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May Farm Prices Received Index Jumped 5 Points From April

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 150 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (3.4 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 4 points (2.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (3.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for hogs, cattle, onions, and broilers and lower prices for eggs, lettuce, wheat, and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cantaloups, grapes, sweet corn, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, corn, and apples.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 14 points (10 percent) from May 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 147, increased 5 points (3.5 percent) from last month and increased 11 points (8.1 percent) from May 2007.

Prices Paid Index Up 3 Points

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 184 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 3 points (1.7 percent) from April and 23 points (14 percent) above May 2007. Higher prices in May for diesel fuel, mixed fertilizers, feeder cattle, and potash & phosphate more than offset lower prices for feed concentrates, feed supplements, tractors, and feed grains.

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92=100	2007		2008	
	Apr	May	Apr	May
Prices Received	133	136	145	150
Prices Paid	160	161	181	184
Ratio ¹	83	84	80	82

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

Prices Received by Farmers

The May All Farm Products Index is 150 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 3.4 percent from the April index and 10 percent above the May 2007 index.

ALL CROPS: The May index is 172, up 2.4 percent from April and 23 percent above May 2007. Index increases for fruits & nuts, potatoes & dry beans, oil-bearing crops, and feed grains & hay more than offset the index decreases for food grains, cotton, and commercial vegetables.

Food Grains: The May index, at 278, is 7.0 percent below the previous month but 74 percent above a year ago. The May all wheat price, at \$8.80 per bushel, is down \$1.20 from April but \$3.92 above May 2007.

Feed Grains & Hay: The May index is 222, up 0.9 percent from last month and 41 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$5.12 per bushel, is down 3 cents from last month but \$1.63 above May 2007. The all hay price, at \$166 per ton, is up \$14.00 from April and \$28.00 from last May. Grain sorghum, at \$9.18 per cwt, is 12 cents below April but \$2.69 above May last year.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The May index, at 221, is up 2.8 percent from April and 73 percent higher than May 2007. The soybean price, at \$12.30 per bushel, increased 30 cents from April and is \$5.18 above May 2007.

Cotton: The May index, at 100, is down 2.0 percent from April but 37 percent above last year. The May price, at 60.7 cents per pound, is down 1.4 cents from the previous month but 16.7 cents above last May.

Potatoes & Dry Beans: The May index, at 162, is up 8.7 percent from last month and 19 percent above May 2007. The all potato price, at \$9.21 per cwt, is up 76 cents from April and \$1.26 from last May. The all dry bean price, at \$36.30 per cwt, is up \$1.90 from the previous month and \$11.90 above May 2007.

Fruits & Nuts: The May index, at 146, is up 11 percent from April but 6.4 percent lower than a year ago. Price increases for oranges, grapefruit, and strawberries more than offset a price decrease for lemons.

Commercial Vegetables: The May index, at 162, is down 1.2 percent from last month but 13 percent above May 2007. Price declines for lettuce, broccoli, tomatoes, and cauliflower more than offset price increases during May for onions, celery, sweet corn, and asparagus.

LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS: The May index, at 132, is 3.9 percent above last month but unchanged from May 2007. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for turkeys, broilers, milk, hogs, and eggs. Cattle and calf prices are down from last year.

Meat Animals: The May index, at 122, is up 8.0 percent from last month but 1.6 percent lower than last year. The May hog price, at \$54.10 per cwt, is up \$10.00 from April and \$1.00 higher than a year ago. The May beef cattle price of \$90.50 per cwt is up \$3.90 from last month but \$2.30 lower than May 2007.

Dairy Products: The May index, at 139, is up 0.7 percent from a month ago and May last year. The May all milk price of \$18.20 per cwt is up 20 cents from last month and May 2007. The fluid grade milk price is up 20 cents and the manufacturing grade milk price is up 80 cents from the previous month.

Poultry & Eggs: The May index, at 147, is down 0.7 percent from April but 4.3 percent above a year ago. The May market egg price, at 69.8 cents per dozen, decreased 18.6 cents from April but is 8.0 cents above May 2007. The May broiler price, at 48.0 cents per pound, is up 2.0 cents from April and 1.0 cent above a year ago. The May turkey price, at 58.0 cents per pound, is up 2.9 cents from the previous month and 9.7 cents from a year earlier.

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**Index Numbers of Prices Received, United States,
May 2008, with Comparisons ¹**

Index	1910-14=100				1990-92=100		
	Average 1990-92	2007	2008		2007	2008	
		May	Apr	May	May	Apr	May
All Farm Products	639	861	*924	954	136	*145	150
All Crops	500	691	*831	846	140	*168	172
Food Grains	325	507	*949	883	160	*299	278
Feed Grains & Hay	363	567	*786	794	158	*220	222
Cotton	517	372	*525	513	73	*102	100
Tobacco ²	1,263	1,392	1,397	1,397	92	92	92
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	698	*1,179	1,207	128	*215	221
Fruits & Nuts	716	1,088	*920	1,018	156	*132	146
Commercial Vegetables	698	963	*1,099	1,083	144	*164	162
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	686	*756	820	136	*149	162
Other Crops	493	580	585	585	118	119	119
Livestock & Products	768	1,010	*976	1,014	132	*127	132
Meat Animals	1,021	1,260	*1,152	1,238	124	*113	122
Dairy Products	799	1,106	1,106	1,118	138	138	139
Poultry & Eggs	282	398	*416	413	141	*148	147
Food Commodities					136	*142	147

* Revised.

¹ Revised historical price indexes for months not shown are available at www.nass.usda.gov.

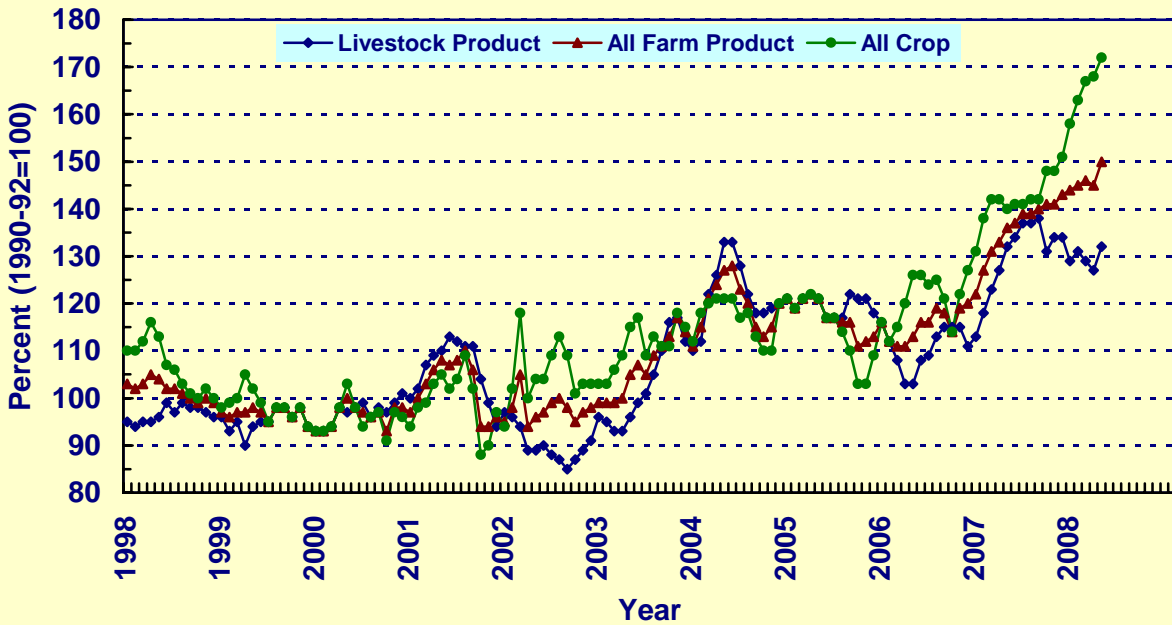
² Monthly prices discontinued July 2005.

**Selected Index Numbers for Prices Received and Paid,
1990-92=100, by Month, United States, 2007 and 2008 ¹**

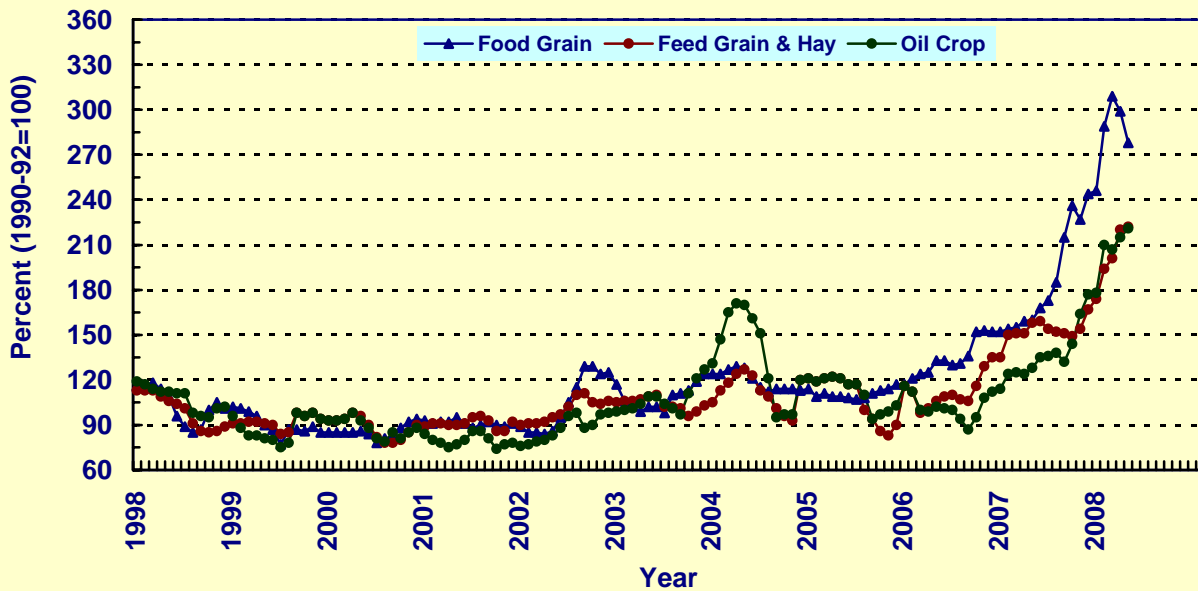
Month	Index of Prices Received						Index of Prices Paid			
	All Farm Products		All Crops		Livestock and Products		All Items		Production Items	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Jan	122	144	131	158	113	129	155	172	152	174
Feb	127	145	138	163	118	131	156	175	154	178
Mar	131	146	142	167	123	129	159	178	157	182
Apr	133	145	142	168	127	127	160	181	160	187
May	136	150	140	172	132	132	161	184	160	190
Jun	137		141		134		161		161	
Jul	139		141		137		162		162	
Aug	139		142		137		162		162	
Sep	140		142		138		163		163	
Oct	141		148		131		164		164	
Nov	141		148		134		166		167	
Dec	143		151		134		167		169	

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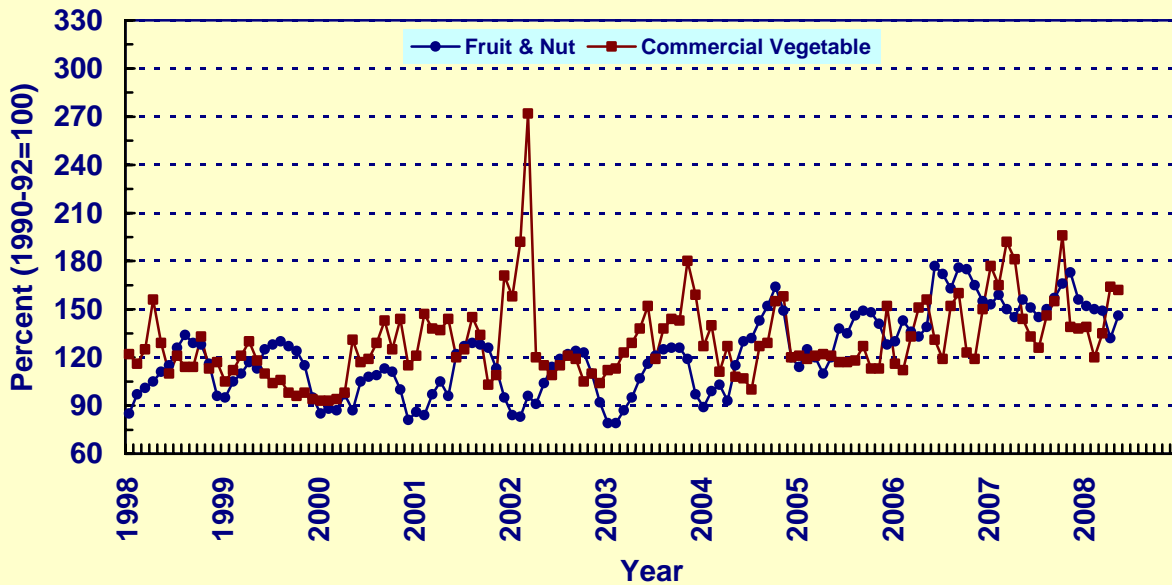
Prices Received, Major Indexes, US



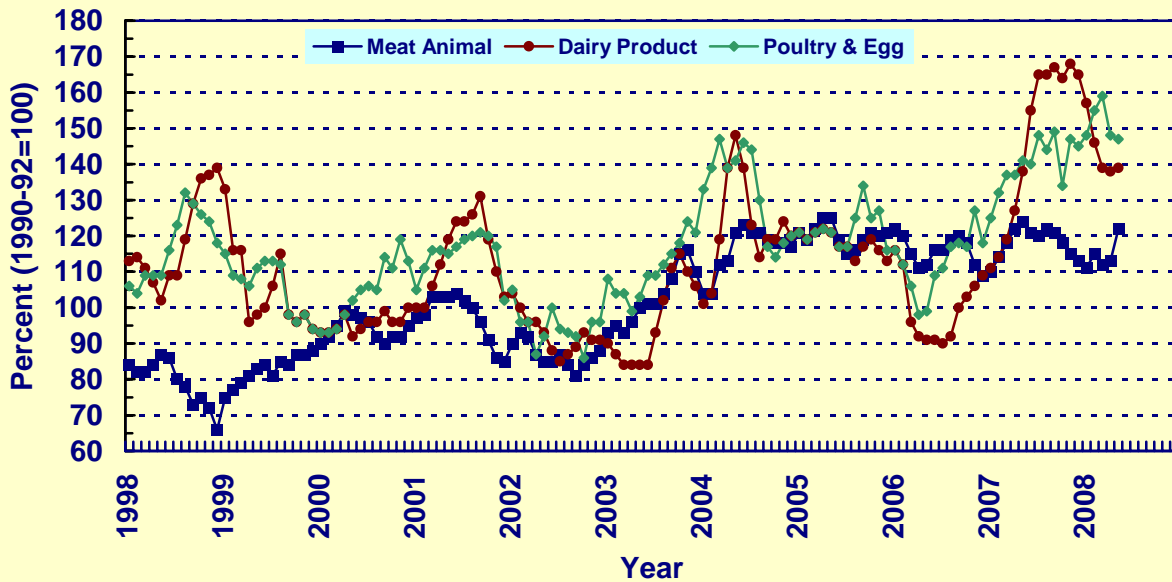
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Prices Received, Fruit and Vegetable Indexes, US



Prices Received, Livestock Product Indexes, US



**Prices Received, United States,
May 2008, with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			May 2007	Apr 2008	May 2008
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Field Crops					
Barley, All	Bu	2.12	3.12	4.54	4.76
Feed	Bu	1.90	3.20	4.65	3.98
Malting	Bu	2.43	3.08	4.48	5.06
Beans, Dry Edible	Cwt	19.10	24.40	34.40	36.30
Canola ¹	Cwt			24.80	24.00
Chickpeas, All	Cwt		29.50	31.20	(⁶)
Large	Cwt		30.00	33.60	(⁶)
Small	Cwt		19.50	(⁶)	(⁶)
Corn	Bu	2.30	3.49	5.15	5.12
Cotton, Upland	Lb	0.606	0.440	0.621	0.607
Cottonseed ²	Ton	96.00			
Flaxseed	Bu	4.27	7.08	17.30	16.60
Hay, All, Baled ³	Ton	76.30	138.00	152.00	166.00
Alfalfa ³	Ton	77.20	145.00	157.00	177.00
Other ³	Ton	60.00	115.00	140.00	134.00
Lentils	Cwt		13.20	33.40	32.70
Oats	Bu	1.22	2.49	3.48	3.46
Peanuts, In-Shell	Lb	0.304	0.179	0.200	0.201
Peas, Dry Edible	Cwt		10.10	17.50	16.40
Austrian Winter	Cwt		9.75	(⁶)	(⁶)
Potatoes	Cwt	5.82	7.95	8.45	9.21
Rice, Rough	Cwt	7.07	10.00	14.60	15.00
Sorghum Grain	Cwt	3.75	6.49	9.30	9.18
Soybeans	Bu	5.61	7.12	12.00	12.30
Sunflower, All	Cwt	9.50	16.60	25.00	27.40
Wheat, All	Bu	2.96	4.88	10.00	8.80
Winter	Bu	2.93	4.77	9.61	7.76
Durum	Bu	2.86	5.39	13.80	12.10
Other Spring	Bu	3.11	4.98	10.50	10.20
Hard Red Winter	Bu		4.69	9.59	
Soft Red Winter	Bu		4.31	7.88	
Hard Red Spring	Bu		4.97	10.50	
White	Bu	3.24	5.20	10.10	
Fruit					
Citrus, Equiv on-tree					
Grapefruit	Box	5.77	4.49	2.89	5.12
Lemons	Box	10.10	8.14	28.18	20.77
Oranges	Box	5.79	11.12	6.21	6.95
Tangelos	Box	5.82	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
Tangerines	Box	15.11	17.01	9.58	5.98
Noncitrus, Fresh					
Apples ⁴	Lb	0.212	0.269	0.335	0.339
Grapes ⁴	Ton	506.00	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
Peaches ⁴	Ton	432.00	820.00	(⁶)	948.00
Pears ⁴	Ton	370.00	651.00	491.00	525.00
Strawberries	Cwt	56.00	68.60	65.80	66.70

¹ Monthly prices began in July 2007.

² Marketing year August - February.

³ Mid-month price.

⁴ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, and NY (apples only), and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

⁵ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

⁶ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

**Prices Received, United States,
May 2008, with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			May 2007	Apr 2008	May 2008
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Vegetables, Fresh ¹					
Asparagus	Cwt	79.80	91.90	97.60	99.80
Broccoli	Cwt	22.50	26.70	52.20	27.30
Cantaloups ²	Cwt		28.20		
Carrots	Cwt	13.20	32.00	25.50	25.50
Cauliflower	Cwt	26.80	24.90	63.60	37.40
Celery	Cwt	11.60	18.30	14.00	37.70
Corn, Sweet	Cwt	15.70	21.40	21.00	23.10
Cucumbers ²	Cwt		28.50	24.40	17.50
Lettuce	Cwt	11.90	13.60	21.70	16.80
Onions	Cwt	12.80	24.20	17.40	31.70
Snap Beans ²	Cwt		38.80	57.00	39.60
Tomatoes	Cwt	32.30	35.60	47.40	40.40
Livestock					
Calves	Cwt	94.30	124.00	116.00	116.00
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt	72.90	92.80	86.60	90.50
Cows ³	Cwt	49.60	51.70	50.50	53.10
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	77.10	98.10	91.60	95.40
Milk Cows ⁴	Head	1,130.00		1,940.00	
Hogs, All	Cwt	47.70	53.10	44.10	54.10
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	48.40	53.90	45.30	55.50
Sows	Cwt	39.50	34.10	17.20	23.00
Lambs	Cwt	56.20	97.10	99.40	
Sheep	Cwt	23.40	30.80	28.80	
Dairy and Poultry					
Milk, All ^{5 6}	Cwt	13.06	18.00	18.00	18.20
Fluid Grade ⁶	Cwt	13.10	18.00	18.00	18.20
Mfg Grade ⁶	Cwt	11.80	17.60	17.70	18.50
Broilers, Live ⁷	Lb	0.317	0.470	0.460	0.480
Eggs, All ⁸	Doz	0.643	0.780	1.030	0.794
Market ^{8 9}	Doz	0.546	0.618	0.884	0.698
Turkeys, live ^{8 10}	Lb	0.380	0.483	0.551	0.580
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation ¹¹					
Eggs, All	Doz	0.545	0.929	1.140	0.948
Milk, All ⁵	Cwt	9.71	18.50	18.80	18.80

¹ Beginning January 2006, point of first sale. F.O.B. shipping point for prior years.

² Monthly estimates began January 1995.

³ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁴ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct.

⁵ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

⁶ May 2008 Fat test percent: all milk, 3.62; fluid milk, 3.61; mfg grade, 3.90.

⁷ Equivalent live weight price.

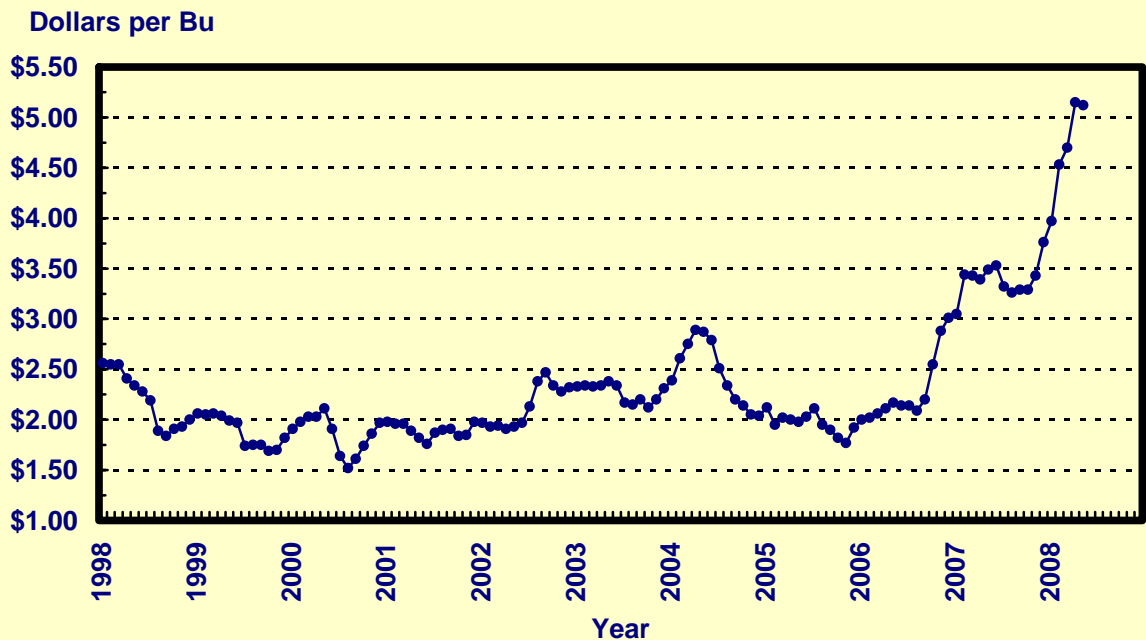
⁸ Mid-month price.

⁹ Also referred to as table eggs.

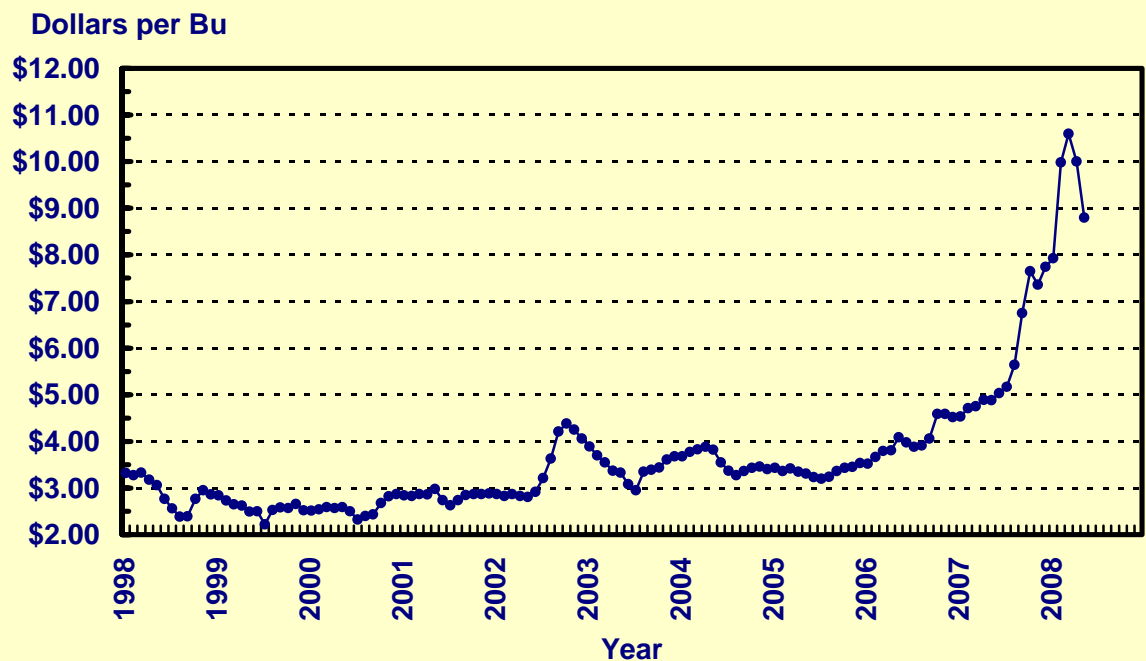
¹⁰ Live weight equivalent price is used when actual live weight price is not available.

¹¹ Seasonal adjustment factors are: All Eggs May 2007, 84; April 2008, 90; and May 2008, 84. All Milk May 2007, 97; April 2008, 96; and May 2008, 97.

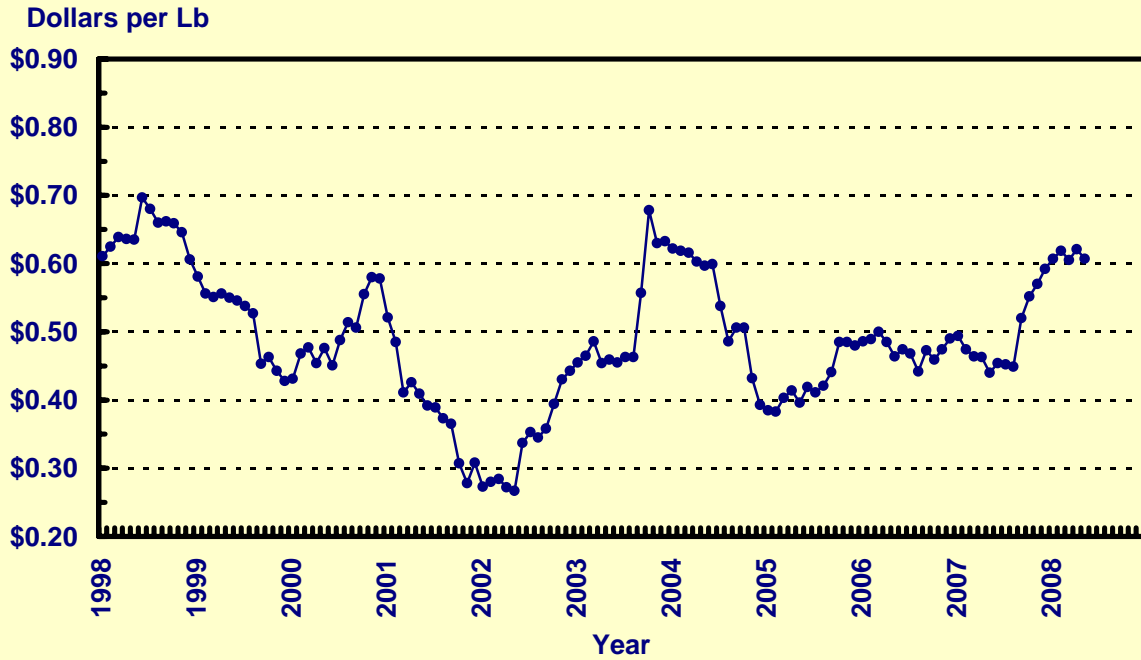
Prices Received, Corn, US



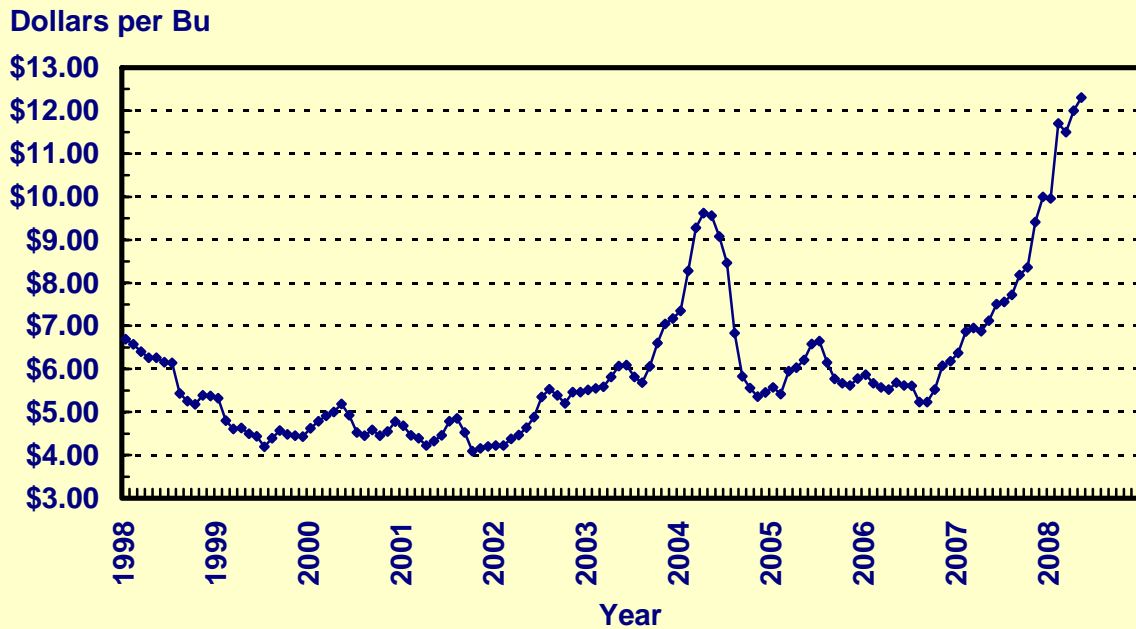
Prices Received, Wheat, US



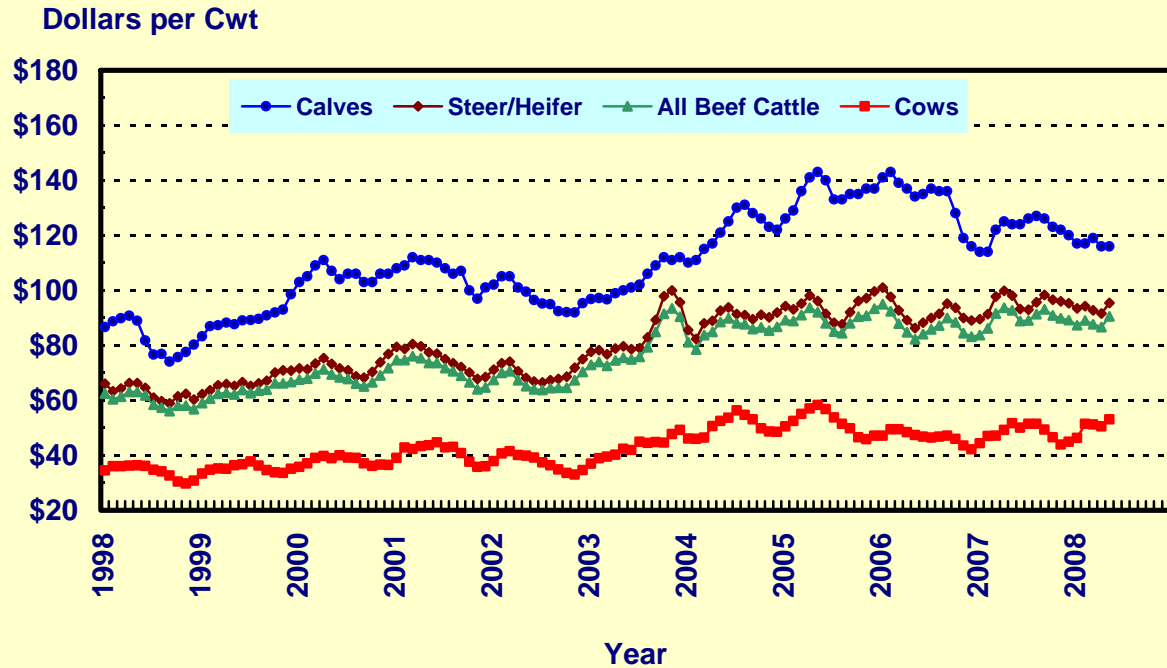
Prices Received, Cotton, US



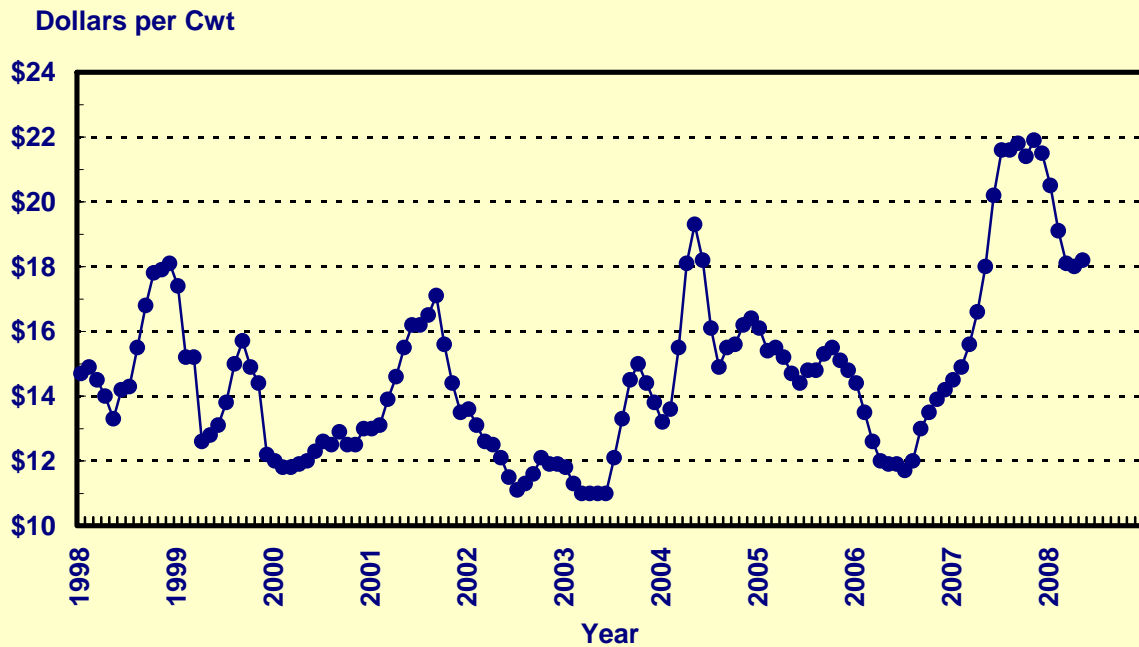
Prices Received, Soybeans, US



Prices Received, Cattle, US

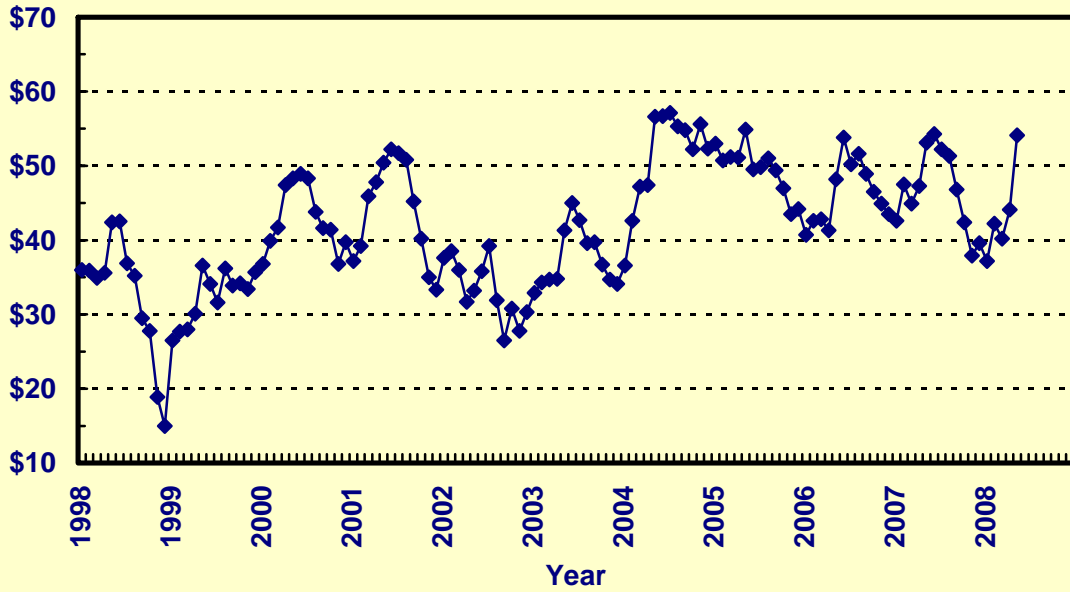


Prices Received, Milk, US



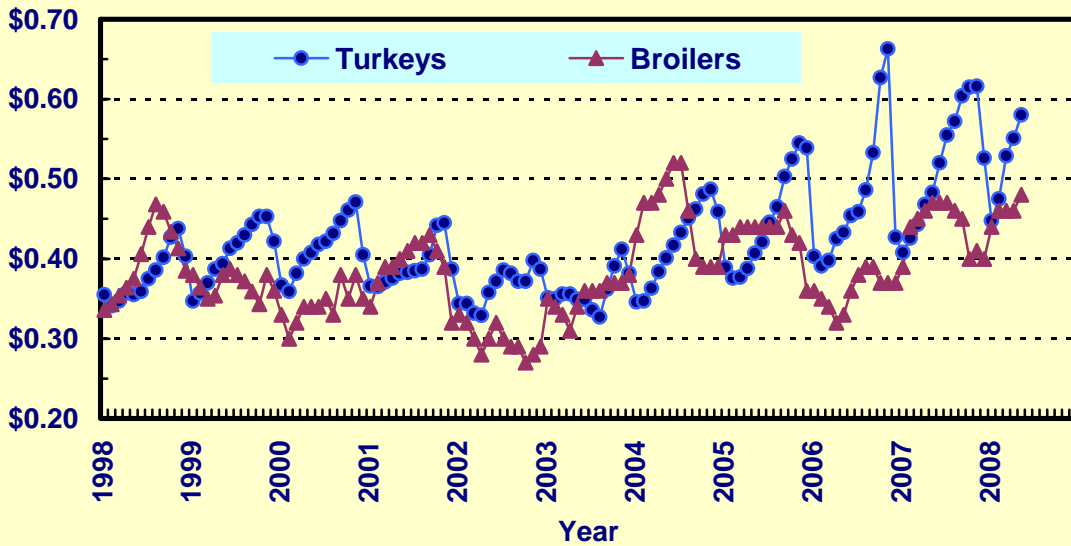
Prices Received, Hogs, US

Dollars per Cwt



Prices Received, Turkeys & Broilers, US

Dollars per Lb



Wheat: Prices Received, by State, April and May 2008

State	All Wheat		Winter Wheat		Durum Wheat		Oth Spring Wheat	
	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²
	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>
AR	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)				
CA	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(⁴)	(⁴)		
CO	8.06	7.43	8.06	7.43			(³)	(⁴)
ID	11.10	9.81	9.87	8.85			13.40	10.90
IL	7.89	7.00	7.89	7.00				
IN	10.70	7.05	10.70	7.05				
KS	9.40	7.63	9.40	7.63				
MI	5.57	5.50	5.57	5.50				
MN	9.58	9.27	10.30	8.60			9.55	9.30
MO	8.68	7.00	8.68	7.00				
MT	9.26	9.55	8.49	8.30	15.80	12.40	9.69	10.50
NE	8.94	7.90	8.94	7.90				
ND	11.90	10.10	9.04	7.55	12.70	12.00	11.90	10.00
OH	8.38	6.97	8.38	6.97				
OK	8.32	7.38	8.32	7.38				
OR	11.20	8.13	11.10	8.00			11.60	8.90
SD	11.70	10.40	10.10	9.00			12.60	11.00
TX	10.80	8.20	10.80	8.20				
WA	10.30	7.78	10.10	7.65			11.40	8.30
US	10.00	8.80	9.61	7.76	13.80	12.10	10.50	10.20

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

³ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

⁴ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

**Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities, by Month,
United States, 2007 and 2008 ¹**

Month	All Wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef Cattle ²		All Hogs	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>
Jan	4.53	7.93	3.05	3.97	6.37	9.96	83.70	87.30	42.60	37.20
Feb	4.71	9.98	3.44	4.53	6.87	11.70	86.10	89.00	47.50	42.20
Mar	4.75	10.60	3.43	4.70	6.95	11.50	91.60	87.70	44.90	40.20
Apr	4.89	10.00	3.39	5.15	6.88	12.00	93.70	86.60	47.30	44.10
May	4.88	8.80	3.49	5.12	7.12	12.30	92.80	90.50	53.10	54.10
Jun	5.03		3.53		7.51		88.80		54.30	
Jul	5.17		3.32		7.56		89.00		52.20	
Aug	5.64		3.26		7.72		91.40		51.30	
Sep	6.75		3.29		8.18		93.10		46.80	
Oct	7.65		3.29		8.36		90.90		42.40	
Nov	7.36		3.43		9.41		89.90		37.90	
Dec	7.74		3.76		10.00		89.20		39.60	

¹ Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month.

² Cows, steers and heifers.

Grains: Prices Received, by State, April and May 2008

State	All Barley		Corn		Oats		Soybeans		Sorghum Grain	
	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²
	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>
AL							11.60	12.00	(³)	(³)
AR										
CA	(³)	(⁴)			(⁴)	(⁴)				
CO	(⁴)	(⁴)	4.70	4.65						
ID	4.33	4.94								
IL			5.15	5.10	(³)	(³)	12.40	12.70	9.17	9.00
IN			5.49	5.55			12.30	12.70		
IA			5.01	5.00	3.98	3.85	11.60	12.00		
KS			5.47	5.50	(³)	3.01	12.30	12.70	9.33	9.21
KY			5.06	5.10			12.30	12.30		
LA							11.70	12.30		
MI			5.10	5.05	3.98	4.00	11.40	12.00		
MN	4.77	(⁴)	4.96	5.00	3.27	3.40	11.90	12.00		
MS							13.10	12.80		
MO			5.12	5.20			12.50	12.70	9.15	8.90
MT	4.65	5.14			3.74	(⁴)				
NE			5.01	5.00	3.99	4.00	11.90	12.00	9.20	9.00
NY					3.73	3.92				
NC			5.39	5.95			11.80	12.40		
ND	4.38	4.46	4.84	5.00	2.97	3.10	11.80	12.10		
OH			5.36	5.29	(⁴)	(⁴)	12.00	12.50		
OK									9.38	9.03
OR	5.17	5.10			(³)	(³)				
PA			5.95	6.09	4.34	3.88				
SD	(³)	(⁴)	5.10	5.00	3.39	3.50	11.70	11.90		
TN			5.78	5.85			12.20	12.70		
TX			6.18	6.11	(⁴)	3.99			9.18	9.20
UT	(³)	(³)								
WA	5.43	4.78								
WI			5.09	5.00	3.58	3.60	11.00	11.90		
WY	(³)	(⁴)								
US	4.54	4.76	5.15	5.12	3.48	3.46	12.00	12.30	9.30	9.18

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

³ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

⁴ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Malting and Feed Barley: Prices Received Selected State, April and May 2008

State	Malting Barley		Feed Barley	
	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²
	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>
ID	4.25	4.95	4.83	4.80
MN	4.55	(⁴)	5.00	5.00
MT	4.72	6.00	4.55	3.80
ND	4.67	4.80	3.68	3.68
SD	(³)	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)
WY	(⁴)	(⁴)	(³)	(⁴)

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

³ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

⁴ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Field Crops: Prices Received, by State, April and May 2008

State	Dry Edible Beans		All Sunflower		Canola		Flaxseed		Peanuts ⁴	
	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ³
	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>
AL									0.192	0.187
CA	(⁵)	(⁵)								
CO	36.70	37.00								
FL									0.178	0.178
GA									0.197	0.205
ID	33.80	35.00								
KS			28.00	28.90						
MI	42.10	43.00								
MN	39.80	40.10	23.30	25.20	24.00	(⁶)				
NE	33.10	36.30								
NC									0.182	0.183
ND	30.20	30.40	24.10	26.00	24.90	24.00	17.30	16.60		
SD			28.30	29.80			(⁶)	(⁶)		
TX									0.245	0.240
VA									0.173	0.165
US	34.40	36.30	25.00	27.40	24.80	24.00	17.30	16.60	0.200	0.201

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

³ Based on sales through first half of month.

⁴ In-Shell.

⁵ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

⁶ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Field Crops and Apples: Prices Received, by State, April and May 2008

State	Cotton, Upland		May				Apples Fresh Use ^{1 4}
	Apr ¹	May ²	Cotton- seed ⁵	Hay, Baled ³			
				All	Alfalfa	Other	
<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Ton</i>	<i>Dollars per Ton</i>	<i>Dollars per Ton</i>	<i>Dollars per Ton</i>	<i>Dol/Lb</i>	
AL	0.560	0.560					
AZ	0.568	(⁶)		184.00	185.00	165.00	
AR	0.560	0.560					
CA	(⁶)	(⁷)		212.00	223.00	165.00	
CO				149.00	150.00	130.00	
GA	0.583	0.560					
ID				163.00	165.00	152.00	
IL				157.00	162.00	126.00	
IA				129.00	137.00	94.00	
KS				101.00	105.00	80.00	
KY				142.00	175.00	95.00	
LA	(⁶)	0.560					
MI				152.00	155.00	135.00	0.280
MN				124.00	126.00	97.00	
MS	0.560	0.560					
MO				114.00	150.00	95.00	
MT				99.00	99.00	102.00	
NE				90.00	92.00	81.00	
NV				179.00	181.00	156.00	
NM				182.00	185.00	150.00	
NY				124.00	175.00	115.00	0.375
NC	0.603	0.560					
ND				70.00	73.00	51.00	
OH				163.00	184.00	115.00	0.435
OK				110.00	136.00	67.00	
OR				179.00	179.00	180.00	
PA				197.00	222.00	192.00	
SD				110.00	112.00	99.00	
TN	0.560	0.560					
TX	0.672	0.678		127.00	165.00	110.00	
UT				154.00	155.00	130.00	
VA							
WA				166.00	165.00	170.00	0.338
WI				106.00	115.00	80.00	
WY				118.00	120.00	112.00	
US	0.621	0.607		166.00	177.00	134.00	0.339

¹ Entire month.

² Based on sales during the first half of the month.

³ Mid-month.

⁴ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Price at point of first sale for other States.

⁵ Marketing year August - February.

⁶ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

⁷ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

**Upland Cotton and Rice: Prices Received and Marketings,
United States, May 2008, with Comparisons**

Item	Unit	Mar 2008 ¹	Apr 2008 ¹	May 2008 ²
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollars per Pound	0.605	0.621	0.607
Marketings ³	1,000 Bales	488	486	NA
Rice				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt	13.60	14.60	15.00
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt	15,353	12,435	NA

¹ Entire month.

² Based on purchases for the first half of the month.

³ Marketings based on a survey of cotton buyers in the major producing States - AL, AZ, AR, CA, GA, LA, MS, NC, TN, and TX.

⁴ Purchases by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped by cooperatives.

**Citrus Fruit: Prices and Equivalent Returns, by Utilization,
by State and United States, May 2008**

Commodity, State and Type	F.O.B. Packed Fresh	Equivalent Returns ¹					
		Packinghouse-door			On-tree		
		All	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process
	<i>Dollars per Box</i>	<i>Dollars per Box</i>	<i>Dollars per Box</i>	<i>Dollars per Box</i>	<i>Dollars per Box</i>	<i>Dollars per Box</i>	<i>Dollars per Box</i>
Grapefruit							
AZ	18.00	8.58	8.58	(²)	5.60	5.60	(²)
CA	23.00	12.22	13.58	-0.31	9.24	10.60	-3.29
FL	21.90	5.48	13.47	2.93	3.00	11.32	0.34
White	20.00	3.02	11.25	2.80	0.62	9.15	0.40
Colored	22.00	8.30	13.60	3.20	5.71	11.45	0.20
US	22.50	7.78	13.44	2.72	5.12	10.74	0.11
Lemons							
CA	60.20	26.30	49.93	-0.44	20.77	44.40	-5.97
Oranges							
AZ							
Valencia	14.00	4.33	5.81	1.37	1.74	3.22	-1.22
CA	19.80	8.78	11.72	1.48	6.22	9.16	-1.08
Navel and Misc	20.30	8.62	12.23	1.46	6.07	9.68	-1.09
Valencia	18.60	9.32	10.41	1.62	6.73	7.82	-0.97
FL							
Valencia	20.00	9.82	11.00	9.80	7.17	8.15	7.15
US	19.80	9.58	11.64	9.15	6.95	9.05	6.51
Tangerines							
CA	38.00	21.50	28.58	0.24	18.20	25.28	-3.06
FL	22.00	7.75	10.50	4.85	4.00	7.00	0.85
US	25.10	9.66	13.96	4.50	5.98	10.50	0.55

¹ Net lbs. per box: Grapefruit - AZ & CA-67, FL-85, TX-80; Lemons - 76; Oranges - AZ & CA-75, FL-90, TX-85; Tangelos - 90; Tangerines - AZ & CA-75, FL-95.

² Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Potatoes: Prices Received, by State, April and May 2008 ¹

State	Apr	May	State	Apr	May
	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>		<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>
AL			NC		
AZ	(⁴)	(⁴)	ND - All ²	7.80	7.30
CA - All ²	13.60	14.50	- Fresh ³	9.60	NA
- Winter	20.70		- Processing	6.50	NA
- Spring		16.00	OR	8.70	9.15
- Summer			TX	23.70	17.20
- Fall	8.20	8.60	VA		
CO - All ²	9.60	10.40	WA - All ²	7.65	7.45
- Fresh ³	11.20	NA	- Processing	6.15	NA
FL	17.00	17.20	WI - All ²	9.40	9.30
ID - All ²	6.80	6.35	- Fresh ³	9.60	NA
- Fresh ³	6.00	NA	- Processing	9.65	NA
- Processing	5.60	NA	US - All ²	8.45	9.21
ME	8.70	8.80	- Fresh ³	11.66	NA
MI	10.50	10.80	- Processing	6.50	NA
MN	5.90	5.70			
NY	12.20	12.30			

¹ Missing data indicates no potatoes being marketed.

² Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stocks, processing, seed, and livestock feed.

³ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices.

⁴ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Cattle: Prices Received, by State, April and May 2008

State	Cows ¹		Steers & Heifers		Beef Cattle ⁴		Calves	
	Apr ²	May ³	Apr ²	May ³	Apr ²	May ³	Apr ²	May ³
	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>
AZ	51.00	54.50	92.00	94.00	75.60	78.20	105.00	105.00
AR	48.50	50.20	95.50	99.40	81.40	84.60	104.00	108.00
CA	43.00	45.60	90.50	95.00	71.50	75.20	105.00	105.00
CO	52.20	55.50	98.50	104.00	97.60	103.00	114.00	114.00
FL	53.30	56.00	87.00	86.00	75.00	70.60	102.00	100.00
GA	54.50	56.00	86.00	90.00	65.80	67.20	100.00	103.00
ID	48.30	52.50	89.60	94.30	79.70	84.30	106.00	107.00
IL	52.00	55.00	91.50	94.00	90.70	93.20	107.00	108.00
IA	52.50	55.00	91.50	93.00	91.10	92.20	106.00	111.00
KS	52.50	54.70	91.00	95.30	89.50	93.70	119.00	121.00
KY	49.00	51.00	91.00	96.00	80.90	85.20	104.00	107.00
LA	52.40	54.00	89.70	93.00	63.20	66.10	100.00	102.00
MI	52.00	54.00	87.00	88.00	76.50	77.80	103.00	103.00
MN	55.50	57.30	87.80	91.10	80.10	83.10	111.00	115.00
MO	49.40	52.50	98.10	102.00	86.40	89.60	110.00	115.00
MT	50.90	54.80	99.50	100.00	88.30	86.00	113.00	114.00
NE	53.50	56.00	92.50	95.00	91.30	93.80	117.00	118.00
NM	52.00	55.50	94.00	99.00	79.70	81.60	113.00	114.00
ND	51.00	53.00	95.00	98.00	83.60	80.90	106.00	108.00
OH	48.40	52.00	86.60	88.00	82.80	84.40	99.30	103.00
OK	52.70	54.90	98.00	102.00	94.40	98.20	114.00	117.00
OR	47.00	51.60	87.80	90.60	75.60	78.90	102.00	102.00
PA	51.60	55.80	84.40	87.20	75.90	79.00	114.00	117.00
SD	52.00	54.40	95.40	98.30	89.80	90.40	112.00	112.00
TN	50.00	52.00	90.00	94.00	74.00	77.20	101.00	102.00
TX	49.40	50.50	91.30	96.10	87.10	92.00	111.00	114.00
VA	49.00	53.00	87.30	93.80	78.50	78.30	102.00	105.00
WI	50.20	53.80	83.00	83.80	64.00	66.40	150.00	138.00
WY	49.90	53.00	99.40	105.00	89.50	94.60	113.00	116.00
US	50.50	53.10	91.60	95.40	86.60	90.50	116.00	116.00

¹ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

² Entire month.

³ Mid-month.

⁴ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

Hogs: Prices Received, by State, April and May 2008

State	Sows		Barrows and Gilts		All Hogs	
	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²	Apr ¹	May ²
	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>
AR	16.70	22.00	42.50	52.50	39.90	49.50
IL	16.50	21.00	48.00	56.50	45.50	53.70
IN	20.70	26.00	49.90	58.70	47.60	56.10
IA	18.00	23.00	46.50	55.00	46.20	54.70
KS	17.50	24.10	39.80	51.70	36.90	48.10
MN	16.20	22.30	46.10	57.50	45.90	57.20
MO	14.20	20.60	40.20	53.00	38.40	51.10
NE	19.50	24.50	46.80	57.00	46.30	56.40
NC	19.00	23.30	45.30	56.00	45.00	55.70
OH	16.80	24.00	43.10	54.00	39.90	50.40
OK	15.30	21.40	36.40	49.00	33.20	44.90
PA	18.70	25.00	38.50	51.00	35.50	47.10
SD	17.60	22.40	46.90	57.90	44.00	54.00
US	17.20	23.00	45.30	55.50	44.10	54.10

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

Sheep and Poultry: Prices Received, by State, April and May 2008

State	April		May
	Sheep ¹	Lambs ¹	Market Eggs ^{2 3}
	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Dozen</i>
AL			0.780
AR			0.690
CA	24.00	84.00	0.730
CO	30.00	104.00	
CT			0.660
FL			0.680
GA			0.764
ID	26.00	90.00	
IN			0.700
IA	30.50	90.50	0.634
KY	33.00	116.00	
ME			0.950
MI			0.660
MN	24.20	93.70	0.740
MS			0.700
MO	31.60	111.00	0.660
MT	24.50	101.00	
NE	31.10	92.00	
NY			0.708
NC			0.700
ND	25.00	95.00	
OH	23.70	112.00	0.760
OR	34.00	93.00	
PA	39.40	126.00	0.670
SC			0.670
SD	20.40	110.00	
TX	32.60	107.00	0.690
VA	30.00	125.00	
WA			0.820
WV	28.00	122.00	
WY	28.50	96.00	
US	28.80	99.40	0.698

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

³ Also referred to as table eggs.

Milk and Milk Cows: Prices Received, by State, April and May 2008

State	April ¹						May		
	Fluid Grade Milk ²		Manufacturing Grade Milk ³		All Milk ⁴		All Milk ^{4 5}		Milk Cows ⁶
	Price	Fat Test	Price	Fat Test	Price	Fat Test	Price	Fat Test	
	<i>Dol/Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dol/Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dol/Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dol/Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dol/Head</i>
AZ	17.30	3.50			17.30	3.50	17.10	3.50	
CA	16.50	3.65	18.20	4.18	16.55	3.67	17.60	3.61	
CO	18.50	3.51			18.50	3.51	18.20	3.50	
FL	22.00	3.54			22.00	3.54	20.50	3.53	
ID	16.70	3.63			16.70	3.63	17.70	3.59	
IL	19.40	3.80	18.50	3.80	19.40	3.80	18.80	3.75	
IN	18.80	3.66			18.80	3.66	18.10	3.60	
IA	18.30	3.68	16.80	3.82	18.30	3.68	18.00	3.63	
KS	19.10	3.70			19.10	3.70	18.60	3.65	
KY	20.10	3.64			20.10	3.64	18.60	3.60	
MI	18.40	3.63			18.40	3.63	18.00	3.55	
MN	18.70	3.75	17.00	3.80	18.70	3.75	20.00	3.71	
MO	18.70	3.64	16.00	3.80	18.60	3.65	18.10	3.56	
NM	17.50	3.56			17.50	3.56	17.50	3.53	
NY	18.20	3.73			18.20	3.73	17.60	3.65	
OH	19.50	3.76	16.70	3.92	19.40	3.77	18.40	3.66	
OR	18.00	3.70			18.00	3.70	17.90	3.63	
PA	19.90	3.70			19.90	3.70	19.40	3.60	
TX	18.80	3.69			18.80	3.69	18.90	3.65	
VT	19.30	3.75			19.30	3.75	18.30	3.70	
VA	22.10	3.64			22.10	3.64	21.50	3.60	
WA	17.50	3.70			17.50	3.70	17.50	3.63	
WI	18.40	3.72	17.50	3.89	18.40	3.73	18.70	3.66	
US	18.00	3.67	17.70	4.03	18.00	3.68	18.20	3.62	

¹ Entire month.

² Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

³ IN no longer published due to insufficient manufacturing grade milk volume.

⁴ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

⁵ Preliminary.

⁶ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

**Parity Price Equivalent for Manufacturing Grade Milk ¹: United States,
April and May 2008, with Comparisons**

Item	Unit	May 2007	Apr 2008	May 2008
Parity Equivalent	Dollars per Cwt	37.10	43.50	44.10
Average Price F.O.B ^{2 3}	Dollars per Cwt	17.60	17.70	18.50
Average Fat Test of Milk ^{2 3}	Percent	3.87	4.03	3.90

¹ The parity price equivalent during 2008 is 92.1 percent of the parity price of all milk sold to plants, compared with 91.5 percent in 2007. For additional details, see January 2008 issue of "Agricultural Prices".

² Beginning in August 2007, Parity Price for Manufacturing Grade Milk is computed using the same methodology as Parity Prices for other commodities.

³ Preliminary for May 2008.

**Parity Prices for Farm Products and Average Prices Received as
Percent of Parity Prices, United States, with Comparisons ¹**

Commodity and Unit	Adjusted Base Price	Parity Price			Price as Percent of Parity		
		May 2007	Apr 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Apr 2008	May 2008
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Basic Commodities							
All Wheat, Bu	0.533	10.90	12.90	13.10	45	78	67
Rice, Cwt	1.29	29.40	31.20	31.60	34	47	47
Corn, Bu	0.337	8.06	8.15	8.25	43	63	62
Cotton, Lb							
American Upland	0.092	2.06	2.22	2.25	21	28	27
Extra Long Staple	0.137	2.98	3.31	3.36	32	30	30
Peanuts, Lb	0.035	0.650	0.846	0.857	28	24	23
Designated Nonbasic							
All Milk, Sold to Plants, Per Cwt ²							
	1.95	40.30	47.10	47.80	46	40	39
Honey, Extracted, Lb ³	0.122	2.58	2.95	2.99	40	35	35
Wool and Mohair							
Wool, Lb	0.080	1.72	1.93	1.96	40	46	45
Mohair, Lb	0.371	7.53	8.97	9.09	49	42	42
Other Nonbasic							
Barley, Bu	0.368	7.59	8.89	9.01	41	51	53
Canola, Cwt	1.530	28.70	37.00	37.50		67	64
Cottonseed, Ton	14.40	311.00	348.00	353.00	42	47	46
Dry Edible Beans, Cwt	2.71	57.10	65.50	66.40	43	53	55
Flaxseed, Bu	0.901	17.60	21.80	22.10	40	79	75
Mustard Seed, Cwt	2.00	40.30	48.30	49.00			
Oats, Bu	0.219	4.51	5.29	5.36	55	66	65
Potatoes, Cwt	0.827	17.20	20.00	20.30	46	42	45
Rapeseed, Cwt	1.73	33.40	41.80	42.40			
Rye, Bu	0.420	8.69	10.20	10.30			
Safflower, Cwt	1.88	38.60	45.40	46.00			
Sorghum Grain, Cwt	0.601	13.80	14.50	14.70	47	64	62
Soybeans, Bu	0.832	17.80	20.10	20.40	40	60	60
All Sunflower, Cwt	1.68	34.80	40.60	41.10	48	62	67
Sweetpotatoes, Cwt	2.34	48.50	56.60	57.30			
Apples, Fresh, Lb ⁴	0.032	0.631	0.773	0.784	43	43	43
Citrus (equiv on-tree), Box							
Grapefruit	0.631	13.00	15.30	15.50	35	19	33
Lemons	1.22	23.90	29.50	29.90	34	96	69
Oranges	0.651	12.50	15.70	15.90	89	40	44
Tangerines	1.37	28.30	33.10	33.60	60	29	18
Beef Cattle, Cwt	10.20	213.00	247.00	250.00	44	35	36
Calves, Cwt	14.80	306.00	358.00	362.00	41	32	32
Hogs, Cwt	5.58	122.00	135.00	137.00	44	33	39
Lambs, Cwt	11.60	250.00	280.00	284.00	39	36	
Sheep, Cwt	4.67	103.00	113.00	114.00	30	25	
Eggs, Doz ²	0.089	1.85	2.15	2.18	50	53	43
Turkeys, Live, Lb	0.056	1.170	1.350	1.370	41	41	42

¹ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle a, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, and 1956. See January "Agricultural Prices" for details on adjusted base price and parity price computations.

² Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

³ Wholesale extracted. Adjusted base price derived from state annual averages prices weighted by production. For 1982 through 1985 the national averages are the support prices.

⁴ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, NY (apples only), OR (except peaches), and WA. Price at point of first sale for other states.

Parity Prices for Farm Products, May 2008, United States ¹

Other Nonbasic Commodities	Adjusted Base Price	Parity Price	Other Nonbasic Commodities	Adjusted Base Price	Parity Price
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Field Crops and Misc Commodities			Noncitrus Fruit,		
Hops, Lb	0.263	6.44	Continued		
Spearmint Oil, Lb	1.37	33.60	Papayas (HI)	0.047	1.150
Tobacco, Lb			Peaches		
Flue-Cured, 11-14	0.231	5.66	Fresh, Ton ²	84.60	2,070.00
Fire-Cured, 21-23	0.311	7.62	Dried, CA,		
Burley, 31	0.248	6.07	Ton	74.20	1,820.00
Maryland, 32	0.191	4.68	Processing ³		
Dark Air-Cured, 35-37	0.278	6.81	Excl Dried		
PA Seedleaf, 41	0.196	4.80	Clingstone,		
Cigar Binder, 51	0.718	17.60	CA, Ton	33.70	825.00
Type 61	3.13	76.70	Pears, Ton		
			Fresh ²	54.50	1,330.00
			Dried, CA ⁴	177.00	4,330.00
			Plums, CA, Ton		
			Fresh, Equiv		
Noncitrus Fruit			on-Tree	66.20	1,620.00
Apples, Ton ⁴			Prunes, Dried,		
Processing	15.70	384.00	CA, Ton ⁴	141.00	3,450.00
Apricots, Ton			Prunes and Plums,		
Fresh ⁵	105.00	2,570.00	Excl CA, Ton		
Dried, CA	252.00	6,170.00	Fresh ⁷	63.10	1,550.00
Avocados, Ton ⁵	227.00	5,560.00	Processing ⁴		
Cherries			Excl Dried	28.60	700.00
Sweet, Ton	197.00	4,820.00			
Tart, Lb	0.035	0.857	Tree Nuts ⁸		
Cranberry, Bbl ³	4.20	103.00	Almonds, Lb	0.209	5.12
Dates, CA, Ton ⁵	185.00	4,530.00	Hazelnuts, Ton	162.00	3,970.00
Grapes, Ton			Pistachio, Lb	0.179	4.38
Raisin Variety	119.00	2,910.00	Walnuts, Ton	169.00	4,140.00
Other Dried	70.90	1,740.00			
Kiwifruit, Ton	93.80	2,300.00	Vegetables, Cwt ⁹		
Nectarines			Fresh		
Fresh, CA, Ton ⁵	58.50	1,430.00	Carrots ⁶	2.44	59.80
Olives, CA			Cauliflower ⁶	4.32	106.00
canning, Ton ³	90.70	2,220.00	Celery ⁶	2.04	50.00
			Honeydew Melons	2.58	63.20
			Lettuce	2.35	57.60
			Onions ⁶	1.60	39.20
			Tomatoes	4.68	115.00

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² Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, NY (apples only), OR (except peaches), and WA. Price at point of first sale for other states.

³ Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point.

⁴ Equivalent returns at processing plant door.

⁵ Equivalent returns at packinghouse door.

⁶ Includes some processing.

⁷ Based on "as sold" prices for fresh fruit in all states.

⁸ Prices in-shell basis except almonds which are shelled basis.

⁹ F.O.B. shipping point prices.

Reliability of Prices Received Estimates

Definition: Prices received represent sales from producers to first buyers. They include all grades and qualities. The average commodity price from the survey multiplied by the total quantity marketed theoretically should give the total cash receipts for the commodity.

Survey Procedures: Primary sales data used to determine grain prices were obtained from probability samples of about 2000 mills and elevators. These procedures ensure that virtually all grain moving into commercial channels has a chance of being included in the survey. Generally, States surveyed account for 90 percent or more of total U.S. production. Livestock prices are obtained from packers, stockyards, auctions, dealers, and market check data from AMS-USDA, private marketing organizations, and state commodity groups and agencies. Inter-farm sales of grain and livestock are not included since they represent very small percentages of the total marketings. Grain marketed for seed is also excluded. Fruit and vegetable prices are obtained from sample surveys and market check data from AMS-USDA, private marketing organizations, state agencies, and universities.

Summary and Estimation Procedures: Survey quantities sold are expanded by strata to state levels and used to weight average strata prices to a state average. State prices are then weighted to a U.S. price based on expanded marketings. Recommendations are prepared by the State Field Offices and reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board in Washington, D.C. State recommendations are reviewed for reasonableness with survey data, other States, and recent historic estimates.

Revisions: For most items, the current month's preliminary price represents a 3-5 day period around the 15th of the month. Previous month's prices represent actual dollars received for quantities sold during the entire month. Revisions are published in monthly issues of Agricultural Prices.

Reliability: U.S. price estimates based on probability surveys generally have a sampling error of less than one percent for the major commodities such as corn, wheat, soybeans, cotton, and rice. Current methods of summarization for non-probability commodities are not designed directly to calculate sampling errors. However, analytical measures approximate the U.S. relative sampling errors at around five percent. Any nonsampling errors are attributed to such things as the inability to obtain correct information, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, mistakes in coding or processing the data, etc. Efforts are made at each step in the survey process to minimize these nonsampling errors.

Prices Paid by Farmers

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) at 184 (1990-92=100), is up 1.7 percent from April 2008 and 14 percent from May 2007.

PRODUCTION INDEX: The May index, at 190, increased 1.6 percent from last month and 19 percent from last year. Higher prices in May for diesel fuel, mixed fertilizers, feeder cattle, and potash & phosphate more than offset lower prices for feed concentrates, feed supplements, tractors, and feed grains.

Feed: The May index, at 188, was unchanged from April but increased 29 percent from last May. Since April, higher prices for hay & forage and complete feeds offset lower prices for feed concentrates, feed supplements, and feed grains.

Livestock & Poultry: The May index, at 126, increased 3.3 percent from last month but decreased 4.5 percent from last year. Since April, prices are higher for feeder cattle and feeder pigs. The May feeder cattle price, at \$104.10 per cwt, is up \$4.10 per cwt from the April price. May feeder pigs averaged \$92.00 per cwt, up \$5.00 per cwt from April.

Fertilizer: The May index, at 364, is up 5.8 percent from April and 69 percent above May a year ago. Potash & phosphate prices increased 11 percent, mixed fertilizer prices are up 7.3 percent, and nitrogen fertilizers rose 1.9 percent.

Chemicals: The May index, at 139, increased 3.0 percent from April and 6.9 percent from last May.

Fuels: The May index, at 392, is up 6.2 percent from a month earlier and 49 percent above May 2007. The LP gas price is up 7.7 percent, the gasoline price is up 7.0 percent, and the diesel fuel price is up 5.8 percent.

Machinery: The May index, at 203, increased 0.5 percent from April and 6.8 percent from last May. Since April, higher prices for other machinery and self-propelled machinery more than offset lower prices for tractors.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The April 2008 Consumer Price Index, as issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for all urban consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent before seasonal adjustment to a level of 214.823 (1982-84=100). This compares with the March index of 213.528. For the 12-month period ending in April, the overall index increased 3.9 percent.

**Indexes of Prices Paid by Farmers and Related Parity Ratios
United States, May 2008 With Comparisons¹**

Indexes and Ratios	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	2007	2008		2007	2008	
	May	Apr	May	May	Apr	May
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities & Services, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates (PPITW)	2,144	*2,418	2,449	161	181	184
Production	1,554	*1,813	1,846	160	187	190
Feed	714	916	919	146	188	188
Livestock & Poultry	1,691	*1,557	1,611	132	*122	126
Seeds	2,086	2,722	2,722	211	275	275
Fertilizer	787	1,260	1,333	215	344	364
Chemicals	802	833	858	130	135	139
Fuels	2,033	2,847	3,027	263	369	392
Supplies & Repairs	1,056	*1,078	1,078	149	*152	152
Autos & Trucks	2,954	*2,922	2,904	111	110	109
Machinery	4,759	5,063	5,088	190	202	203
Building Materials	2,107	*2,179	2,202	155	160	162
Services & Rent	1,757	*1,845	1,849			
Services				146	150	151
Rent				151	163	163
Interest ²	3,865	4,100	4,100	154	164	164
Taxes ³	5,043	5,443	5,443	188	203	203
Wage Rates	6,591	*6,849	6,849	176	*183	183
Production, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates (PITW)	2,181	*2,499	2,537	162	186	189
Family Living-CPI ⁴	1,975	*2,040	2,040	154	*159	159
Ratio (Received/Paid) Parity Ratio ⁵	40	38	39	84	80	82
Parity Ratio Adjusted ⁶	42	*40	41			
PPITW Adjusted for Productivity ⁷	1,400	*1,477	1,482			
Crop Sector (PPITW)				167	191	194
Livestock Sector (PPITW)				155	172	174
Farm Sector (Production)				152	179	181
Non-Farm Sector (Production)				164	191	195

* Revised.

¹ Revised historical price indexes for months not shown are available at www.nass.usda.gov.

² Interest per acre on farm real estate debt and interest rate on farm non-real estate debt.

³ Farm real estate taxes payable per acre.

⁴ Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), for the previous month converted by the USDA.

⁵ Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100).

⁶ Based on estimated cash receipts, from marketings and government payments, the preliminary adjustment factor is 1.079 for 2008 and the revised factor is 1.096 for 2007.

⁷ PPITW is adjusted based on productivity trend for the prior 15 years.

**Prices Paid Indexes and Annual Weights for Input Components and
Sub-Components United States, May 2008 With Comparisons ¹**

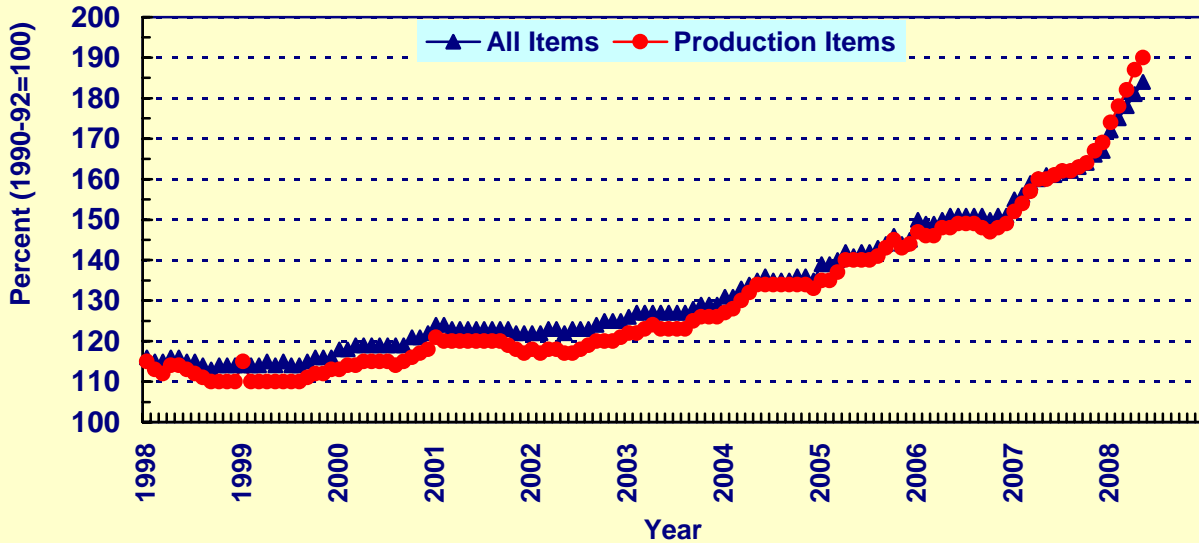
Index	Relative Weights 5-Year Moving Average ²		Input Indexes		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	Percent	Percent	May <i>(1990-92=100)</i>	Apr <i>(1990-92=100)</i>	May <i>(1990-92=100)</i>
Production Items	67.4	67.9	160	187	190
Feed	10.9	10.9	146	188	188
Feed Grains	1.6	1.6	152	223	222
Complete Feeds	5.3	5.4	136	178	179
Hay/Forage	1.4	1.4	178	203	214
Concentrates	1.7	1.7	137	178	175
Supplements	0.9	0.9	164	178	173
Livestock & Poultry	7.7	8.0	132	*122	126
Feeder Cattle	6.0	6.2	128	*118	123
Feeder Pigs	0.6	0.6	152	*95	100
Milk Cow Replacements	0.6	0.6	153	172	172
Poultry	0.5	0.5	138	138	138
Seeds	3.7	3.8	211	275	275
Field Crops	3.4	3.5	218	287	287
Grasses/Legumes	0.4	0.4	142	157	157
Fertilizer	4.4	4.4	215	344	364
Mixed Fertilizer	1.9	1.9	200	354	380
Nitrogen	1.8	1.9	236	322	328
Potash & Phosphate	0.6	0.6	195	377	419
Chemicals	3.4	3.3	130	135	139
Herbicides	2.2	2.1	122	125	129
Insecticides	0.8	0.8	148	156	160
Fungicides/Other	0.5	0.5	133	145	149
Fuels	3.1	3.3	263	369	392
Diesel	1.9	2.1	274	413	437
Gasoline	0.7	0.8	253	285	305
LP Gas	0.4	0.4	233	297	320
Supplies & Repairs	4.8	4.7	149	*152	152
Supplies	1.6	1.6	140	*145	145
Repairs	3.2	3.1	153	155	155
Autos & Trucks	1.8	1.7	111	110	109
Autos	0.2	0.2	109	108	108
Trucks	1.6	1.5	111	110	109
Machinery	4.5	4.5	190	202	203
Tractors	1.0	1.0	165	175	171
Self-Propelled	1.8	1.8	197	210	211
Other Machinery	1.7	1.7	196	209	213
Building Materials	4.3	4.5	155	160	162
Services	12.2	12.2	146	150	151
Custom Rates	1.3	1.3	125	125	125
Other Services	10.9	10.9	148	153	154
Rent	6.7	6.6	151	163	163
Cash	3.6	3.5	180	195	195
Share	3.1	3.0	117	126	126
Interest	4.0	3.8	154	164	164
Taxes	2.9	2.9	188	203	203
Wage Rates	7.8	7.8	176	*183	183
Family Living-CPI	18.0	17.6	154	*159	159

* Revised.

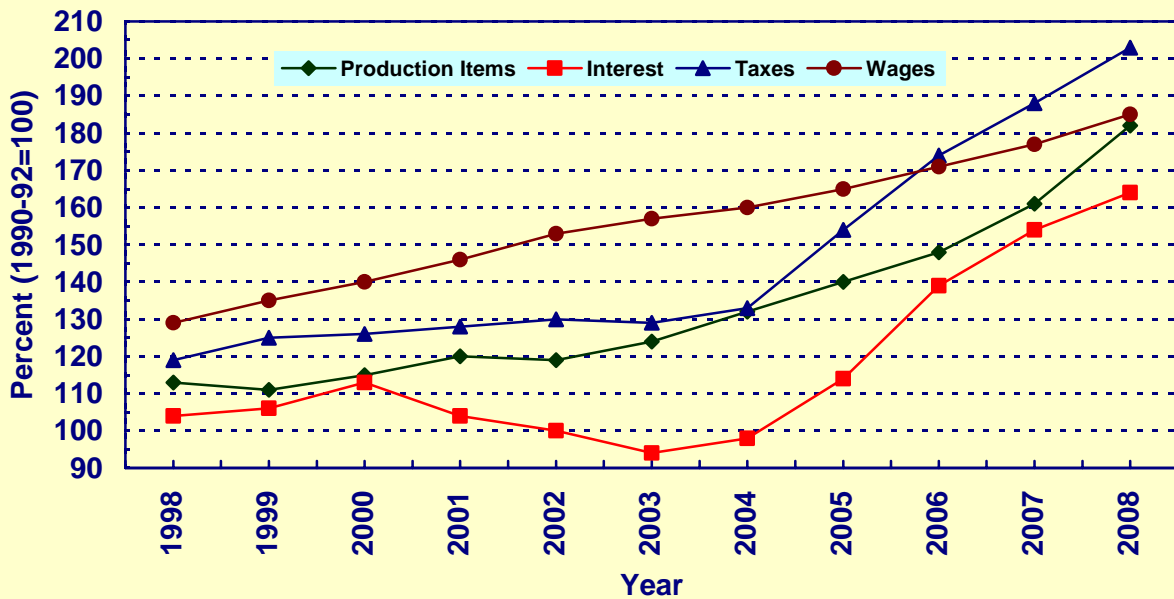
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Prices Paid by Farmers, Major Indexes US, by Month

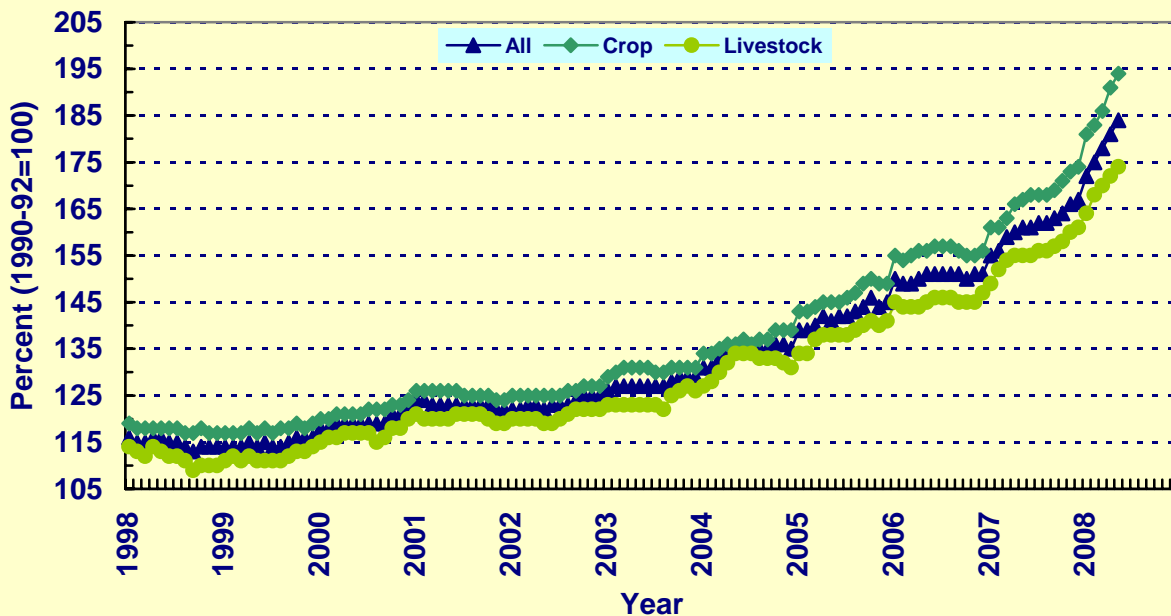


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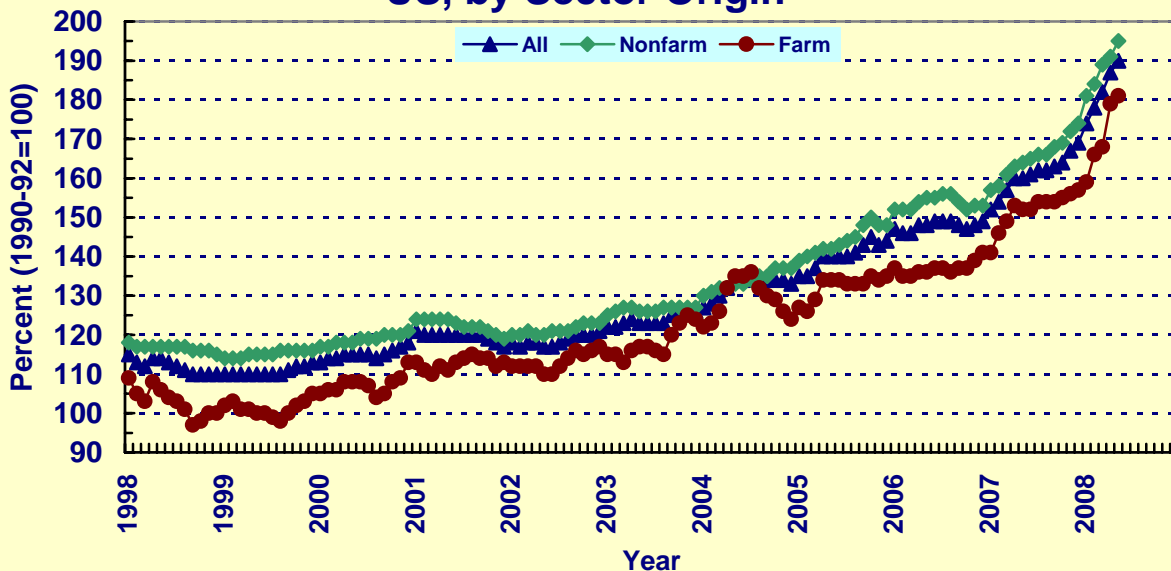


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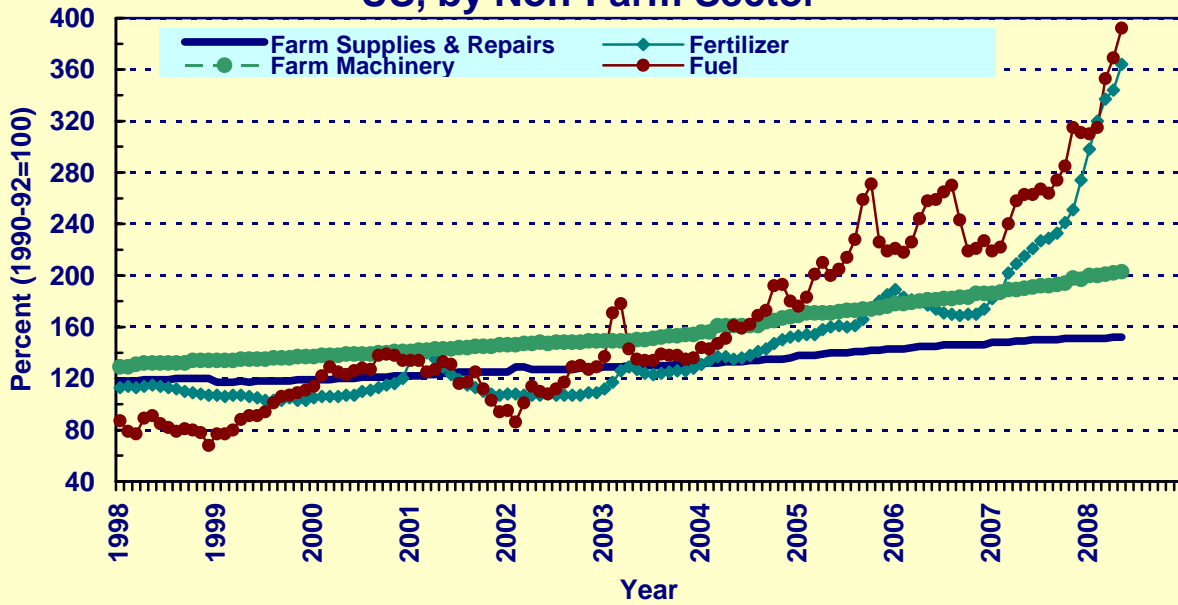
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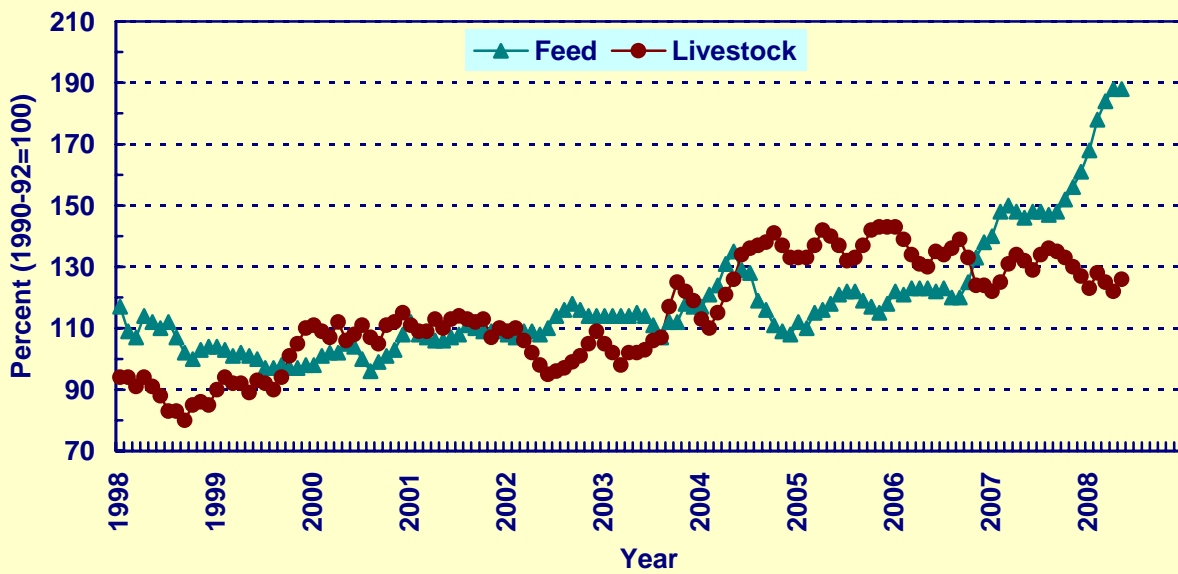
Prices Paid by Farmers, Indexes, All Production Items US, by Sector Origin



Prices Paid by Farmers, Indexes, Selected Production Indexes US, by Non-Farm Sector



Prices Paid by Farmers, Selected Production Indexes US, by Farm Sector



Feed Price Ratios: United States, May 2008 with Comparisons

Feed Price Ratio ¹	2007	2008	
	May	Apr	May
Broiler-Feed: Pounds of Broiler Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight ²	5.5	3.3	3.5
Market Egg Feed: Pounds of Laying Feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs ³	8.1	*7.4	5.8
Hog-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight	15.2	*8.6	10.6
Milk-Feed: Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to 1 pound of Whole Milk ⁴	2.54	*1.89	1.83
Steer & Heifer-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steer & Heifers, live weight	28.1	*17.8	18.6
Turkey-Feed: Pounds of Turkey Grower equal in value to 1 pound of Turkey, live weight ⁵	5.9	4.0	4.3

* Revised.

¹ Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

² The price of commercial prepared broiler feed is based on current U.S. prices received for corn and soybeans. The modeled feed uses 58 percent corn and 42 percent soybeans.

³ The price of commercial prepared layer feed is based on current U.S. prices received for corn and soybeans. The modeled feed uses 75 percent corn and 25 percent soybeans.

⁴ The price of commercial prepared dairy feed is based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, and alfalfa. The modeled feed uses 51 percent corn, 8 percent soybeans, and 41 percent alfalfa.

⁵ The price of commercial prepared turkey feed is based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, and wheat. The modeled feed used 51 percent corn, 28 percent soybeans, and 21 percent wheat.

**Prices Used to Calculate Feed Price Ratios:
United States, May 2008 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary
		May 2007	Apr 2008	May 2008
Broilers, Live	Lb	0.470	0.460	0.480
Eggs, Market	Doz	0.618	0.884	0.698
Hogs, All	Cwt	53.10	44.10	54.10
Milk, All	Cwt	18.00	18.00	18.20
Steers and Heifers	Cwt	98.10	91.60	95.40
Turkeys, Live	Lb	0.483	0.551	0.580
Corn	Bu	3.49	5.15	5.12
Hay, Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	145.00	157.00	177.00
Soybeans	Bu	7.12	12.00	12.30
Wheat, All	Bu	4.88	10.00	8.80

**Feeder Livestock: Prices Paid, United States
May 2008 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	2007	2008	
		May	Apr	May
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Feeders and Stockers				
Cattle and Calves	Cwt	108.00	*100.00	104.10
Feeder Pigs	Cwt	140.00	*87.00	92.00

* Revised.

**Feed Price Ratios, Monthly, United States,
January 2004 - May 2008 ¹**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg ²
Broiler-Feed Ratio ³													
2004	5.6	5.5	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.6	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	5.9
2005	7.1	7.4	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.6	6.4	7.0	7.7	7.3	7.3	6.0	7.0
2006	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.9	6.2	6.7	6.6	5.7	5.1	5.0	5.7
2007	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.2	4.9	4.3	4.0	3.7	5.0
2008	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.5								3.6
Market Egg-Feed Ratios ⁴													
2004	12.9	10.8	13.2	7.9	6.0	6.6	5.9	5.7	6.6	5.9	8.8	9.7	8.3
2005	7.3	7.4	6.4	5.2	4.6	4.4	5.9	5.1	9.3	6.6	10.3	11.3	7.0
2006	8.5	5.9	9.8	6.3	4.5	7.2	4.9	7.9	7.4	6.8	10.6	10.2	7.5
2007	11.7	8.4	9.1	7.6	8.1	6.4	10.7	9.5	12.3	10.2	14.0	13.9	9.8
2008	12.7	11.1	11.7	7.4	5.8								9.8
Turkey-Feed Ratio ⁵													
2004	5.0	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.2	5.8	7.0	7.8	8.4	8.7	8.2	6.2
2005	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.7	6.9	7.0	7.3	8.0	9.0	9.5	10.0	9.5	7.8
2006	7.0	6.8	6.9	7.3	7.1	7.6	7.7	8.5	9.1	9.6	9.4	5.9	7.7
2007	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.1	2.6	5.8
2008	4.1	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.3								4.0
Milk-Feed Ratio ⁶													
2004	2.70	2.60	2.81	3.11	3.16	3.12	2.96	2.93	3.24	3.29	3.57	3.67	3.10
2005	3.49	3.48	3.33	3.18	2.96	2.94	2.98	3.08	3.27	3.39	3.46	3.29	3.24
2006	3.16	2.93	2.70	2.46	2.35	2.38	2.35	2.48	2.61	2.51	2.44	2.43	2.57
2007	2.45	2.33	2.39	2.51	2.54	2.88	3.16	3.17	3.18	3.09	3.06	2.85	2.80
2008	2.66	2.24	2.07	1.89	1.83								2.14
Hog-Corn Ratio ⁷													
2004	15.3	16.3	17.2	16.4	19.7	20.3	22.7	23.6	24.9	24.4	27.1	25.6	21.1
2005	25.0	26.0	25.3	25.6	27.7	24.4	23.6	26.2	26.0	25.8	24.6	23.0	25.3
2006	20.4	21.1	20.8	19.6	22.2	25.1	23.5	24.7	22.2	18.2	15.6	14.5	20.6
2007	14.0	13.8	13.1	14.0	15.2	15.4	15.7	15.7	14.2	12.9	11.0	10.5	13.8
2008	9.4	9.3	8.6	8.6	10.6								9.3
Steer & Heifer-Corn Feed Ratio ⁸													
2004	35.8	31.5	32.0	30.8	32.3	33.6	36.4	38.9	40.7	42.6	44.0	45.0	37.0
2005	44.4	47.7	47.1	49.1	48.5	45.1	41.8	45.0	48.5	52.8	54.9	51.9	48.1
2006	50.5	48.3	45.0	42.3	39.8	41.2	42.1	43.8	43.3	36.7	31.3	29.6	41.1
2007	29.3	26.6	28.5	29.4	28.1	26.4	28.0	29.4	29.9	29.4	28.0	25.3	28.2
2008	23.5	20.8	19.7	17.8	18.6								20.1

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⁵ The price of commercial prepared turkey feed is based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, and wheat. The modeled feed used 51 percent corn, 28 percent soybeans, and 21 percent wheat.

⁶ The price of commercial prepared dairy feed is based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, and alfalfa. The modeled feed uses 51 percent corn, 8 percent soybeans, and 41 percent alfalfa.

⁷ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of All Hogs, live weight. #note# ⁸ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steers & Heifers, live weight.

Reliability of Prices Paid Estimates

Definition: Prices paid by farmers represent the average costs of inputs purchased by farmers and ranchers to produce agricultural commodities. Conceptually, the average price when multiplied by quantity purchased should equal total producer expenditures for the item.

Survey Procedures: The prices paid data are obtained from establishments that sell goods and services to farmers and ranchers. Annually, about 8,500 firms are randomly selected from lists by type of item sold with an average response rate in the range of 75-80 percent. Firms are asked to report the price for the specified item "most commonly bought by farmers" or that was the "volume seller". Approximately 135 items are surveyed each April to represent all production input items purchased. The survey reference period for most items is the 5 business days centered around the 15th of the month. Separate prices paid surveys are conducted for agricultural chemicals, fuels, feed, fertilizer, machinery, and seed.

Summary and Estimation Procedures: The annual April Prices Paid Survey is summarized as a nonprobability survey. Average prices reported are aggregated to the region and U.S. level using weights available from expenditure data and other administrative sources. Price recommendations are prepared by the State Field Offices and Headquarters for review by the Agricultural Statistics Board in Washington, D.C. Also, the change in price level for individual items surveyed are combined to the regional and U.S. levels, and are published as prices paid indexes referenced to a specific base period. Prices paid indexes for new autos and trucks, building materials, farm supplies, motor supplies, and marketing containers are updated based on price changes measured in selected Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indexes.

Revisions: Any revisions are published in the monthly and in annual issues of Agricultural Prices. The basis for revision must be supported by additional data that directly affect the level of the estimate. More revisions are likely in April when separate prices paid surveys are conducted, in lieu of BLS indexes, by the USDA to measure price change.

Reliability: Current methods of summarization in April are not designed directly to calculate sampling errors. However, analytical measures approximate the U.S. relative sampling errors for major items around 10 percent. Any nonsampling errors are attributed to such things as the inability to obtain correct information, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, mistakes in coding or processing the data, etc. Efforts are made at each step in the survey process to minimize these nonsampling errors.

Program Change: Effective January 1, 1995, the National Agricultural Statistics Service updated the weights and changed the construction of its prices paid and received by farmers indexes. A Federal Register Notice dated October 28, 1994 discussed these program modifications.

A 1990-92 reference and base period replaced the 1977 reference and 1971-73 base weight period. Five-year moving average weights replaced the current fixed 1971-73 base period weights. The 1910-14=100 price indexes, required by statute for computing parity prices, were linked forward based on the changes in the new 1990-92=100 indexes. The new indexes were constructed by multiplying the ratios of the current prices to the base period prices by the moving average weights (adjusted for seasonal marketing patterns for the prices received indexes).

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