

MARKETS

The Associated Press

Indianapolis grain

Estimated grain prices Tuesday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: cash \$2.02, October-November \$2.31. Soybeans: cash \$5.66, October-November \$5.91. Wheat: \$3.34.

Eastern Cornbelt direct hogs

Eastern Cornbelt Lean Value Direct Hogs report for Tuesday:

Trend: Barrows and gilts were \$1.05 lower compared with previous day's close.

Base-market carcass basis plant-delivered: 0.9 to 1.1 square inches of back fat, \$47.50-\$60.50; weighted average \$58.39.

Net prices, including premiums: 0.9-1.0, \$47.50-\$62.00; 1.0-1.1, \$47.50-\$61.11; 1.1-1.2, \$47.50-\$60.44.

Daily movement estimate: 9,202.

Wall Street

NEW YORK — A plunge in Treasury bond yields propelled stocks sharply higher Tuesday as investors grew optimistic that the Federal Reserve's streak of interest rate hikes will soon end.

Record revenues and a jump in profits at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. also boosted the market and sent the Dow Jones industrials and Standard & Poor's 500 index to nearly five-year highs.

Investors who watched bond yields reach nearly two-year highs last week were cheered as the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 4.69 percent from 4.77 percent late Monday.

The credit markets reacted to signs of a moderating economy, particularly a Commerce Department report that February retail sales had the largest decline in six months.

The report raised hopes that the Federal Reserve will end its string of interest rate hikes in the near future.

Wall Street was pleased with another Commerce Department report, that U.S. business inventories rose 0.4 percent in January after a 0.8 percent advance in December. Sales also grew 8.5 percent. Because the pick-up in sales outstripped the growth in inventories, investors took this as a sign that more inventory investment could be coming.

The stock report after the close of markets Tuesday:

	price	change -x
The AES Group	16.99	-0.09
AT&T Corp.	27.32	+0.20
Alcoa	29.60	+0.51
Allstate	54.78	+0.23
ArvinMeritor	15.15	+0.62
Best Buy	55.19	+0.80
BP Amoco	68.53	+0.94
Cinergy Corp.	45.30	+0.33
Comm Health Sys	39.12	+0.16
Commisins	106.00	+1.40
Diageo	64.36	+0.74
Duff & Phelps	10.86	+0.05
Exxon Mobil	60.81	+1.17
Fifth Third Bank	38.73	+0.96
First Indiana Bank	27.00	+0.45
General Electric	33.78	+0.11
General Motors	21.14	-0.23
Guidant	77.55	+0.15
Heartland Bancshs	13.50	—
IBM	82.88	+0.95
Irwin Bank	19.89	+0.22
KeyCorp.	37.47	+0.42
Kimball Int'l CIB	14.57	+0.21
Kroger	20.72	+0.17
Lilly Co.	57.55	+0.31
Lincoln Bancorp	17.80	+0.40
Marsh Class B	8.00	—
MainSource	18.73	+0.17
National City Corp.	35.37	+0.73
Navistar	28.60	+0.03
Owens-Illinois	17.98	-0.14
Pepsico	60.43	-0.06
Phelps Dodge	71.46	+0.02
Sara Lee Corp.	18.06	+0.36
Schlumberger	120.45	+3.38
Sprint Corp.	25.70	+0.19
Third Century Bncp	13.10	—
Vectren	25.98	+0.08
Verizon	34.39	+0.07
Wal-Mart	45.54	+0.27
Walt Disney	28.66	+0.10
WellPoint	77.90	+1.10

CORRECTION

Terry Gunn of Greenwood races in the Hornets division at the Indianapolis Speedrome. The name of the track where Gunn races was incorrect in a list of local racers' profiles in Thursday's Daily Journal.

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Hoosier Lottery: Daily Three Midday: 4-6-9. Daily Three Evening: 3-7-8. Daily Four Midday: 4-3-9-2. Daily Four Evening: 1-2-8-5. Lucky Five Midday: 1-11-14-15-30. Lucky Five Evening: 4-6-9-22-31. Hoosier Lotto jackpot: \$1.5 million. Powerball jackpot: \$75 million.

Tax

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would pay about 5 percent less in property taxes this year than they would have otherwise, according to projections.

The compromise did not include alternative revenue-raising sources for local governments that were included in a version of the bill passed in the GOP-controlled Senate. House Republican leaders have said that was too complex to deal with in a short session.

Lawmakers made property taxes a top priority this year because a variety of factors are expected to cause increases over the next two or three years.

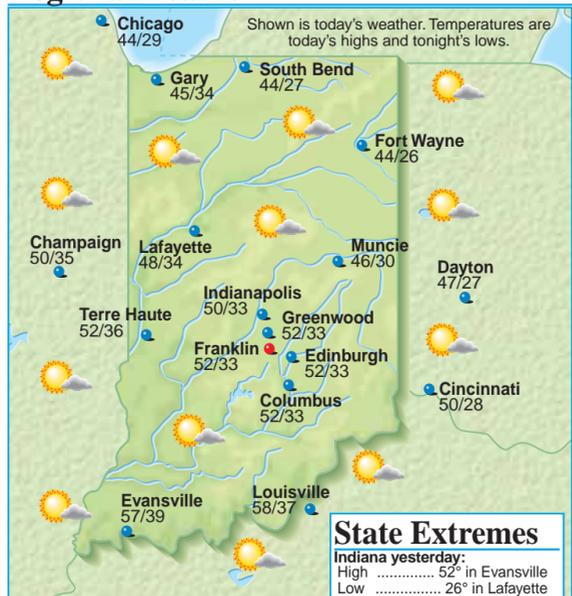
New estimates by the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency predict the statewide increase on the average homestead will be 5 percent this year and more than 16 percent next year. Other major bills were still

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny. 50-54 31-35	Mostly cloudy with a touch of rain. 50-54 30-34	Sun and clouds; breezy in the afternoon. 37-41 22-26	Partly sunny and cold. 38-42 21-25	Intervals of clouds and sunshine. 42-46 23-27

Regional weather



State Extremes

Indiana yesterday:

High	52° in Evansville
Low	26° in Lafayette

Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Mostly sunny today. Increasing clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy and breezy with a bit of rain tomorrow.

Edinburgh/Franklin: Mostly sunny today. Increasing clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy and breezy with a bit of rain tomorrow.

Today in weather history™

It was no "Midsummer Night's Dream" on March 15, 1843, in North Carolina, where 15 inches of snow accumulated. Beware the Ides of March.

Regional cities

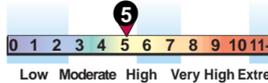
City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Anderson	43/28/pc	43/30/r	Indianapolis	47/28/pc	44/30/r
Bloomington	48/32/s	46/32/r	Kokomo	47/30/pc	43/29/sn
Chicago	43/27/pc	38/23/sn	Lafayette	47/26/pc	43/29/sn
Cincinnati	47/33/pc	53/34/r	Louisville	53/35/s	59/39/c
Evansville	52/33/s	53/35/c	Muncie	43/28/pc	42/29/sn
Fort Wayne	41/28/pc	40/24/sn	South Bend	41/29/pc	41/26/sn
Gary	45/28/pc	40/26/sn	Terre Haute	48/30/s	48/30/c

Sun and moon

Sunrise today 6:56 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 6:51 p.m.
 Moonrise today 7:45 p.m.
 Moonset today 7:15 a.m.

Mar 22 Mar 29 Apr 5 Apr 13

AccuWeather UV Index™



Weather Trivia™

At what temperature are large snowflakes most likely to occur?

Mark
Near or just above the freezing mark

Wind Chill Today

How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.

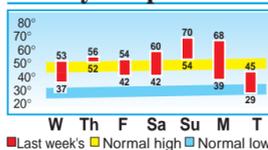
8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.
22°	39°	51°

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 298
 Month to date 288
 Normal month to date 372

Weekly temperatures



River stages

Fld: flood stage. Stage: in feet at 7 a.m.
 Tuesday, Chg: change in previous 24 hours.

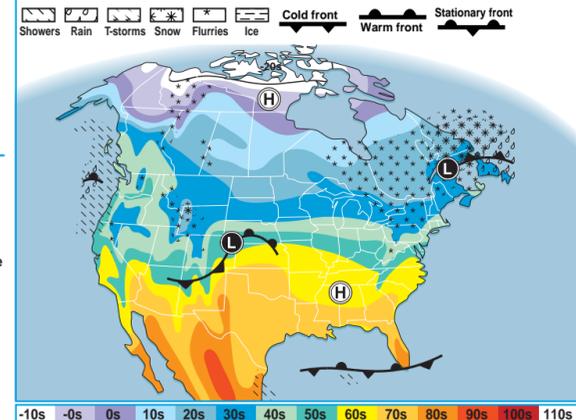
Station	Fld	Stage	Chg
White River			
Mooresville	9	11.05	-3.20
White River (East Fork)			
Edinburgh	12	12.65	-0.44

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Temperature	Wind
High 45°	Average dir./speed W at 17.0 mph
Low 29°	Highest speed 28
Normal high 51°	Humidity
Normal low 32°	Yesterday's average 62%
Record high 79° in 1990	Today's average 50%
Record low 3° in 1960	
Precipitation	
24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. 0.00"	
Month to date 4.69"	
Normal month to date 1.48"	
Year to date 9.88"	
Normal year to date 6.37"	

National weather today



National cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	57/37/sh	39/19/pc	Houston	74/51/s	80/62/t
Atlanta	70/51/pc	68/46/c	Jacksonville	84/61/t	72/48/pc
Atlantic City	65/56/sh	47/30/pc	Kansas City	56/24/s	56/25/pc
Baltimore	75/53/pc	52/33/pc	Las Vegas	66/39/s	69/47/s
Boston	61/41/r	42/27/s	Los Angeles	64/44/s	66/50/pc
Buffalo	47/30/sf	36/21/pc	Louisville	53/35/s	59/39/c
Burlington, VT	56/38/r	34/16/sf	Memphis	59/39/s	58/42/c
Champaign	46/27/s	44/28/c	Miami	86/71/c	80/67/pc
Charleston, SC	78/65/t	67/48/pc	Milwaukee	40/26/pc	33/23/sn
Cheyenne	40/14/pc	42/20/pc	Minneapolis	29/12/pc	28/14/sn
Chicago	43/27/pc	38/23/sn	Nashville	58/40/s	63/39/c
Cleveland	42/30/sf	39/26/sn	New Orleans	74/60/pc	72/58/t
Columbia, SC	76/66/sh	69/41/pc	New York	63/46/sh	46/32/s
Columbus, GA	72/60/pc	66/50/c	Philadelphia	69/53/sh	49/32/pc
Dallas	68/40/s	74/47/pc	Phoenix	72/45/pc	79/54/s
Denver	51/12/pc	50/26/pc	St. Louis	52/30/s	50/31/c
Des Moines	51/21/s	39/20/sn	Salt Lake City	51/28/pc	47/32/c
Detroit	41/30/sf	41/27/sn	San Francisco	58/46/t	59/47/r
El Paso	71/35/pc	78/51/pc	Seattle	53/38/sh	50/38/r
Fairbanks	12-/23/s	12-/18/s	Tampa	82/68/pc	78/62/pc
Honolulu	80/68/sh	82/68/sh	Washington, DC	76/56/pc	53/40/pc

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



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House

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Johnson County. That decision could postpone improvements to State Road 37.

During House debate, Republican proponents said the lease payment would help pay for numerous highway and other transportation projects, many of them having languished for years. They also said the projects would create jobs through construction and those tied to economic development sure to follow an improved infrastructure in a state many refer to the "crossroads of America."

"It's not about roads; it's about leadership," said House Speaker Brian Bosma of Indianapolis. "It's about taking our state to a new level of success, of construction and job creation like we have never seen before."

Democrats blasted the plan, saying among other things that the state should not lease a major asset to a private entity, especially a foreign one. They also said Republicans were caving into the wishes of the governor and against those of a majority of Hoosiers.

"Governor Daniels is not the governor of Australia; he is not the governor of Spain. He is supposed to listen to the taxpayers, and you are, too," Rep. Chet Dobis, D-Merrillville, told fellow legislators. Some House Republicans, mostly those whose districts

were in or near toll road counties, had reservations about the bill. Many of their constituents drive the 157-mile highway and object to the proposed deal, and only 30 percent of those surveyed in a recent statewide poll by an Indianapolis newspaper thought it was a good idea.

Republican Rep. Randy Borrer of Fort Wayne indicated earlier Tuesday night that his caucus had enough support to pass the bill by predicting that "I think history will be made tonight."

When asked whether that meant Republicans had enough votes, he repeated the phrase, and the bill was called down for debate.

But Democrats immediately called for a private meeting among themselves, saying they needed more time to study the compromise proposal reached between Republicans who control the House and Senate. That angered Bosma, the House speaker, who barked at House Minority Leader Patrick Bauer of South Bend to hold their meeting and then return and "do the work of the people."

Bauer shouted back, "Oh, we'll do the work of the people, we'll do the work for the people, not against the people."

Democrats then walked off the floor but returned a short time later, and Bosma apologized for the exchange.

House Ways and Means Chairman Jeff Espich, R-Uniondale, called the highway bill and its proposed toll road lease "undoubtedly the most difficult vote I've ever seen."

2006 SESSION

The legislature passed dozens of measures during a short session. Here are some of the highlights:

- Deregulate basic, residential phone service by 2009, allowing telephone companies to set their own rates. Gov. Mitch Daniels signed the bill into law Tuesday.
- Make disorderly conduct within 500 feet of funerals a felony offense. Daniels has signed the bill into law.
- Prohibit certain sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet of a school, park or youth center or within a mile of their victims' homes. Daniels has signed the bill into law.
- Require schools to offer healthier food choices in vending machines.
- Allow employers by law to provide extra health insurance benefits to its nonsmoking employees.

pending Tuesday afternoon.

Daniels' highway plan, dubbed Major Moves, would give the governor the authority to lease the Indiana Toll Road for \$3.8 billion to help pay for numerous highway and other transportation projects.

A contentious abortion bill would require clinics to inform women that a fetus might feel pain and that human physical life begins at conception.

The General Assembly did give final legislative approval to several bills Tuesday afternoon.

One would restrict the ability of most government units to use eminent domain to seize private property and transfer it to private entities for development.

Another would allow Indiana residents to set off fireworks on their property. The bill would replace current law, which requires people who buy certain fireworks in Indiana to sign a statement pledging to use them outside the state or at certain controlled locations.

The proposed legislation also includes a tax on fireworks that would go toward public safety.

Another bill headed to Daniels for consideration would create a direct wine seller's permit so that Indiana wineries and those in other states could ship wine to Indiana residents.

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