing resources and offering programs for students with different needs at different ages would benefit the entire county, said Walt Aldoriso, program coordinator of Center Grove's alternative school.

Franklin likely will be the next district to launch an alternative program. The school board recently adopted a goal to start a program by August 2007.

"We need to be sharing resources," Aldoriso said. "I'd love to

band, sports or part-time jobs and volunteering is possible as long as students are determined, they said.

"You have to teach yourself discipline and know when to balance schoolwork with having fun," Bailey said.

Lisa Lewchanin was pleased to get responses about what her 14-year-old son, Josh, could expect about college entrance exams and managing a larger course load. Her son has already taken the SAT and scored 15 percent higher than the average college-bound senior, she said. He plans to take the ACT in February.

"You just need to know what you're going to face and that you can make it," she said. "Now I'm excited. This targets his own learning abilities."

Senior Brenna Lotz said advanced-placement courses helped her prepare for the new SAT, which includes a writing portion. The senior also said she feels more prepared for college because of the higher standards.

During the two-hour meeting, the high school panel helped keep the mood light by offering serious answers and also getting some laughs.

They dispelled myths that a middle school "A" is automatically lowered a level in high school, and that courses will suddenly get more difficult and overwhelming.

"There was never a 'Wham,' this is so hard," Junior Tay Peters said. "It just builds on itself and doesn't feel all that much harder."

Questions about typical high-school jitters and anxieties were still lurking in some minds. One eighth-grader asked about getting lost, only to hear panelists tell her that older students were helpful and understanding.

Before the meeting ended, every panelist echoed a similar piece of advice:

"Have fun," freshman Chris Webb said. "Don't push yourself too hard or stress out."

send a couple kids up to Whiteland and offer them a couple spots in our program."

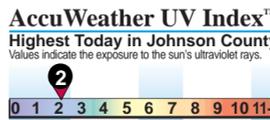
School leaders in the past have talked about collaborating but said that schools wanted different kinds of programs.

Now that districts are setting up their own programs, Aldoriso plans to push for leaders to talk again and find ways to work together to meet the needs of students who aren't making it in traditional high school settings.

"We used to give abstract examples for the need, but the push to not leave any child behind and the accountability of (federal laws) is making the need more real," he said.

Sun and moon

Sunrise today 8:01 a.m. Sunset tonight 5:49 p.m. Moonrise today 10:59 p.m. Moonset today 10:44 a.m.



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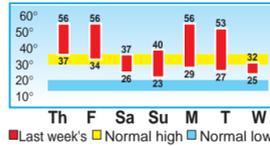
Wind Chill Today

How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed. 8 a.m. 29°, Noon 39°, 4 p.m. 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.

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Weekly temperatures



River stages

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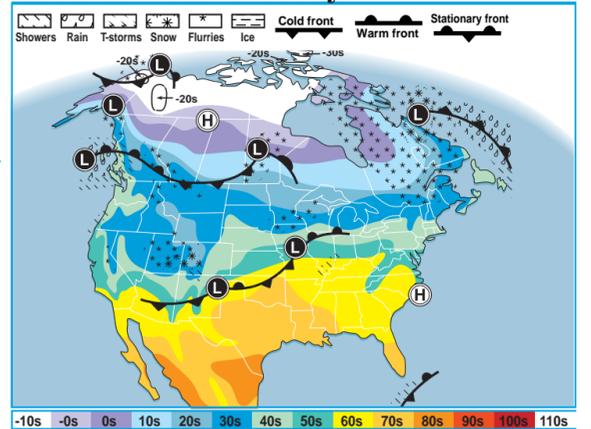
Almanac

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Temperature High 32° Low 25° Normal high 34° Normal low 18° Record high 64° in 1929 Record low -24° in 1994

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. 0.08" Month to date 2.46" Normal month to date 1.44" Year to date 2.46" Normal year to date 1.44"

National weather today



National cities

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Grad

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She even misses her college friends while visiting home for Christmas break, she said.

Her classes the first semester went well, she said, and she's happy with her grades. But she's excited for next semester since she picked her own classes and will finally be able to take a class in her social work major.

The first semester was nothing more or less than what she expected, and she's starting to recognize some faces on the campus. She was happy to see that her professors actually took an interest in her life, even on a large campus.

She's already learned that she has to keep up with her homework because, if she doesn't, she gets too far behind.

Thoughts of coming back home crossed her mind, but she's lucky enough to be able to drive back home whenever she is homesick.

"(The first semester) was kind of a shocker," she said. "I came home a lot."

Discovering how to open up more space in the small dorm room was a happy experience for Swallows and her roommate and best friend of 14 years, Jessica Morris. When they arrived at the dorm, their bunk beds were stacked.

Both thought that arrangement was strange and decided to take them down. But with two beds, two desks and lots of clothes, there wasn't any room left to move. The decision to stack the beds again went over well, she said.

The room is still small but manageable, she said.

The two will have to find an apartment soon though, since they aren't allowed to live in the dorms past their freshman year. They're considering renting an apartment in Southport, so they're close to home and school, she said.

Advertisement for Whiteland program: "We need to be sharing resources. I'd love to send a couple kids up to Whiteland and offer them a couple spots in our program." Walt Aldoriso, Program coordinator at Center Grove's alternative school.

Crash

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semitrailer. He died at the scene, Poole said.

Pipkin was not injured. Two other vehicles appeared to have been involved in the accident. One of them was likely left on the side of the road because of

Students

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agencies that need volunteers; and, before the semester is over, they will have researched the agencies and volunteered for at least one.

Students then divide into groups for math and English lessons.

On the days CARE doesn't meet, the students have a study hall with one of the two teachers in the program. At that time, they can get help with homework and keep in touch with the teachers.

After a semester, students will go back to the high school for a full day of classes.

Most of the students in the program are there because they've had some kind of trouble at the high school, Tedrow said.

Whether it was passing classes, handling issues at home, learning

Volunteer

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classes, tutoring and doing whatever needs to be done.

He fills so many roles that the school thinks of Moser more as family than a part-time employee and volunteer, athletic director Paul Collier said.

Moser can be found most weekdays at school from 6 a.m. workouts to nightly athletic events, where he often helps to coordinate concessions.

Described by his co-workers as an eager, "do-all" person, Moser helps out with what many consider to be the thankless jobs, Collier said.

"If I've got somebody that doesn't show up to run a clock or take tickets, he just does everything," Collier said.

The Whiteland man works as a certified lifeguard for physical education classes and sporting events and sometimes plays football with the special-needs students, physical education teacher Mary Sauer said.

the slippery road conditions. No one was in the vehicle.

The other vehicle, driven by Brenda M. Smidibouya, 27, Indianapolis, was rear-ended and had minor damage.

Police aren't sure how the woman's car became involved in the accident. She complained of pain and was treated at St. Francis Hospital Indianapolis and released, Poole said. No other injuries were reported.

in a different style or feeling swallowed up by a large high school, the students need to refocus and get back on track, she said.

Students in the program are not there because they have been expelled from school or have recurring discipline problems, she said.

For William Taylor, having teachers focus so much on him and his needs is encouraging him to finish high school, he said.

"I used to never participate in class," Taylor said. "But here I don't have any way to joke around or tune out."

Taylor, 18, has only enough credits to be considered a sophomore. In the past he's had trouble focusing but also had trouble understanding what he needed to do, he said.

"Teachers here describe what everything means and explain it very detailed," he said. "Everything is just easier to comprehend."

"He does an awful lot with the athletes," Sauer said. "They come in and wonder where he is, too."

Sauer said Moser, a double degree holder in French and English, also was helping some students with their French homework at a study table she held.

Moser went to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis on Tuesday morning after he was struck by a car from behind.

He had been biking to work since his car was totaled in an accident before Christmas.

An avid biker, he doesn't find it uncommon to bike 50 miles a day in the summertime, Collier said.

Moser was southbound on Graham Road when he was hit and bounced off the car's windshield and onto the side of the road.

"I didn't know where he came from," Moser said. "I didn't think anyone was following me."

Moser was in the process of getting a cast put on his spine Tuesday, and he said he hoped to be released in a couple of days.

"Hopefully we'll be able to get him out of there and back on his feet soon," Sauer said.