

# MARKETS

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## Indianapolis grain

Estimated grain prices Thursday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: cash \$2.04, March \$2.06. Soybeans: cash \$5.75, March \$5.79. Wheat: \$3.39.

## Eastern Cornbelt direct hogs

Eastern Cornbelt Lean Value Direct Hogs report for Thursday: Trend: Barrows and gilts were 2 cents lower compared with previous day's close.

Base-market carcass basis plant-delivered: 0.9 to 1.1 square inches of back fat, \$45.00-\$55.25; weighted average \$52.77.

Net prices, including premiums: 0.9-1.0, \$45.00-\$56.50; 1.0-1.1, \$45.00-\$55.80; 1.1-1.2, \$45.00-\$55.19. Daily movement estimate: 8,074.

## Wall Street

NEW YORK — Investors concerned about inflation after a surprise jump in labor costs sent stocks skidding lower Thursday, with unfounded rumors of a terror threat compounding the selling. The decline came despite a drop in oil prices and positive employment news.

Wall Street worried that the Labor Department's productivity data, which showed a 2.4 percent jump in unit labor costs, was a harbinger of inflation, since that meant companies were paying more for less productive workers. With the Federal Reserve clearly willing to keep raising interest rates to fight inflation, investors worried about the potential economic damage of such a rate hike.

Stocks took a sharp dive early in the session after a number of floor traders said a rumor circulated that the Homeland Security Department was going to announce a new terror threat. Although the rumor proved false, the major indexes had already fallen too much to mount a rally, as concerns about Iran's nuclear program and instability in the Middle East grew.

"I think the market here is in a very nervous state," said Peter Cardillo, chief strategist and senior vice president at S.W. Bach & Co. "You have geopolitical problems surrounding the Iranian situation heating up, and you have concerns about productivity, and that's keeping investors very cautious."

The Dow fell 101.97, or 0.93 percent, to 10,851.98.

Broader stock indicators also fell sharply. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slid 11.62, or 0.91 percent, to 1,270.84, and the Nasdaq composite index dropped 28.99, or 1.25 percent, to 2,281.57.

Riskier small-cap stocks bore the brunt of the selling, along with the technology sector and automotive stocks. Biotech stocks fell 1.43 percent, while computer hardware shares dropped 1.24 percent and auto parts lost 1.07 percent.

Bonds were little changed, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note steady at 4.56 percent from late Wednesday. The yield on the two-year note, however, moved up to 4.57 percent, causing the latest inversion of the Treasury yield curve. When short-term bonds yield more than long-term, investors take that as a sign of a lack of short-term confidence and an omen of future economic disruption.

The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Despite the concerns over Iran, oil prices fell as world leaders sought to minimize the chance of substantial conflict there. A barrel of light crude settled at \$64.68, down \$1.88, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

A drop in initial jobless claims failed to spark much enthusiasm. The number of first-time jobless claims dropped by 11,000 last week to 273,000. The four-week moving average of claims fell to its lowest level in 5½ years, the Labor Department said.

With the Labor Department's monthly jobs report due Friday, however, investors were more inclined to remain cautious than to celebrate the news.

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

Company	price	change -x
The AES Group	17.10	-0.05
AT&T Corp.	26.52	-0.03
Alcoa	30.65	-0.46
Allstate	52.10	—
ArvinMeritor	16.30	-0.85
Best Buy	48.94	-1.09
BP Amoco	69.61	-1.51
Cinergy Corp.	42.99	-0.77
Comm Health Sys	36.38	-0.66
Cummins	97.85	-2.07
Diageo	60.56	+0.13
Duff & Phelps	10.91	+0.01
Exxon Mobil	61.95	—
Fifth Third Bank	36.79	-0.69
First Indiana Bank	32.74	-0.07
General Electric	32.90	-0.24
General Motors	23.60	-0.90
Guidant	73.71	-0.16
Heartland Bancshrs	13.90	+0.15
IBM	81.23	-0.71
Invin Bank	20.95	-0.23
KeyCorp.	35.44	-0.10
Kimball Int'l CIB	13.98	-0.04
Kroger	18.27	-0.02
Lilly Co.	56.30	-0.59
Lincoln Bancorp	17.59	+0.09
Marsh Class B	6.15	-0.35
MainSource	18.90	-0.41
National City Corp.	33.88	-0.25
Navistar	27.79	+0.52
Owens-Illinois	19.74	-2.47
Pepsico	57.45	+0.18
Phelps Dodge	158.10	-3.66
Sara Lee Corp.	18.13	-0.14
Schlumberger	122.12	-1.09
Sprint Corp.	23.15	+0.07
Third Century Bncp	12.90	-0.10
Vectren	27.03	-0.32
Verizon	31.54	-0.26
Wal-Mart	46.28	+0.14
Walt Disney	25.10	-0.17
WellPoint	77.11	-0.56

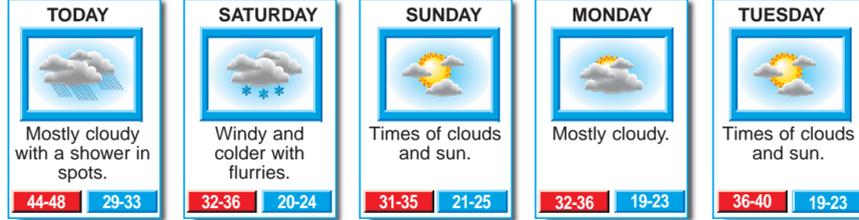
# LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Thursday in the Hoosier Lottery:

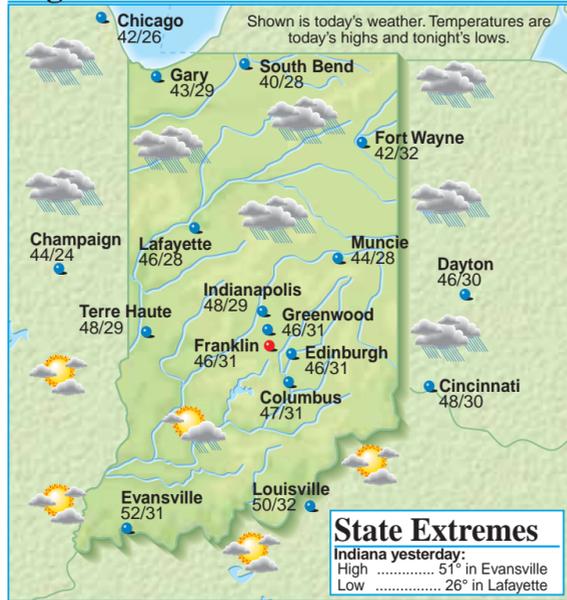
- Daily Three Midday: 1-9-1.
- Daily Three Evening: 6-6-0.
- Daily Four Midday: 0-6-6-1.
- Daily Four Evening: 9-2-9-2.
- Lucky Five Midday: 9-15-18-22-34.
- Lucky Five Evening: 5-13-17-26-29.
- Hoosier Lotto jackpot: \$2.5 million.
- Pooperball jackpot: \$180 million.

# WEATHER

## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County



## Regional weather



### State Extremes

Indiana yesterday:

High	51° in Evansville
Low	26° in Lafayette

## Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Mostly cloudy with a shower in spots today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy, windy and colder with flurries tomorrow. Edinburg/Franklin: Mostly cloudy with a shower in spots today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy, windy and colder with flurries tomorrow.

## Today in weather history™

Snag, Yukon, gets the record for the coldest Canadian temperature ever, with -81 degrees on Feb. 3, 1947.

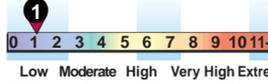
## Regional cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Anderson	44/34/sh	35/24/sf	Indianapolis	45/30/r	34/23/sf
Bloomington	47/28/r	34/23/sf	Kokomo	48/33/sh	34/24/sf
Chicago	45/27/c	30/20/sf	Lafayette	48/26/c	32/23/sf
Cincinnati	52/40/r	34/23/sf	Louisville	56/48/r	33/26/sf
Evansville	51/43/r	39/22/sf	Muncie	44/35/sh	36/24/sf
Fort Wayne	44/35/sh	34/20/sf	South Bend	45/30/c	33/23/sf
Gary	46/28/i	32/22/sf	Terre Haute	45/28/r	34/21/sf

## Sun and moon



## AccuWeather UV Index™



## Weather Trivia™

What is the U.S. snowfall record for one storm?  
 Feb. 13-19, 1959  
 189 inches at Mount Shasta, Calif.

## Wind Chill Today

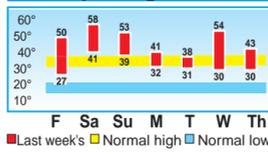
How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.  
 8 a.m. 33° Noon 36° 4 p.m. 41°

## 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: 29  
 Month to date: 52  
 Normal month to date: 76

## Weekly temperatures



## River stages

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

Station	Fld	Stage	Chg
White River			
Mooreville	9	8.72	-0.21
White River (East Fork)			
Edinburgh	12	4.99	-0.13

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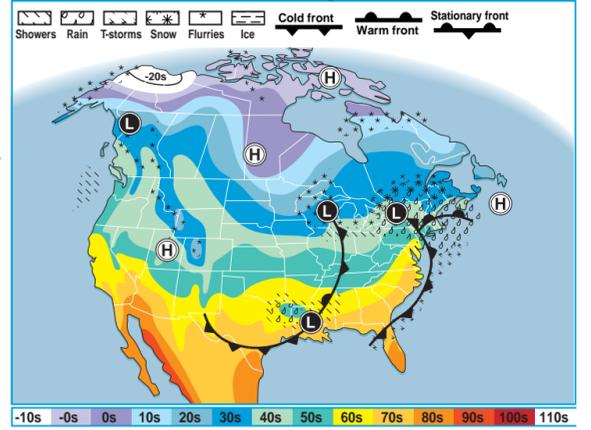
Almanac Forecasts and graphics provided by AccuWeather, Inc. ©2006 Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

Temperature	Wind
High: 43°	Average dir./speed: ESE at 5.7 mph
Low: 30°	Highest speed: 8
Normal high: 36°	Humidity: 93%
Normal low: 19°	Yesterday's average: 82%
Record high: 59° in 1911	Today's average: 82%
Record low: -19° in 1951	

## Air quality

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

## National weather today



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

## National cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	48/27/pc	49/38/r	Houston	80/55/pc	66/42/s
Atlanta	53/42/sh	47/29/sh	Jacksonville	74/42/1	65/33/pc
Atlantic City	54/27/pc	50/34/r	Kansas City	63/37/pc	41/15/s
Baltimore	57/28/pc	50/32/r	Las Vegas	70/46/pc	72/46/s
Boston	46/31/c	50/36/r	Los Angeles	69/48/pc	70/52/s
Buffalo	49/35/pc	38/26/sn	Louisville	56/48/r	33/26/sf
Burlington, VT	43/28/pc	41/35/r	Memphis	60/51/sh	47/30/pc
Champaign	48/26/c	31/20/pc	Miami	81/67/c	78/48/t
Charleston, SC	69/38/r	63/32/sh	Milwaukee	42/28/c	29/20/sf
Cheyenne	42/23/sn	47/23/pc	Minneapolis	44/24/r	20/7/pc
Chicago	45/27/c	30/20/sf	Nashville	55/42/r	38/25/c
Cleveland	50/30/sh	35/26/sn	New Orleans	76/60/pc	63/43/s
Columbia, SC	65/33/r	59/31/sh	New York	52/38/pc	52/40/r
Columbus, GA	56/43/r	54/31/sh	Philadelphia	55/30/pc	52/36/r
Dallas	74/50/s	65/38/s	Phoenix	73/46/pc	82/53/s
Denver	48/29/sh	50/22/s	St. Louis	48/34/c	39/19/pc
Des Moines	60/39/sh	52/12/s	Salt Lake City	44/33/sh	46/28/pc
Detroit	45/36/pc	36/25/sf	San Francisco	63/55/sh	59/45/r
El Paso	71/52/pc	71/42/s	Seattle	53/45/sh	50/40/r
Fairbanks	-18/-29/pc	4/-20/pc	Tampa	78/48/pc	68/50/t
Honolulu	80/67/sh	77/64/pc	Washington, DC	58/36/pc	52/37/r

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# Congress approves Patriot Act extension

By LAURIE KELLMAN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## WASHINGTON

Congress sent President Bush a second five-week extension of the Patriot Act as Senate negotiators worked to close a deal with the White House on renewing the antiterrorism law with some new civil liberties protections.

"We need the Patriot Act," said Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter. "I'm prepared to work on it further to improve it."

Sixteen provisions of the 2001 law were to have expired last Dec. 31, but Congress extended them until today after Democrats and a handful of Senate Republicans demanded an avenue of appeals when the FBI makes demands for people's financial and other private records.

The Senate voted 95-1 Thursday night to extend the current law and give negotiators more time to reach a deal. The House passed

the extension Wednesday.

Several Republican and Democratic officials involved in negotiations said that agreements had been reached on several issues but that others needed more time.

Earlier in the week, Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, one of the negotiators who helped block the act's renewal last year, told reporters almost all of his concerns had been worked out with the White House.

He and Sen. John Sununu, R-N.H., want parts of the act to be rewritten in several areas, including giving banks, libraries and Internet service providers the right to appeal when the FBI seeks financial and other records of their customers and clients.

Senate Democrats and four libertarian-leaning Republicans had blocked a final vote on a measure negotiated by the White House that would have made permanent most expiring provisions. The Republicans were concerned about excessive police powers.

# Driver

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isolated incident."

A school bus security camera captured the incident.

On the video, the boy was riding quietly in his seat near the rear of the bus. At one point, the boy leaned forward in his seat, attempted to stand up, yelled out several times and clapped his hands. He was alone in his seat and not interacting with anyone.

The bus stopped, and the driver

walked up to the boy.

With an open gloved hand, Pottorff smacked the boy on the cheek, said "Bad boy" and repeated "Quit it" three times while pointing his finger 2 to 3 inches in front of the boy's face.

Pottorff said, "I've had enough." He turned and walked away, then turned and pointed at the boy again and said, "Quit it."

The boy started crying. Other children sitting nearby looked the other way.

Pottorff told police that the student has had discipline problems in the past, including striking other children and Pottorff.

# Secret

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will be made before the final version is released around mid-month. Vendor teams will have until March 15 to prepare and submit their proposals.

The state expects to sign a contract June 29, with a public hearing scheduled the following day. The vendor will take over by Dec. 31, pending federal approval.

The lack of public oversight and the short bidding period troubled one national expert, who said ven-

"I don't see a transparent process where the public and the people affected have a voice."

Stacy Dean  
 Director of food stamp policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, on how an Indiana benefits contract is being prepared

dors will not have enough time to solicit comments from the affected beneficiaries or their advocates.

"I don't see a transparent process where the public and the people affected have a voice, and that doesn't bode well," said Stacy

# Credits

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Tech for about a half-dozen high school classes, said Pam Price, Center Grove guidance director.

Greenwood Community High School has an agreement with Indiana University for courses such as Chemistry II, Biology II, calculus and psychology.

Students can get IU credit for the courses, but they must pay IU about \$260 per course, said Bill Ronk, guidance director at Greenwood.

That price is still a bargain for college credit, Ronk said.

Through its Running Start program, Franklin College allows high school students to take regular college courses on campus during part of the high school day. The students pay fees for the

# Vests

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policy to use the vest rarely, often as a last resort, and always with the permission of parents.

He said he slapped the student after an accumulation of issues over several months, Detective Mike McElwain said.

The student's 8-year-old sister, who also was on the bus, went home and told her parents. They called the school, and transportation director Bruce Lasley and Reed began investigating.

The sheriff's office is asking the prosecutor to charge Pottorff with battery, Sheriff Terry McLaughlin said.

"He was slapped. It's battery," McElwain said.

Evidence from the investigation has been sent to the county

courses and must get permission from their high school.

Credits students earn at Indiana colleges sometimes can be transferred to other schools, Dunn said.

For instance, if a Whiteland student earns credit for the computer course but doesn't attend Ivy Tech, another college may accept the credit, she said.

The free credit is one of the biggest benefits of the program, said Whiteland business teacher Rhonda Csikos.

But students taking challenging classes with teachers who are teaching at a college level is good for any student, whether they get college credit or not, she said.

"Maybe they can test out of some of these intro courses in college and get on with what they want to study," she said. "It gets them ready for what's next."

"That would only be done through a case conference, and everyone has to be in agreement," Reed said.

The restraints may also be used if children have a physical condition that makes it difficult for them to sit safely in a seat, local school officials said.

prosecutor, who will decide what, if any, charges to file.

Prosecutor Lance Hamner said he would review the case.

Battery against a child is a felony crime if the child is younger than 14 and the battery causes bodily injury.

Pain and red marks possibly suffered by the boy in this case would qualify as bodily injury, Ham