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December Farm Prices Received Index Declined 8 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 133 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 8 points (5.7 percent) from November. The Crop Index is down 11 points (7.1 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 4 points (3.2 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, corn, milk, and soybeans and higher prices for broilers, strawberries, lettuce, and hogs. 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 wheat, milk, broilers, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 9 points (6.3 percent) from December 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 132, decreased 7 points (5.0 percent) from last month and decreased 14 points (9.6 percent) from December 2007.

Prices Paid Index Down 4 Points

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 177 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 4 points (2.2 percent) from November but 11 points (6.6 percent) above December 2007. Prices in December are lower for fuels, fertilizer, feed, and livestock & poultry.

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92=100	2007		2008	
	Nov	Dec	Nov	Dec
Prices Received	141	142	141	133
Prices Paid	165	166	181	177
Ratio ¹	85	86	78	75

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

Prices Received by Farmers

The December All Farm Products Index is 133 percent of its 1990-92 base, down 5.7 percent from the November index and 6.3 percent below the December 2007 index.

ALL CROPS: The December index is 145, down 7.1 percent from November and 3.3 percent below December 2007. Index decreases for fruits & nuts, commercial vegetables, food grains, feed grains & hay, and oil-bearing crops more than offset the index increases for cotton and potatoes & dry beans.

Food Grains: The December index, at 209, is 5.4 percent below the previous month and down 14 percent from a year ago. The December all wheat price, at \$5.91 per bushel, is down 37 cents from November and \$1.80 below December 2007.

Feed Grains & Hay: The December index is 177, down 5.3 percent from last month but 6.6 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$4.05 per bushel, is down 21 cents from last month but 28 cents above December 2007. The all hay price, at \$141 per ton, is down \$6.00 from November but up \$14.00 from last December. Sorghum grain, at \$5.26 per cwt, is down \$1.31 from November and \$1.66 below December last year.

Cotton: The December index, at 89, is up 1.1 percent from November but 9.2 percent below last year. The December price, at 53.9 cents per pound, is up 0.8 cent from the previous month but 5.7 cents below last December.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The December index, at 167, is down 3.5 percent from November and 5.6 percent lower than December 2007. The soybean price, at \$8.97 per bushel, decreased 41 cents from November and is \$1.03 below December 2007.

Fruits & Nuts: The December index, at 122, is down 16 percent from November and 20 percent lower than a year ago. Price decreases for apples, grapes, oranges, and lemons more than offset the price increase for strawberries.

Commercial Vegetables: The December index, at 139, is down 6.7 percent from last month but 0.7 percent above December 2007. Price declines for tomatoes, broccoli, onions, and celery more than offset price increases during December for lettuce, snap beans, and carrots.

Potatoes & Dry Beans: The December index, at 160, is up 1.3 percent from last month and 29 percent above December 2007. The all potato price, at \$9.11 per cwt, is up 20 cents from November and \$2.09 from last December. The all dry bean price, at \$34.30 per cwt, is down 20 cents from the previous month but \$7.00 above December 2007.

LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS: The December index, at 120, is 3.2 percent below last month and down 10 percent from December 2007. Compared with a year ago, prices are lower for milk, cattle, eggs, calves, and turkeys. Prices for broilers and hogs are up from last year.

Meat Animals: The December index, at 104, is down 5.5 percent from last month and 8.0 percent lower than last year. The December hog price, at \$42.40 per cwt, is up \$1.60 from November and \$2.80 higher than a year ago. The December beef cattle price of \$79.90 per cwt is down \$5.00 from last month and \$9.30 lower than December 2007.

Dairy Products: The December index, at 122, is down 6.9 percent from a month ago and 26 percent lower than December last year. The December all milk price of \$15.90 per cwt is down \$1.20 from last month and down \$5.60 from December 2007. The fluid grade milk price is down \$1.20 and the manufacturing grade milk price is 70 cents lower than the previous month.

Poultry & Eggs: The December index, at 148, is down 0.7 percent from November but 2.1 percent above a year ago. The December market egg price, at 86.0 cents per dozen, decreased 3.4 cents from November and is 42.0 cents below December 2007. The December broiler price, at 48.0 cents per pound, is up 2.0 cents from November and 8.0 cents above a year ago. The December turkey price, at 44.5 cents per pound, is down 14.4 cents from the previous month and 8.1 cents from a year earlier.

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

Index	1910-14=100				1990-92=100		
	Average 1990-92	2007	2008		2007	2008	
		Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Nov	Dec
All Farm Products	639	903	*894	846	142	*141	133
All Crops	500	745	*773	720	150	*156	145
Food Grains	325	773	*702	663	244	*221	209
Feed Grains & Hay	363	593	*667	631	166	*187	177
Cotton	517	504	*449	456	98	*88	89
Tobacco ²	1263	1396	*1396	1396	92	92	92
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	969	*951	918	177	*173	167
Fruits & Nuts	716	1061	*1010	853	152	*145	122
Commercial Vegetables	698	988	*1065	991	138	*149	139
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	630	*801	813	124	*158	160
Other Crops	493	580	*581	581	118	118	118
Livestock & Products	768	1024	*948	918	134	*124	120
Meat Animals	1021	1152	*1121	1064	113	*110	104
Dairy Products	799	1323	*1052	978	165	*131	122
Poultry & Eggs	282	407	*420	416	145	*149	148
Food Commodities					146	*139	132

* Revised.

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

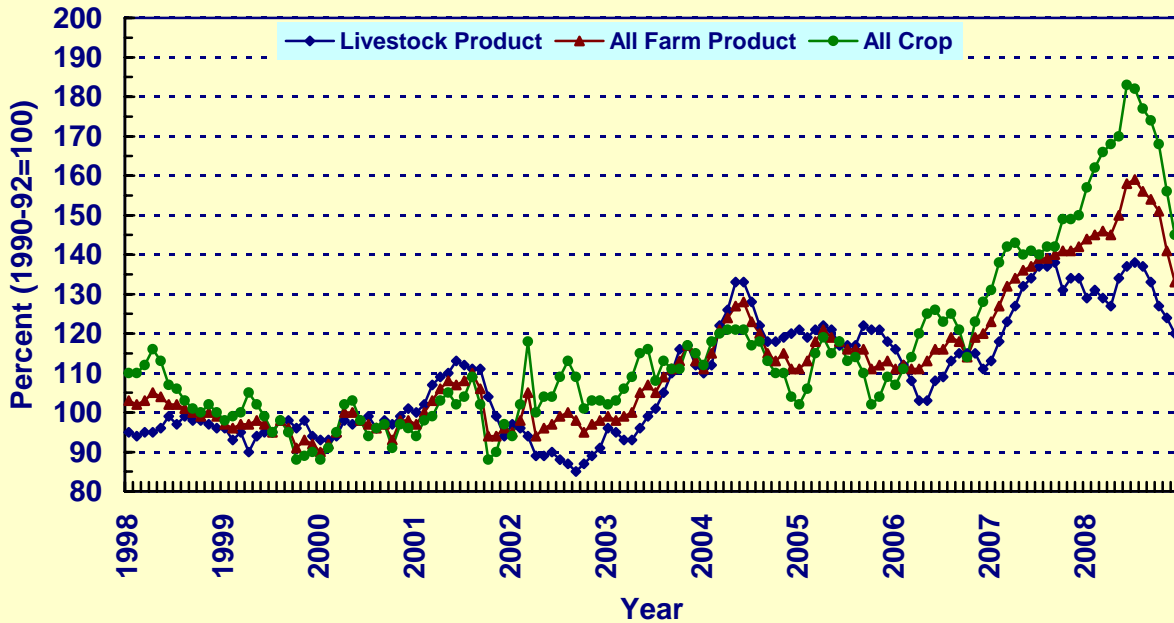
² Monthly prices discontinued July 2005.

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

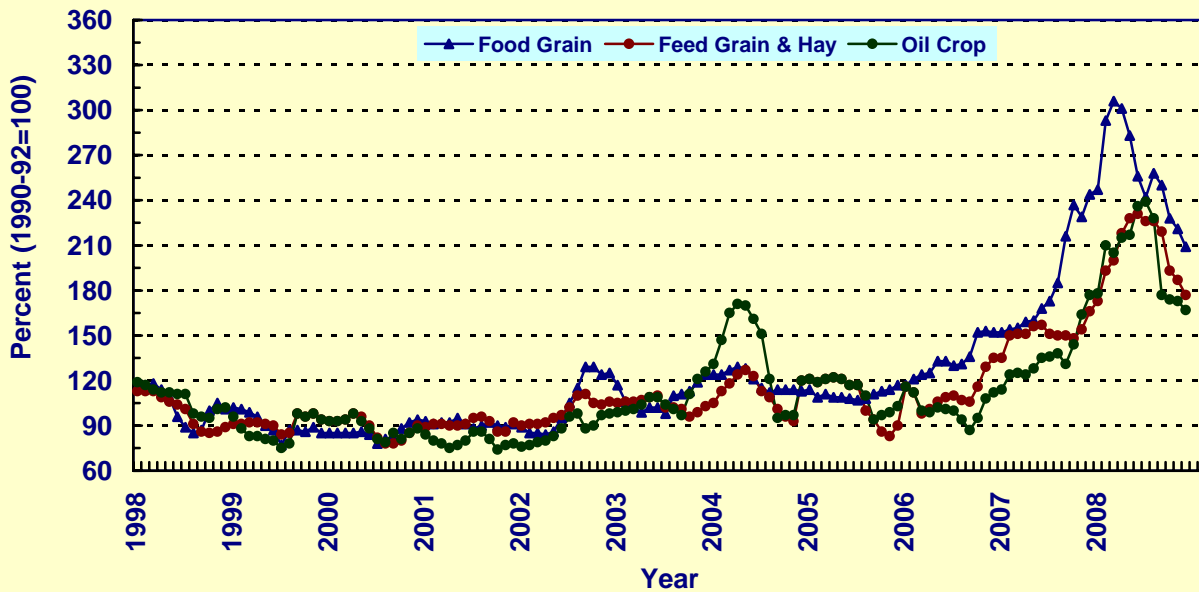
Month	Index of Prices Received						Index of Prices Paid			
	All Farm Products		All Crops		Livestock and Products		All Items		Production Items	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Jan	123	144	131	157	113	129	155	171	152	172
Feb	127	145	138	162	118	131	157	173	154	175
Mar	132	146	142	166	123	129	159	177	157	180
Apr	134	145	143	168	127	127	160	181	160	187
May	136	150	140	170	132	134	161	185	160	193
Jun	137	158	141	183	134	137	161	189	160	197
Jul	139	159	140	182	137	138	161	192	161	202
Aug	139	156	142	177	137	137	161	192	161	203
Sep	140	154	142	174	138	133	162	191	162	201
Oct	141	151	149	168	131	127	163	187	163	194
Nov	141	141	149	156	134	124	165	181	166	187
Dec	142	133	150	145	134	120	166	177	167	182

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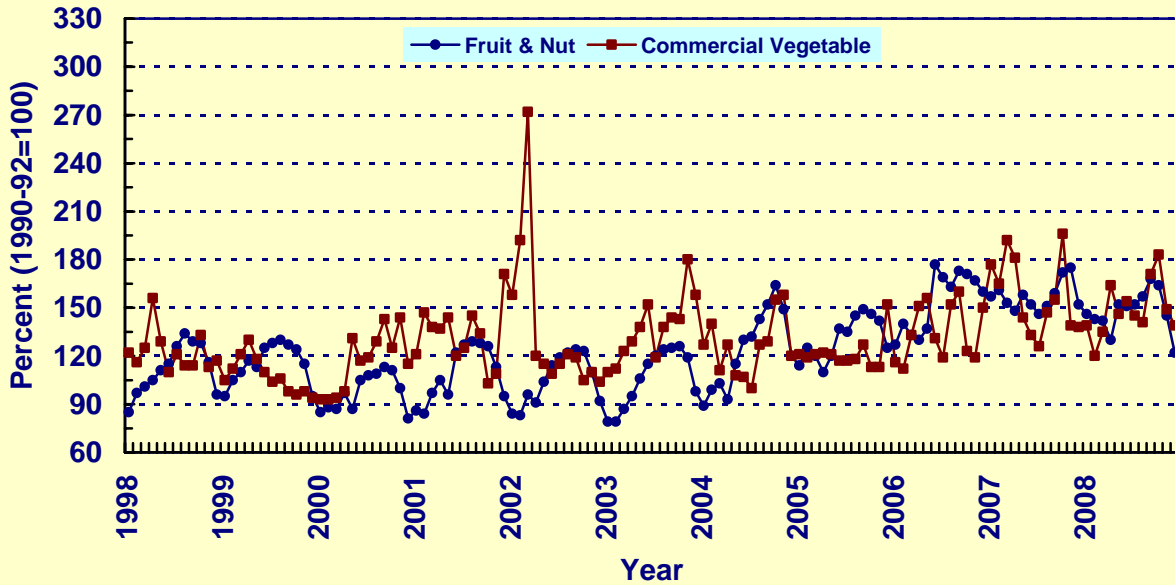
Prices Received, Major Indexes, US



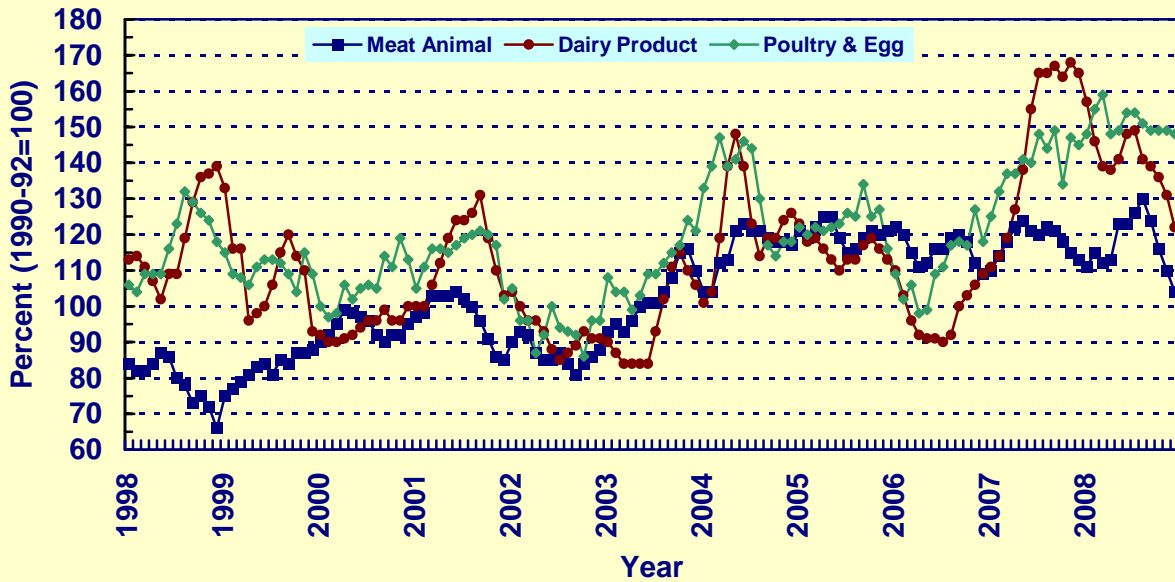
Prices Received, Food, Feed, & Oil Crop Indexes, US



Prices Received, Fruit and Vegetable Indexes, US



Prices Received, Livestock Product Indexes, US



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

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 2008
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Field Crops					
Barley, All	Bu	2.12	4.44	5.41	4.36
Feed	Bu	1.90	4.79	3.32	3.01
Malting	Bu	2.43	4.28	5.60	4.51
Beans, Dry Edible	Cwt	19.10	27.30	34.50	34.30
Canola	Cwt		18.30	17.00	16.10
Chickpeas, All	Cwt		29.10	35.40	(⁶)
Large	Cwt		31.00	35.60	(⁶)
Small	Cwt		20.80	35.00	(⁶)
Corn	Bu	2.30	3.77	4.26	4.05
Cotton, Upland	Lb	0.606	0.596	0.531	0.539
Cottonseed ¹	Ton	96.00	169.00	223.00	220.00
Flaxseed	Bu	4.27	13.10	13.00	10.00
Hay, All, Baled ²	Ton	76.30	127.00	147.00	141.00
Alfalfa ²	Ton	77.20	135.00	163.00	155.00
Other ²	Ton	60.00	115.00	116.00	113.00
Lentils	Cwt		28.30	38.10	33.70
Oats	Bu	1.22	2.69	2.99	2.40
Peanuts, In-Shell	Lb	0.304	0.213	0.201	0.215
Peas, Dry Edible	Cwt		14.20	13.00	12.70
Austrian Winter	Cwt		14.10	(⁶)	(⁶)
Potatoes	Cwt	5.82	7.02	8.91	9.11
Rice, All	Cwt	7.07	11.50	17.70	18.00
Long ³	Cwt			16.30	16.40
Medium & Short ³	Cwt			20.30	23.10
Sorghum Grain	Cwt	3.75	6.92	6.57	5.26
Soybeans	Bu	5.61	10.00	9.38	8.97
Sunflower, All	Cwt	9.50	19.20	23.60	21.20
Wheat, All	Bu	2.96	7.71	6.28	5.91
Winter	Bu	2.93	7.70	5.64	5.06
Durum	Bu	2.86	11.50	8.68	8.52
Other Spring	Bu	3.11	7.39	7.12	6.65
Hard Red Winter	Bu		7.68	5.72	
Soft Red Winter	Bu		7.03	4.18	
Hard Red Spring	Bu		7.38	7.19	
White	Bu	3.24	7.83	5.96	
Fruit					
Citrus, Equiv on-tree					
Grapefruit	Box	5.77	5.97	4.08	3.93
Lemons	Box	10.10	23.89	13.55	8.12
Oranges	Box	5.79	5.80	5.26	4.75
Tangelos	Box	5.82	2.78	(⁶)	2.88
Tangerines and Mandarins	Box	15.11	18.63	12.31	7.47
Noncitrus, Fresh					
Apples ⁴	Lb	0.212	0.350	0.342	0.296
Grapes ⁴	Ton	506.00	1,710.00	690.00	300.00
Peaches ⁴	Ton	432.00	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
Pears ⁴	Ton	370.00	557.00	553.00	553.00
Strawberries	Cwt	56.00	171.00	87.60	186.00

¹ Marketing year August - February.

² Mid-month price.

³ Published estimates began in August 2008.

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.

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December 2008, with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 2008
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Vegetables, Fresh ¹					
Asparagus	Cwt	79.80			
Broccoli	Cwt	22.50	40.70	41.20	29.90
Cantaloups ²	Cwt			32.20	
Carrots	Cwt	13.20	16.20	24.60	25.20
Cauliflower	Cwt	26.80	52.40	36.30	36.20
Celery	Cwt	11.60	13.50	16.90	13.70
Corn, Sweet	Cwt	15.70	34.10	33.60	28.50
Cucumbers ²	Cwt		18.50	44.00	37.30
Lettuce	Cwt	11.90	16.00	19.50	21.90
Onions	Cwt	12.80	4.39	10.60	9.00
Snap Beans ²	Cwt		43.00	48.20	67.10
Tomatoes	Cwt	32.30	81.20	64.30	40.10
Livestock					
Calves	Cwt	94.30	120.00	106.00	101.00
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt	72.90	89.20	84.90	79.90
Cows ³	Cwt	49.60	45.00	43.10	39.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	77.10	95.30	91.00	85.70
Milk Cows ⁴	Head	1130.00			
Hogs, All	Cwt	47.70	39.60	40.80	42.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	48.40	40.40	41.00	42.40
Sows	Cwt	39.50	21.00	36.40	42.60
Lambs	Cwt	56.20	98.40	99.60	
Sheep	Cwt	23.40	30.20	27.00	
Dairy and Poultry					
Milk, All ^{5 6}	Cwt	13.06	21.50	17.10	15.90
Fluid Grade ⁶	Cwt	13.10	21.50	17.10	15.90
Mfg Grade ⁶	Cwt	11.80	20.80	16.60	15.90
Broilers, Live ⁷	Lb	0.317	0.400	0.460	0.480
Eggs, All ⁸	Doz	0.643	1.360	1.030	1.000
Market ^{8 9}	Doz	0.546	1.280	0.894	0.860
Turkeys, live ^{8 10}	Lb	0.380	0.526	0.589	0.445
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation ¹¹					
Eggs, All	Doz	0.545	1.140	0.891	0.844
Milk, All ⁵	Cwt	9.71	20.90	16.40	15.50

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 December 2008 Fat test percent: all milk, 3.79; fluid milk, 3.78; mfg grade, 4.16.

⁷ Equivalent live weight price.

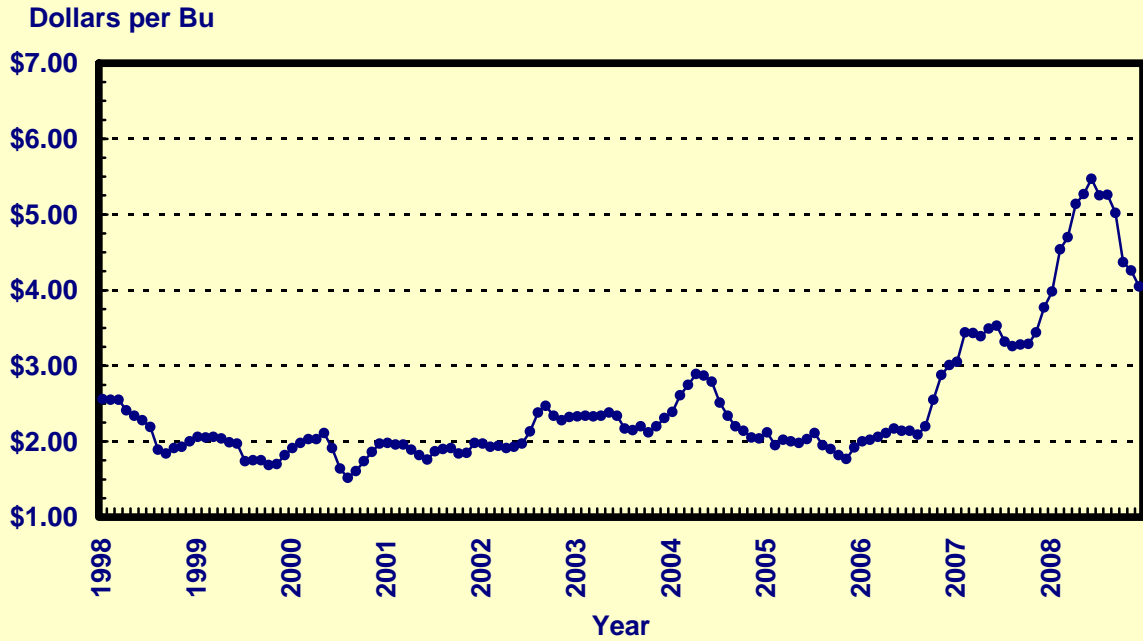
⁸ Mid-month price.

⁹ Also referred to as table eggs.

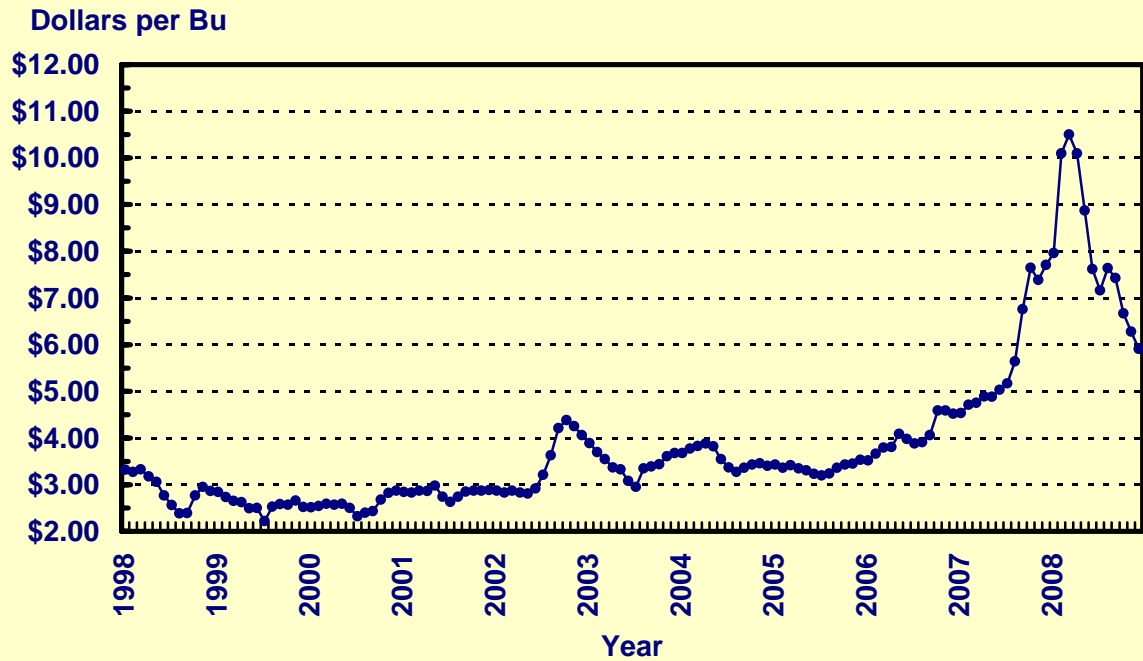
¹⁰ Live weight equivalent price is used when actual live weight price is not available.

¹¹ Seasonal adjustment factors are: All Eggs December 2007, 119; November 2008, 116; and December 2008, 118. All Milk December 2007, 103; November 2008, 105; and December 2008, 103.

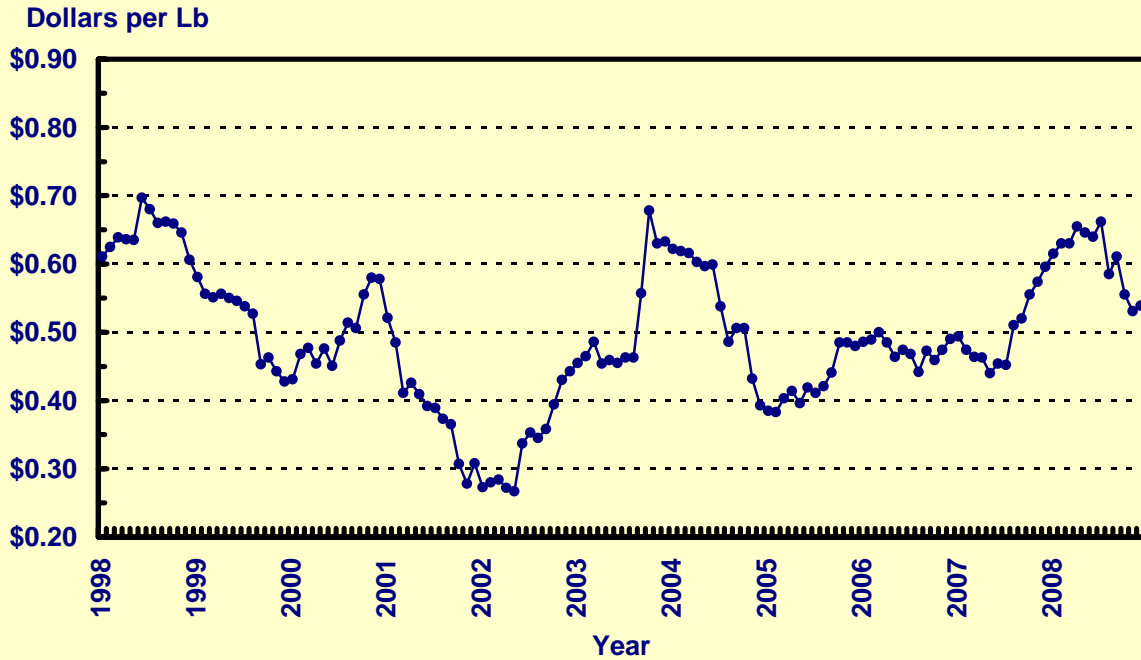
Prices Received, Corn, US



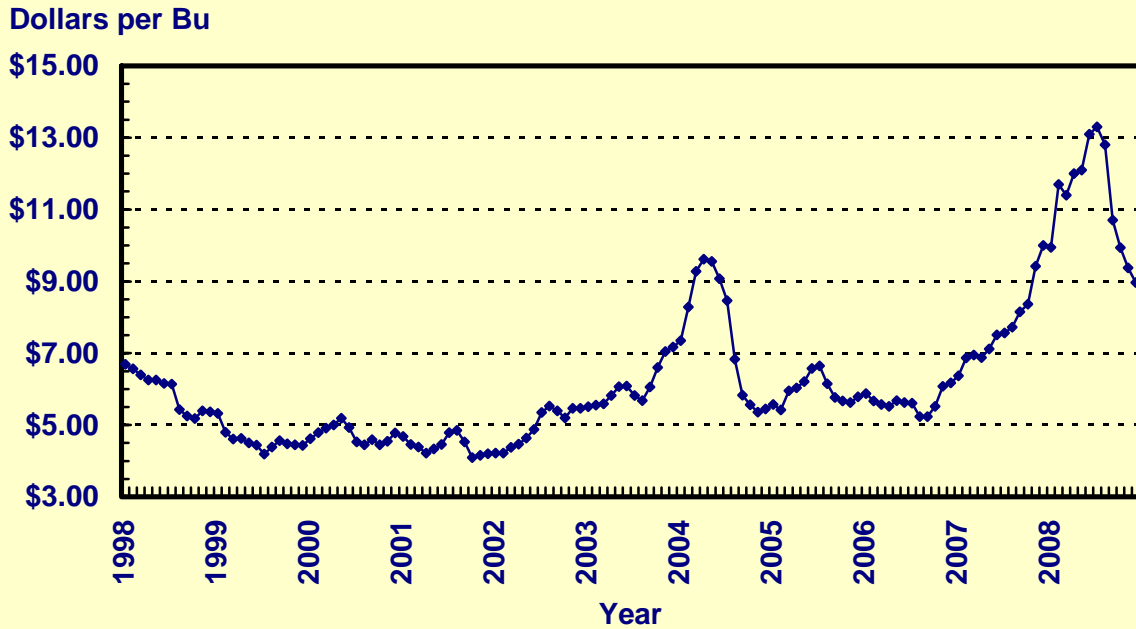
Prices Received, Wheat, US



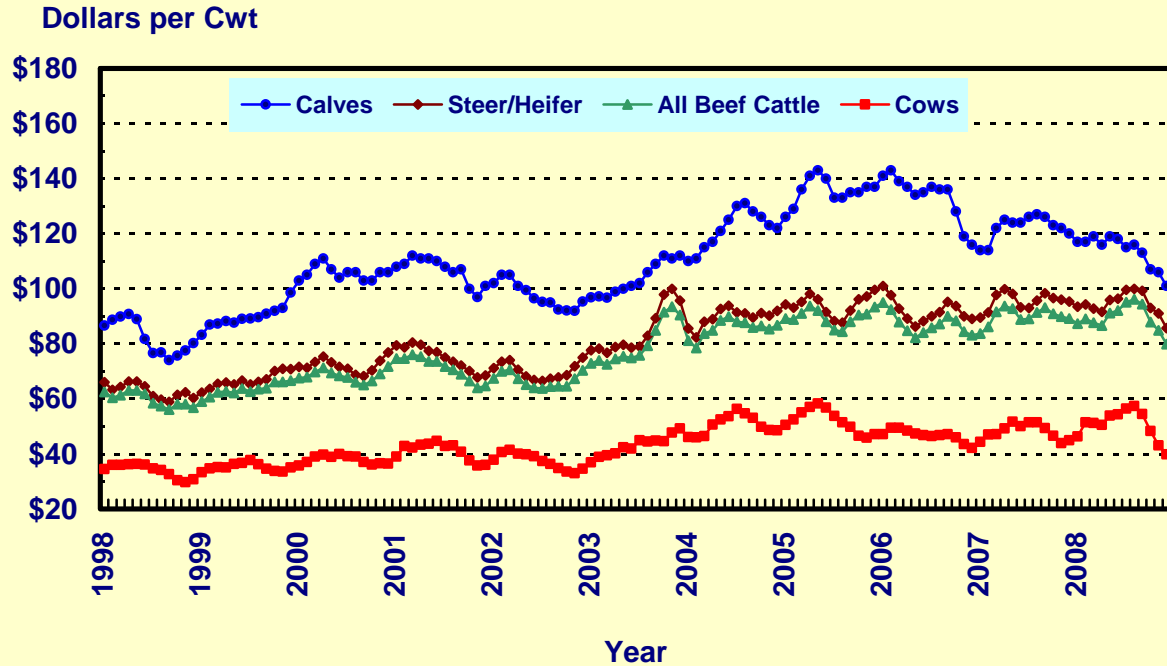
Prices Received, Cotton, US



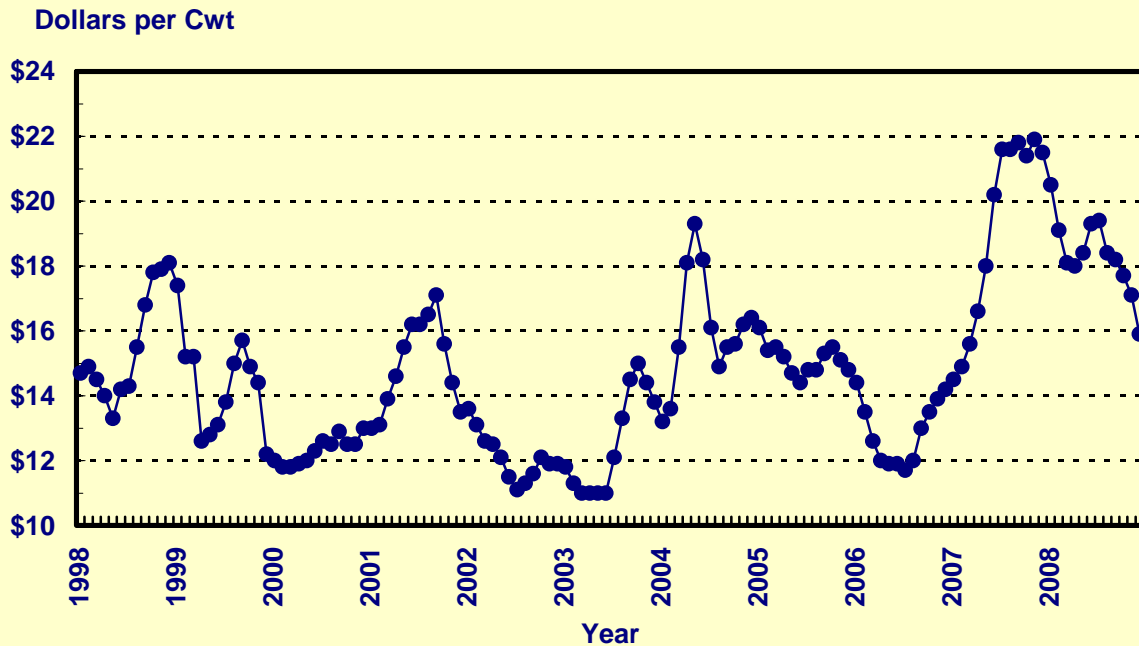
Prices Received, Soybeans, US



Prices Received, Cattle, US

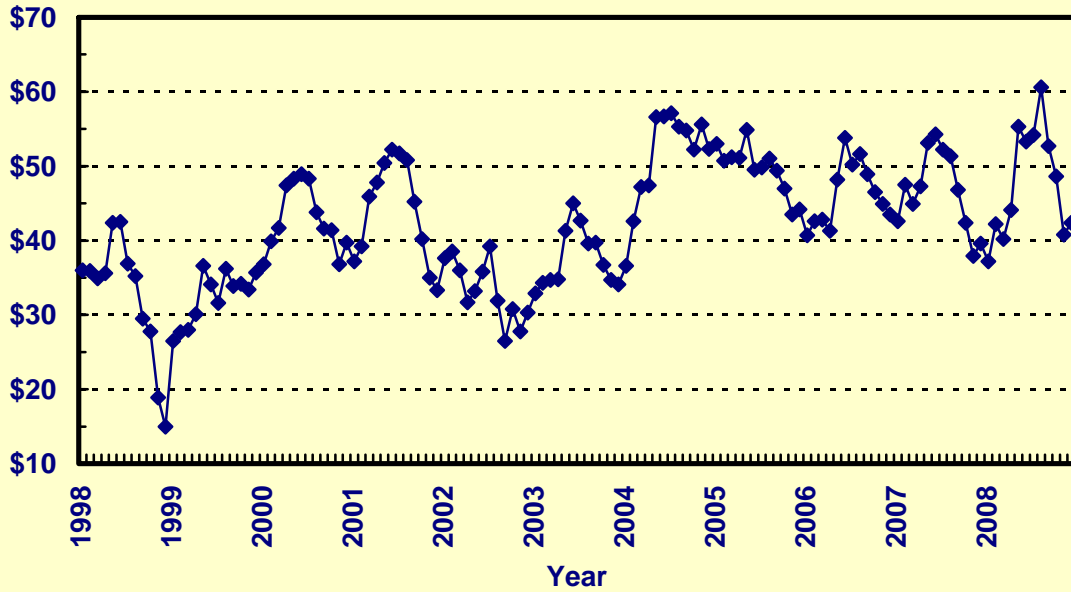


Prices Received, Milk, US



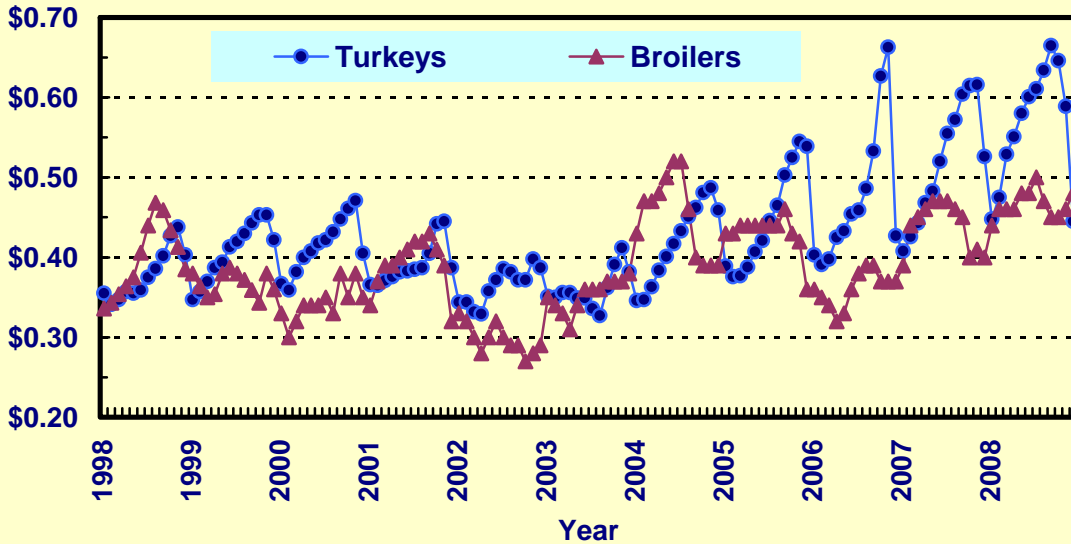
Prices Received, Hogs, US

Dollars per Cwt



Prices Received, Turkeys & Broilers, US

Dollars per Lb



Wheat: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2008

State	All Wheat		Winter Wheat		Durum Wheat		Oth Spring Wheat	
	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec 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	3.58	3.70	3.58	3.70				
CA	(³)	(⁴)	(³)	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)		
CO	6.51	5.08	5.68	5.27			(³)	(³)
ID	7.08	6.93	6.86	5.90	(³)	(³)	7.09	7.60
IL	4.12	4.00	4.12	4.00				
IN	3.82	3.88	3.82	3.88				
KS	5.39	4.79	5.39	4.79				
MI	4.78	4.50	4.78	4.50				
MN	6.80	6.68	4.72	4.60			6.83	6.70
MO	4.59	4.30	4.59	4.30				
MT	7.19	6.39	6.51	5.31	9.63	9.95	7.45	6.85
NE	5.42	5.10	5.42	5.10				
ND	7.02	6.70	5.45	4.90	7.89	7.60	7.00	6.70
OH	3.81	3.73	3.81	3.73				
OK	5.02	4.61	5.02	4.61				
OR	6.43	5.00	5.92	4.70			8.13	6.30
SD	6.59	5.70	5.71	4.91			7.07	6.13
TX	6.67	6.60	6.67	6.60				
WA	6.05	4.94	5.88	4.76			6.89	5.67
US	6.28	5.91	5.64	5.06	8.68	8.52	7.12	6.65

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	7.96	3.05	3.98	6.37	9.95	83.70	87.30	42.60	37.20
Feb	4.71	10.10	3.44	4.54	6.87	11.70	86.10	89.00	47.50	42.20
Mar	4.75	10.50	3.43	4.70	6.95	11.40	91.60	87.70	44.90	40.20
Apr	4.89	10.10	3.39	5.14	6.88	12.00	93.70	86.60	47.30	44.10
May	4.88	8.87	3.49	5.27	7.12	12.10	92.80	91.10	53.10	55.30
Jun	5.03	7.62	3.53	5.47	7.51	13.10	88.80	92.00	54.30	53.30
Jul	5.17	7.16	3.32	5.25	7.56	13.30	89.00	95.10	52.20	54.20
Aug	5.64	7.64	3.26	5.26	7.72	12.80	91.40	96.10	51.30	60.60
Sep	6.76	7.43	3.28	5.02	8.15	10.70	93.10	94.40	46.80	52.70
Oct	7.65	6.67	3.29	4.37	8.36	9.94	90.90	87.90	42.40	48.60
Nov	7.39	6.28	3.44	4.26	9.42	9.38	89.90	84.90	37.90	40.80
Dec	7.71	5.91	3.77	4.05	10.00	8.97	89.20	79.90	39.60	42.40

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, November and December 2008

Month	All Barley		Corn		Oats		Soybeans		Sorghum Grain	
	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec 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							8.73	8.70	4.39	3.80
AR										
CA	(³)	(⁴)			(⁴)	(⁴)				
CO	5.21	(³)	4.50	4.00						
ID	5.58	4.96								
IL			4.11	4.00	(⁴)	(⁴)	9.54	9.30	4.77	4.70
IN			4.04	4.00			9.47	8.60		
IA			4.35	4.05	2.58	2.55	9.91	9.40		
KS			4.53	4.10	3.25	2.50	8.83	7.88	6.68	5.00
KY			4.36	4.25			9.28	9.00		
LA							9.59	8.81		
MI			4.04	3.95	3.71	3.50	9.02	8.50		
MN	4.83	4.32	4.32	4.20	2.22	2.10	9.50	9.00		
MS							9.19	8.30		
MO			4.10	3.90			9.24	8.90	7.14	6.50
MT	5.94	4.41			3.28	(⁴)				
NE			4.43	4.00	2.77	2.75	9.59	9.00	6.24	5.80
NY					(³)	(³)				
NC			4.51	4.42			9.07	8.30		
ND	5.31	4.18	4.32	4.20	2.21	(³)	9.71	8.90		
OH			4.25	4.27	4.33	(⁴)	9.61	9.20		
OK									5.94	5.87
OR	3.20	2.70			(³)	(⁴)				
PA			3.87	3.96	3.16	3.10				
SD	(³)	(³)	4.00	3.90	2.60	2.44	9.31	8.40		
TN			4.34	4.30			9.13	8.75		
TX			4.93	4.55	(³)	(⁴)			6.45	5.82
UT	4.22	3.89								
WA	3.28	2.42								
WI			3.94	3.90	2.65	2.60	9.00	8.60		
WY	(³)	(³)								
US	5.41	4.36	4.26	4.05	2.99	2.40	9.38	8.97	6.57	5.26

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,
November and December 2008**

State	Malting Barley		Feed Barley	
	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec ²
	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>
ID	5.67	5.00	3.36	3.50
MN	(³)	4.50	(³)	2.65
MT	6.04	4.45	3.01	3.25
ND	5.45	4.30	3.22	3.10
SD	(³)	(³)	(⁴)	(³)
WY	(³)	(³)	(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, November and December 2008

State	Dry Edible Beans		All Sunflower		Canola		Flaxseed		Peanuts ⁴	
	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec 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									0.181	(⁵)
CA	64.10	(⁵)								
CO	40.30	43.00								
FL									0.187	(⁵)
GA									0.204	0.217
ID	38.90	40.20								
KS			19.60	16.20						
MI	36.00	37.00								
MN	42.20	35.00	27.40	21.90	(⁵)	(⁶)				
NE	36.80	(⁶)								
NC									0.189	0.182
ND	30.70	29.50	23.80	22.50	17.00	16.10	13.00	10.00		
SD			24.80	20.50			(⁶)	(⁶)		
TX									0.210	0.234
VA									0.144	0.107
US	34.50	34.30	23.60	21.20	17.00	16.10	13.00	10.00	0.201	0.215

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, November and December 2008

State	Cotton, Upland		December				Apples Fresh Use ^{2 4}
	Nov ¹	Dec 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	(⁶)	(⁶)	184.00				
AZ	(⁶)	(⁶)	272.00	187.00	188.00	169.00	
AR	0.512	0.581	(⁷)				
CA	(⁶)	(⁷)	243.00	162.00	175.00	111.00	0.227
CO				165.00	170.00	130.00	
GA	(⁶)	(⁶)	193.00				
ID				192.00	193.00	160.00	
IL				131.00	145.00	103.00	
IA				133.00	137.00	94.00	
KS				115.00	126.00	82.00	
KY				128.00	180.00	100.00	
LA	0.520	0.370	(⁷)				
MI				161.00	165.00	145.00	0.320
MN				129.00	140.00	95.00	
MS	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁷)				
MO				101.00	160.00	80.00	
MT				125.00	126.00	120.00	
NE				90.00	93.00	74.00	
NV				188.00	189.00	165.00	
NM				190.00	193.00	158.00	
NY				118.00	160.00	105.00	0.297
NC	0.372	0.389	182.00				
ND				76.00	82.00	59.00	
OH				136.00	202.00	110.00	0.470
OK				125.00	163.00	73.00	
OR				207.00	208.00	203.00	
PA				167.00	193.00	162.00	0.259
SD				94.00	98.00	78.00	
TN	0.600	0.452	230.00				
TX	0.490	0.478	227.00	111.00	190.00	100.00	
UT				167.00	170.00	130.00	
VA							0.400
WA				224.00	225.00	220.00	0.292
WI				105.00	110.00	75.00	
WY				110.00	111.00	108.00	
US	0.531	0.539	220.00	141.00	155.00	113.00	0.296

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, December 2008, with Comparisons**

Item	Unit	Dec 2007 ¹	Nov 2008 ¹	Dec 2008 ²
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollars per Pound	0.596	0.531	0.539
Marketings ³	1,000 Bales	1,529	978	NA
Rice, All				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt	11.50	17.70	18.00
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt	20,586	12,757	NA
Rice, Long ⁵				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt		16.30	16.40
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt		8,289	NA
Rice, Medium & Short ⁵				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt		20.30	23.10
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt		4,468	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.

⁵ Published estimates began in August 2008.

**Citrus Fruit: Prices and Equivalent Returns, by Utilization,
by State and United States, December 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							
CA	17.00	6.78	7.39	-0.33	3.74	4.35	-3.37
FL	17.00	5.77	8.14	3.03	3.19	5.80	0.15
White	17.00	5.21	8.10	3.30	2.73	5.80	0.70
Colored	17.00	5.96	8.15	2.90	3.33	5.80	-0.10
TX	22.80	9.02	11.77	1.60	7.75	10.49	0.37
US	18.00	6.37	8.65	2.80	3.93	6.37	0.09
Lemons							
AZ	31.00	12.13	20.52	-0.46	6.49	14.88	-6.10
CA	32.80	14.80	22.32	-0.46	9.16	16.68	-6.10
US	32.10	13.76	21.67	-0.46	8.12	16.03	-6.10
Oranges							
AZ							
Navel and Misc	20.70	10.02	12.47	1.44	7.42	9.87	-1.16
CA							
Navel and Misc	24.80	14.53	16.57	1.44	11.93	13.97	-1.16
FL							
Early and Mids	19.30	6.75	10.05	6.50	4.13	7.15	3.90
TX							
Early and Mids	17.00	5.38	5.86	2.38	3.90	4.37	0.93
US	21.80	7.36	12.97	6.43	4.75	10.29	3.83
Tangelos							
FL	18.80	5.86	9.00	1.15	2.88	5.90	-1.65
Tangerines and Mandarins							
AZ	28.70	15.95	19.09	0.22	12.58	15.72	-3.15
CA	33.80	21.85	24.19	0.22	18.48	20.82	-3.15
FL	22.80	8.37	11.55	1.15	4.33	7.45	-2.75
US	25.70	11.36	14.96	1.06	7.47	11.06	-2.79

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 and Mandarines- AZ & CA-75, FL-95.

Potatoes: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2008¹

State	Nov	Dec ²	State	Nov	Dec ²
	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>		<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>
AL			NC		
AZ			ND - All ³	9.60	9.50
CA - All ³	13.40	13.90	- Fresh ⁴	15.60	NA
- Winter	23.50	23.50	- Processing	6.50	NA
- Spring			OR	12.70	12.10
- Summer			TX		
- Fall	9.75	9.45	VA		
CO - All ³	14.80	14.30	WA - All ³	7.35	7.90
- Fresh ⁴	18.00	NA	- Processing	5.50	NA
FL			WI - All ³	10.20	10.50
ID - All ³	6.95	6.80	- Fresh ⁴	15.10	NA
- Fresh ⁴	10.60	NA	- Processing	6.45	NA
- Processing	5.60	NA	US - All ³	8.91	9.11
ME	9.80	9.20	- Fresh ⁴	15.37	NA
MI	10.10	10.10	- Processing	5.92	NA
MN	8.95	8.40			
NY	15.70	15.90			

¹ Missing data indicate no potatoes being marketed.

² Preliminary price reflecting prices received for the entire month.

³ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stocks, processing, seed, and livestock feed.

⁴ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices.

Cattle: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2008

State	Cows ¹		Steers & Heifers		Beef Cattle ⁴		Calves	
	Nov ²	Dec ³	Nov ²	Dec ³	Nov ²	Dec ³	Nov ²	Dec 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	45.00	41.00	94.00	91.00	62.60	59.00	97.00	92.00
AR	40.50	38.50	82.00	80.00	69.60	67.60	93.50	90.00
CA	39.40	36.70	89.50	84.80	69.00	65.10	91.30	91.30
CO	42.30	40.00	94.10	87.30	93.10	86.40	102.00	98.50
FL	42.40	41.00	76.50	73.00	63.50	60.40	90.00	86.00
GA	47.60	45.10	75.30	69.60	59.20	53.40	89.00	82.00
ID	40.80	37.60	87.00	84.30	71.80	71.20	92.00	89.00
IL	45.00	40.00	90.00	86.50	89.10	85.60	94.00	90.00
IA	44.00	39.00	89.00	86.00	88.10	85.10	95.00	91.00
KS	43.90	41.00	91.60	85.50	90.20	84.20	113.00	105.00
KY	45.00	41.00	80.00	76.00	71.60	67.60	87.00	82.00
LA	38.90	38.90	76.20	75.00	52.30	50.50	90.30	87.00
MI	46.00	44.00	84.00	82.00	72.60	70.60	90.00	88.00
MN	46.70	43.50	87.00	83.50	77.90	74.50	104.00	101.00
MO	40.40	36.80	89.70	82.30	79.80	72.70	98.30	94.30
MT	39.70	38.10	101.00	96.30	81.40	81.20	109.00	97.20
NE	45.90	41.70	91.80	87.80	90.40	86.40	108.00	106.00
NM	45.00	45.00	90.00	84.00	70.70	69.20	104.00	97.00
ND	45.00	43.00	91.50	89.00	80.80	78.90	99.00	97.00
OH	43.40	41.00	79.90	78.00	76.30	74.30	84.10	77.00
OK	42.40	40.40	98.30	93.50	91.00	86.60	103.00	95.00
OR	39.00	37.00	86.00	84.00	71.90	69.90	88.00	85.00
PA	46.90	41.50	83.40	82.30	73.90	71.70	103.00	99.00
SD	45.50	39.10	97.00	90.70	87.70	77.30	106.00	101.00
TN	43.00	40.00	80.00	75.00	65.20	61.00	83.00	78.00
TX	37.60	37.40	90.70	84.30	84.30	79.60	103.00	94.00
VA	42.90	40.20	79.20	74.70	69.80	59.90	87.30	78.60
WI	43.00	38.00	80.70	76.00	58.80	54.00	137.00	130.00
WY	38.60	36.40	96.00	89.00	73.60	68.00	109.00	106.00
US	43.10	39.80	91.00	85.70	84.90	79.90	106.00	101.00

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, November and December 2008

State	Sows		Barrows and Gilts		All Hogs	
	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec ²	Nov ¹	Dec 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	37.00	43.50	38.50	39.50	38.40	39.90
IL	32.60	38.70	44.90	46.50	43.90	45.90
IN	40.30	46.40	44.10	45.40	43.70	45.50
IA	35.50	40.00	42.00	43.00	41.90	43.00
KS	37.60	45.70	35.50	36.30	35.80	37.50
MN	36.20	41.90	40.60	42.00	40.60	42.00
MO	33.40	38.70	35.10	36.90	35.00	37.00
NE	38.50	45.10	42.40	43.00	42.30	43.00
NC	40.50	47.10	41.00	41.90	41.00	42.00
OH	35.20	42.70	38.70	40.80	38.20	41.10
OK	33.30	40.40	33.90	35.30	33.80	36.10
PA	40.50	47.20	42.60	45.00	42.30	45.30
SD	34.10	40.10	41.20	43.30	40.30	42.90
US	36.40	42.60	41.00	42.40	40.80	42.40

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

Sheep and Poultry: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2008

State	November		December
	Sheep ¹	Lambs ¹	Market Eggs ^{2 3}
	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Dozen</i>
AL			0.910
AR			0.870
CA	34.00	97.50	0.910
CO	30.00	99.00	
CT			0.810
FL			0.850
GA			0.931
ID	22.00	97.00	
IN			0.880
IA	25.00	97.00	0.829
KY	44.00	94.00	
ME			1.090
MI			0.880
MN	28.00	102.00	0.920
MS			0.890
MO	29.60	92.80	0.810
MT	18.90	97.60	
NE	28.20	103.00	
NY			0.890
NC			0.830
ND	23.00	95.00	
OH	31.00	90.30	0.817
OR	38.00	95.00	
PA	49.70	111.00	0.800
SC			0.928
SD	20.80	105.00	
TX	30.80	98.60	0.860
VA	37.00	107.00	
WA			0.975
WV	29.00	101.00	
WY	27.50	108.00	
US	27.00	99.60	0.860

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

³ Also referred to as table eggs.

Milk and Milk Cows: Prices Received, by State, November and December 2008

State	November ¹						December		
	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	16.10	3.60			16.10	3.60	14.90	3.65	
CA	15.10	3.73	16.80	4.28	15.15	3.75	13.50	3.80	
CO	17.10	3.57			17.10	3.57	16.00	3.58	
FL	22.20	3.70			22.20	3.70	21.20	3.69	
ID	15.60	3.68			15.60	3.68	15.20	3.72	
IL	18.40	3.90	18.00	3.90	18.40	3.90	17.50	3.90	
IN	18.30	3.78			18.30	3.78	17.50	3.75	
IA	17.50	3.79	16.00	4.10	17.50	3.79	16.50	3.80	
KS	18.10	3.78			18.10	3.78	17.10	3.80	
KY	19.00	3.81			19.00	3.81	17.00	3.84	
MI	18.10	3.76			18.10	3.76	16.80	3.74	
MN	17.70	3.82	15.90	3.92	17.70	3.82	17.10	3.81	
MO	17.80	3.75	15.20	3.92	17.70	3.76	16.30	3.80	
NM	16.40	3.62			16.40	3.62	15.50	3.63	
NY	17.40	3.83			17.40	3.83	16.00	3.85	
OH	19.20	3.90	16.20	4.01	19.10	3.90	17.90	3.86	
OR	18.10	3.76			18.10	3.76	17.20	3.78	
PA	19.20	3.85			19.20	3.85	17.60	3.90	
TX	18.00	3.81			18.00	3.81	17.00	3.82	
VT	18.40	3.84			18.40	3.84	17.30	3.87	
VA	20.70	3.81			20.70	3.81	19.00	3.80	
WA	16.10	3.76			16.10	3.76	14.70	3.78	
WI	17.80	3.81	16.70	4.03	17.80	3.82	17.10	3.81	
US	17.10	3.77	16.60	4.14	17.10	3.77	15.90	3.79	

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,
November and December 2008, with Comparisons**

Item	Unit	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 2008
Parity Equivalent	Dollars per Cwt	37.90	43.70	42.50
Average Price F.O.B ^{2 3}	Dollars per Cwt	20.80	16.60	15.90
Average Fat Test of Milk ^{2 3}	Percent	4.13	4.14	4.16

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 December 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		
		Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 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	11.20	13.00	12.60	69	48	47
Rice, Cwt	1.29	30.30	31.30	30.40	38	57	59
Corn, Bu	0.337	8.31	8.19	7.95	45	52	51
Cotton, Lb							
American Upland	0.092	2.12	2.24	2.17	28	24	25
Extra Long Staple	0.137	3.07	3.33	3.23	32	30	31
Peanuts, Lb	0.035	0.671	0.851	0.826	32	24	26
Designated Nonbasic							
All Milk, Sold to							
Plants, Per Cwt ²	1.95	41.50	47.40	46.00	50	35	34
Honey, Extracted, Lb ³	0.122	2.66	2.96	2.88	39	35	36
Wool and Mohair							
Wool, Lb	0.080	1.77	1.94	1.89	50	45	47
Mohair, Lb	0.371	7.77	9.02	8.75	49	42	43
Other Nonbasic							
Barley, Bu	0.368	7.83	8.94	8.68	57	61	50
Canola, Cwt	1.530	29.60	37.20	36.10	62	46	45
Cottonseed, Ton	14.40	320.00	350.00	340.00	53	64	65
Dry Edible Beans, Cwt	2.71	58.80	65.90	63.90	46	52	54
Flaxseed, Bu	0.901	18.20	21.90	21.30	72	59	47
Mustard Seed, Cwt	2.00	41.50	48.60	47.20			
Oats, Bu	0.219	4.65	5.32	5.17	58	56	46
Potatoes, Cwt	0.827	17.70	20.10	19.50	40	44	47
Rapeseed, Cwt	1.73	34.40	42.00	40.80			
Rye, Bu	0.420	8.95	10.20	9.91			
Safflower, Cwt	1.88	39.80	45.70	44.30			
Sorghum Grain, Cwt	0.601	14.20	14.60	14.20	49	45	37
Soybeans, Bu	0.832	18.40	20.20	19.60	54	46	46
All Sunflower, Cwt	1.68	35.90	40.80	39.60	53	58	54
Sweetpotatoes, Cwt	2.34	50.00	56.90	55.20			
Apples, Fresh, Lb ⁴	0.032	0.651	0.778	0.755	54	44	39
Citrus (equiv on-tree), Box							
Grapefruit	0.631	13.50	15.30	14.90	44	27	26
Lemons	1.22	24.70	29.60	28.80	97	46	28
Oranges	0.651	12.90	15.80	15.40	45	33	31
Tangerines	1.37	29.20	33.30	32.30	64	37	23
Beef Cattle, Cwt	10.20	220.00	248.00	241.00	41	34	33
Calves, Cwt	14.80	316.00	360.00	349.00	38	29	29
Hogs, Cwt	5.58	126.00	136.00	132.00	31	30	32
Lambs, Cwt	11.60	257.00	282.00	274.00	38	35	
Sheep, Cwt	4.67	106.00	113.00	110.00	28	24	
Eggs, Doz ²	0.089	1.90	2.16	2.10	60	41	40
Turkeys, Live, Lb	0.056	1.210	1.360	1.320	43	43	34

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, December 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, Continued		
Hops, Lb	0.263	6.20	Papayas (HI)	0.047	1.110
Spearmint Oil, Lb	1.37	32.30	Peaches		
Tobacco, Lb			Fresh, Ton ²	84.60	2,000.00
Flue-Cured, 11-14	0.231	5.45	Dried, CA, Ton	74.20	1,750.00
Fire-Cured, 21-23	0.311	7.34	Processing ³		
Burley, 31	0.248	5.85	Excl Dried		
Maryland, 32	0.191	4.51	Clingstone, CA, Ton	33.70	795.00
Dark Air-Cured, 35-37	0.278	6.56	Pears, Ton		
PA Seedleaf, 41	0.196	4.62	Fresh ²	54.50	1,290.00
Cigar Binder, 51	0.718	16.90	Dried, CA ⁴	177.00	4,180.00
Type 61	3.13	73.80	Plums, CA, Ton		
			Fresh, Equiv on-Tree	66.20	1,560.00
Noncitrus Fruit			Prunes, Dried, CA, Ton ⁴	141.00	3,330.00
Apples, Ton ⁴			Prunes and Plums, Excl CA, Ton		
Processing	15.70	370.00	Fresh ⁷	63.10	1,490.00
Apricots, Ton			Processing ⁴		
Fresh ⁵	105.00	2,480.00	Excl Dried	28.60	675.00
Dried, CA	252.00	5,940.00	Tree Nuts ⁸		
Avocados, Ton ⁵	227.00	5,350.00	Almonds, Lb	0.209	4.93
Cherries			Hazelnuts, Ton	162.00	3,820.00
Sweet, Ton	197.00	4,650.00	Pistachio, Lb	0.179	4.22
Tart, Lb	0.035	0.826	Walnuts, Ton	169.00	3,990.00
Cranberry, Bbl ³	4.20	99.10	Vegetables, Cwt ⁹		
Dates, CA, Ton ⁵	185.00	4,360.00	Fresh		
Grapes, Ton			Carrots ⁶	2.44	57.60
Raisin Variety	119.00	2,810.00	Cauliflower ⁶	4.32	102.00
Other Dried	70.90	1,670.00	Celery ⁶	2.04	48.10
Kiwifruit, Ton	93.80	2,210.00	Honeydew Melons	2.58	60.90
Nectarines			Lettuce	2.35	55.40
Fresh, CA, Ton ⁵	58.50	1,380.00	Onions ⁶	1.60	37.70
Olives, CA			Tomatoes	4.68	110.00
canning, Ton ³	90.70	2,140.00			

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 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.

**Hops: Marketing Year Average Prices Received,
by State and United States, 2007-2008**

State	2007	2008
	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>
ID	2.77	4.00
OR	3.31	3.80
WA	2.94	3.99
US	2.99	3.97

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 December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 177 (1990-92=100), down 2.2 percent from November 2008 but up 6.6 percent from December 2007.

PRODUCTION INDEX: The December index, at 182, decreased 2.7 percent from last month but increased 9.0 percent from last year. Prices in December are lower for fuels, fertilizer, feed, and livestock & poultry.

Feed: The December index, at 167, decreased 5.1 percent from November but increased 4.4 percent from last December. Since November, prices are lower for complete feeds, feed grains, feed supplements, and hay & forages.

Livestock & Poultry: The December index, at 114, decreased 3.4 percent from last month and 10 percent from last year. Since November, lower prices for feeder cattle more than offset higher prices for feeder pigs. The December feeder cattle price, at \$87.70 per cwt, is down \$5.70 per cwt from the November price. December feeder pigs averaged \$133.00 per cwt, up \$20.00 per cwt from November.

Fertilizer: The December index, at 410, is down 5.3 percent from November but is 62 percent above December a year ago. Nitrogen fertilizer decreased 8.2 percent, potash & phosphate prices declined 7.7 percent, and mixed fertilizer prices fell 2.6 percent.

Chemicals: The December index, at 144, decreased 2.0 percent from November but increased 9.9 percent from last December.

Fuels: The December index, at 212, is down 14 percent from a month earlier and 31 percent below December 2007. The gasoline price is down 19 percent, the LP gas price is down 17 percent, and the diesel fuel price is down 13 percent.

Machinery: The December index, at 211, decreased 0.5 percent from November but is 7.1 percent above last December. Since November, prices are lower for self-propelled machinery.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The November 2008 Consumer Price Index, as issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for all urban consumers (CPI-U) decreased 1.9 percent before seasonal adjustment to a level of 212.425 (1982-84=100). This compares with the October index of 216.573. For the 12-month period ending in November, the overall index increased 1.1 percent.

**Indexes of Prices Paid by Farmers and Related Parity Ratios
United States, December 2008 with Comparisons ¹**

Indexes and Ratios	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	2007	2008		2007	2008	
	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Nov	Dec
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities & Services, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates (PPITW)	2212	2416	2359	166	181	177
Production	1622	1818	1764	167	187	182
Feed	780	859	816	160	176	167
Livestock & Poultry	1626	1507	1462	127	118	114
Seeds	2086	2722	2722	211	275	275
Fertilizer	928	1588	1502	253	433	410
Chemicals	810	910	893	131	147	144
Fuels	2373	1905	1639	308	247	212
Supplies & Repairs	1071	1112	1112	151	157	157
Autos & Trucks	2959	2819	2820	111	106	106
Machinery	4942	5306	5305	197	212	211
Building Materials	2114	2299	2272	156	169	167
Services & Rent	1764	1882	1874			
Services				147	155	154
Rent				151	163	163
Interest ²	3865	4100	4100	154	164	164
Taxes ³	5043	5443	5443	188	203	203
Wage Rates	6707	6914	6914	179	185	185
Production, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates (PITW)	2263	2506	2446	168	187	182
Family Living-CPI ⁴	1995	2018	1979	156	158	155
Ratio (Received/Paid) Parity Ratio ⁵	41	37	36	86	78	75
Parity Ratio Adjusted ⁶	42	39	37			
PPITW Adjusted for Productivity ⁷	1423	1478	1464			
Crop Sector (PPITW)				173	195	191
Livestock Sector (PPITW)				160	169	164
Farm Sector (Production)				157	172	167
Non-Farm Sector (Production)				172	195	189

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 1.044 for 2008 and the revised factor is 1.041 for 2007.

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

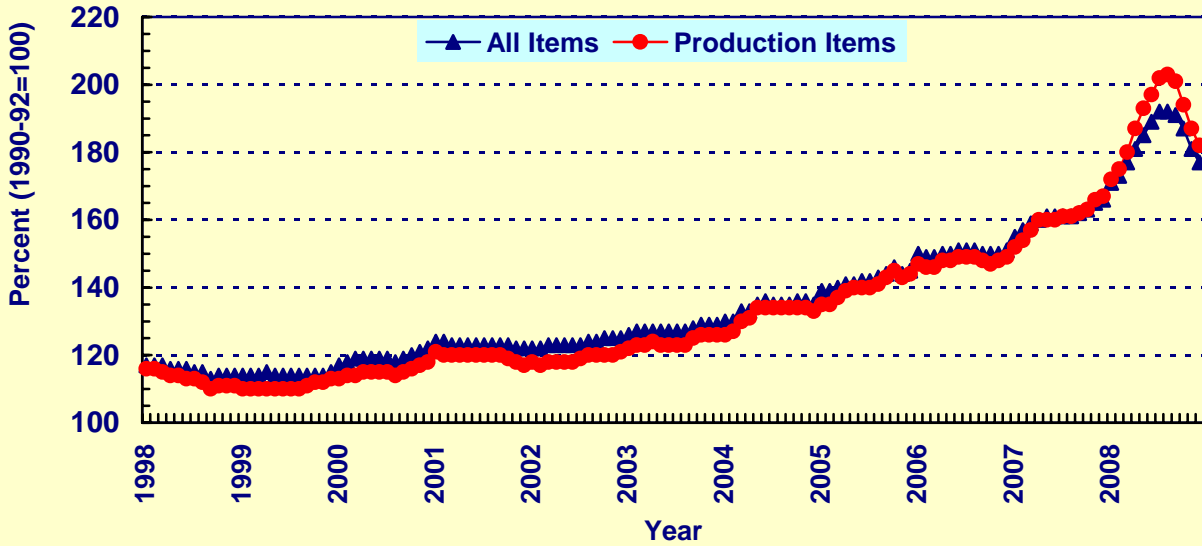
Prices Paid Indexes and Annual Weights for Input Components and Sub-Components United States, December 2008 with Comparisons ¹

Index	Relative Weights 5-Year Moving Average ²		Input Indexes		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
			Dec	Nov	Dec
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>(1990-92=100)</i>	<i>(1990-92=100)</i>	<i>(1990-92=100)</i>
Production Items	67.4	67.9	167	187	182
Feed	10.9	10.9	160	176	167
Feed Grains	1.6	1.6	165	183	169
Complete Feeds	5.3	5.3	152	165	150
Hay/Forage	1.4	1.4	171	192	184
Concentrates	1.7	1.7	161	200	218
Supplements	0.9	0.9	176	158	145
Livestock & Poultry	7.7	8.0	127	118	114
Feeder Cattle	6.0	6.2	123	110	104
Feeder Pigs	0.6	0.6	104	123	145
Milk Cow Replacements	0.6	0.6	179	170	170
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	4.3	4.4	253	433	410
Mixed Fertilizer	1.9	2.0	249	464	452
Nitrogen	1.8	1.9	264	354	325
Potash & Phosphate	0.6	0.6	233	575	531
Chemicals	3.4	3.3	131	147	144
Herbicides	2.2	2.1	122	136	134
Insecticides	0.8	0.8	151	170	167
Fungicides/Other	0.5	0.5	139	158	155
Fuels	3.1	3.3	308	247	212
Diesel	1.9	2.1	334	291	254
Gasoline	0.7	0.8	247	179	145
LP Gas	0.4	0.4	295	145	120
Supplies & Repairs	4.8	4.7	151	157	157
Supplies	1.6	1.6	141	156	156
Repairs	3.2	3.1	156	157	157
Autos & Trucks	1.8	1.7	111	106	106
Autos	0.2	0.2	109	108	108
Trucks	1.6	1.5	112	106	106
Machinery	4.5	4.5	197	212	211
Tractors	1.0	1.0	174	180	180
Self-Propelled	1.8	1.8	206	212	212
Other Machinery	1.7	1.7	201	229	229
Building Materials	4.3	4.5	156	169	167
Services	12.2	12.2	147	155	154
Custom Rates	1.3	1.3	125	144	144
Other Services	10.9	10.9	149	157	155
Rent	6.6	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	179	185	185
Family Living-CPI	18.0	17.6	156	158	155

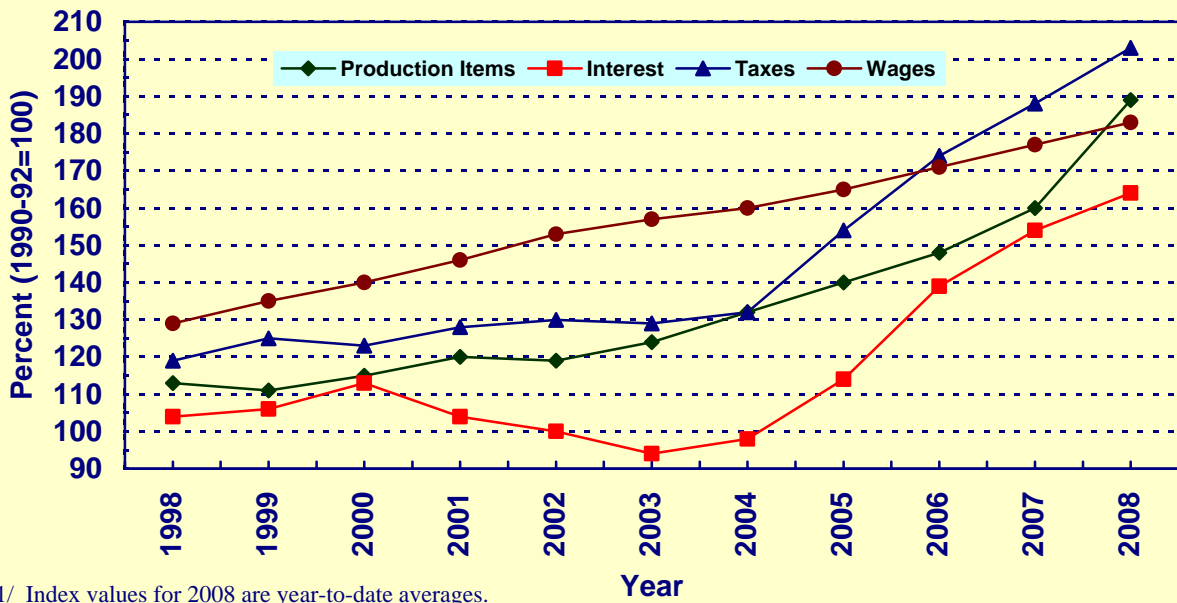
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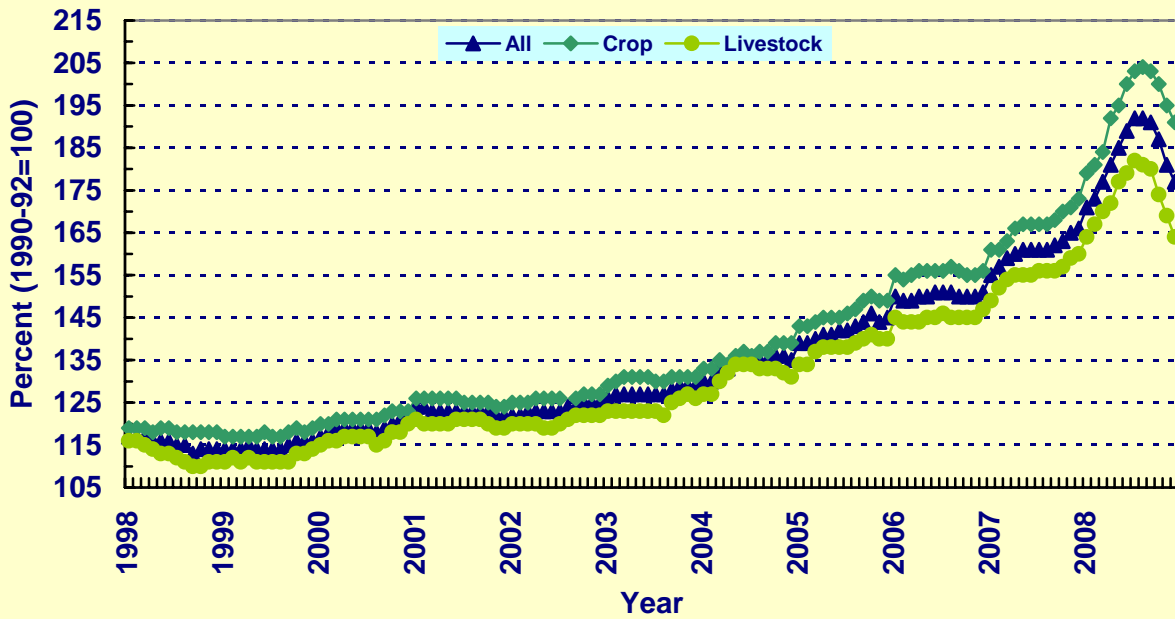
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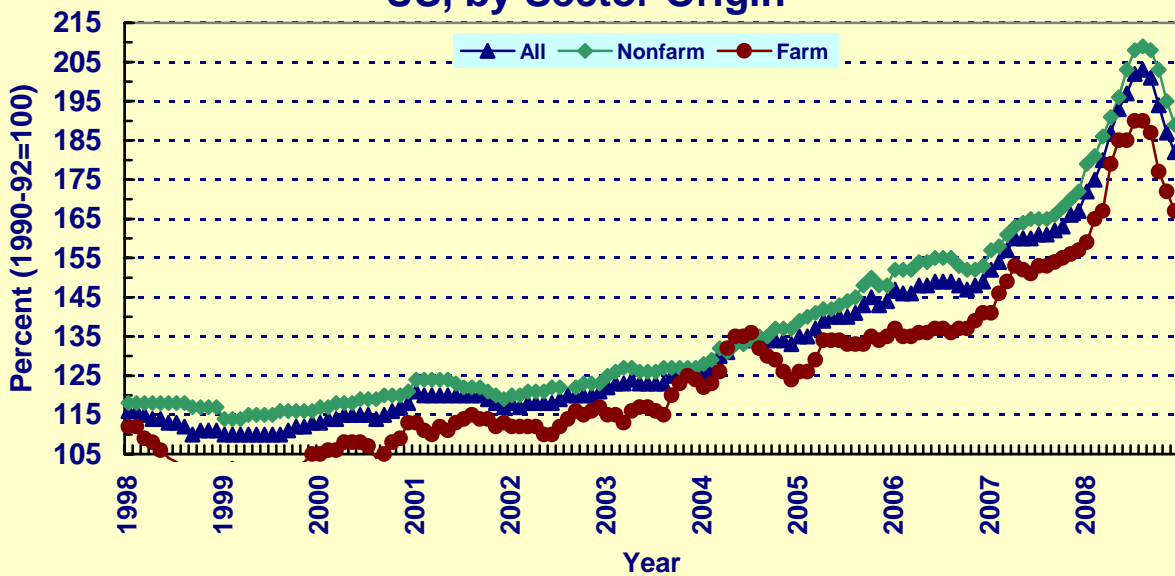
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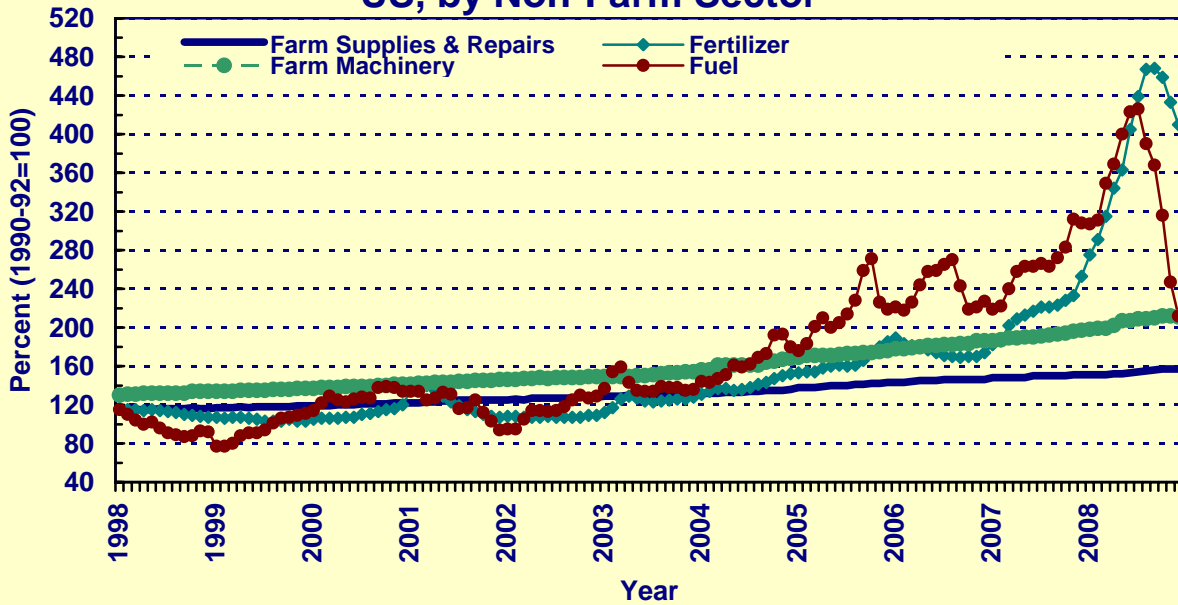
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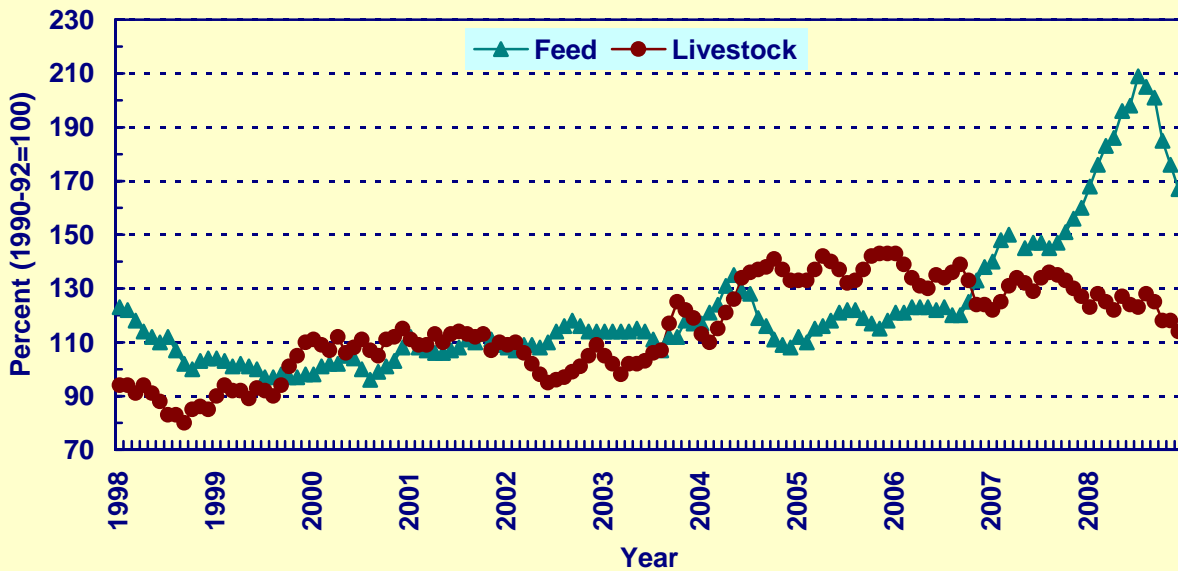
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Prices Paid by Farmers, Indexes, Selected Production Indexes US, by Non-Farm Sector



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



Feed Price Ratios: United States, December 2008 with Comparisons

Feed Price Ratio ¹	2007	2008	
	Dec	Nov	Dec
Broiler-Feed: Pounds of Broiler Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight ²	3.7	*4.2	4.6
Market Egg Feed: Pounds of Laying Feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs ³	13.9	*9.3	9.4
Hog-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight	10.5	*9.6	10.5
Milk-Feed: Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to 1 pound of Whole Milk ⁴	2.85	*2.02	1.97
Steer & Heifer-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steer & Heifers, live weight	25.3	*21.4	21.2
Turkey-Feed: Pounds of Turkey Grower equal in value to 1 pound of Turkey, live weight ⁵	4.9	*5.6	4.5

* 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, December 2008 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 2008
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Broilers, Live	Lb	0.400	0.460	0.480
Eggs, Market	Doz	1.280	0.894	0.860
Hogs, All	Cwt	39.60	40.80	42.40
Milk, All	Cwt	21.50	17.10	15.90
Steers and Heifers	Cwt	95.30	91.00	85.70
Turkeys, Live	Lb	0.526	0.589	0.445
Corn	Bu	3.77	4.26	4.05
Hay, Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	135.00	163.00	155.00
Soybeans	Bu	10.00	9.38	8.97
Wheat, All	Bu	7.71	6.28	5.91

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

Commodity	Unit	2007	2008	
		Dec	Nov	Dec
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Feeders and Stockers Cattle and Calves	Cwt	104.40	*93.40	87.70
Feeder Pigs	Cwt	96.00	*113.00	133.00

* Revised.

Feed: April Prices Paid, United States, 2003-2008¹

Item	Unit	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt	15.00	14.90	15.40	16.40	18.20	21.10
Alfalfa Pellets	"	15.30	15.20	15.20	16.40	18.70	21.30
Bran	"	13.70	14.80	15.00	16.10	17.40	19.10
Beef Cattle Conc., 32-36% Protein	Ton	290	342	316	336	370	433
Corn Meal	Cwt	9.90	9.84	9.57	10.10	12.30	13.70
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	"	16.60	18.40	17.20	18.20	20.00	23.00
Dairy Feed							
14% Protein ²	Ton	183	200	220	189	239	301
16% Protein ²	"	200	218	197	210	249	313
18% Protein ²	"	207	229	206	221	267	324
20% Protein ²	"	201	233	206	226	258	320
32-38% Protein Conc.	"	311	381	331	341	378	469
Hog Feed							
14-18% Protein ^{2,3}	"	223	256	219	228	305	345
38-42% Protein Conc.	"	322	415	398	361	398	490
Molasses, Liquid	Cwt	13.30	14.20	14.80	17.90	19.20	17.50
Poultry Feed							
Broiler Grower ²	Ton	234	278	237	255	306	387
Chick Starter ²	"	241	299	268	273	327	416
Laying Feed ²	"	232	249	226	240	278	371
Turkey Grower ²	"	279	315	315	302	337	434
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt	14.50	19.60	16.10	16.90	18.20	23.40
Soybean Meal, over 44%	"	13.60	19.30	14.90	15.30	16.90	22.40
Stock Salt	50 Lb	4.30	4.53	4.78	4.67	5.02	5.45
Trace Mineral Blocks	50 Lb	5.40	5.53	5.52	5.68	6.15	6.60
		Index (1990-92=100)					
Feed Prices Paid Index ⁴	Pct	114	121	117	124	149	188

¹ April survey only, quarterly surveys discontinued January 1995.

² Complete ration feed, fed without mixing or supplementation.

³ Excluding pig starter.

⁴ Annual average for all years.

Feeder Livestock: Annual Average Prices Paid, United States, 2003-2008

Item	Unit	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Broiler Chicks	100	21.10	20.60	20.60	22.90	25.60	(¹)
Egg-Type Chicks	100	50.50	53.90	53.50	66.50	69.40	(¹)
Feeders and Stockers							
Cattle and Calves	Cwt	92.00	109.20	115.00	111.10	107.40	100.40
Feeder Pigs	Cwt	93.80	115.00	143.00	129.00	120.00	93.00
Turkey Poults	Each	1.15	1.10	1.13	1.20	1.32	(¹)
		Index (1990-92=100)					
Livestock and Poultry Prices Paid Index ²	Pct	109	128	138	134	131	123

¹ Annual average data are published in April 2009.

² Annual average.

The data presented in the following tables are calculated and published for use by the Forest Service, USDA and the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior in computing Public Land Grazing Fees.

2008 Prices Paid Index for Beef Cattle Production (1964-68=100) 1/: 891

1/ The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers and Ranchers for Beef Cattle Production input items is for the period of November 2007 through October 2008. The components of this index include the production indexes of Fuels, Supplies & Repairs, Autos & Trucks, Tractors & Self Propelled Machinery, Other Machinery, Building Materials, Interest, Wage Rates, and Farm Services & Rent. These components are weighted to the overall index value by their importance in the cost of producing beef cattle, the weights are unchanged from a year earlier.

Beef Cattle: Prices Received, Selected Regions, 2008 ¹	
State	Beef Cattle
	<i>Dollars Per Cwt</i>
17 Western States ²	91.09
16 Western States ³	91.04
11 Western States ⁴	86.89
9 Great Plains States ⁵	93.06

¹ Average for November 2007 through October 2008, except NV, UT, and WA which are marketing year averages.

² 17 Western States: AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, NE, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, and WY.

³ 16 Western States: AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, NE, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, UT, WA, and WY.

⁴ 11 Western States: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, and WY.

⁵ 9 Great Plain States: CO, KS, NE, NM, ND, OK, SD, TX, and WY.

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).

Calendar of Prices Received Features in the 2008 Agricultural Price Reports

Annual or Marketing Year Average Prices:	Month Published
Austrian Winter Peas, U.S.	Sep
Barley, U.S.	Jun
by State and U.S.	Aug
Broilers, by State and U.S.	Apr
Canola, by State and U.S.	Nov
Cattle, by State and U.S.	Feb
Chickens, Other by State and U.S.	Apr
Chickpeas, by State and U.S.	Nov
Corn, U.S.	Sep
by State and U.S.	Nov
Cotton, by Type, State and U.S.	Oct
Cottonseed, by State and U.S.	Oct
Dry Beans, by State and U.S.	Nov
Dry Edible Peas, U.S.	Sep
Eggs, by State and U.S.	Apr
Flaxseed, by State and U.S.	Nov
Goats, by State and U.S.	Feb
Hay, by State and U.S.	Aug
Other Hay, 3-year Average by Region	Feb
Hogs, by State and U.S.	Feb
Hops, by State and U.S.	Dec
Lentils, U.S.	Sep
Milk, Sold to Plants, by Grade, Price and Fat Test, by State and U.S.	Apr
Mohair, by State and U.S.	Feb
Mustard Seed, U.S.	Nov
Oats, U.S.	Jun
by State and U.S.	Aug
Peanuts, by State and U.S.	Aug
Potatoes, by State and U.S., Preliminary	Feb
Proso Millet, by State and U.S.	Nov
Rapeseed, U.S.	Nov
Rice, U.S. (year-to-date)	Aug
by State and U.S., by Length of Grain	Jan
Safflower, U.S.	Nov
Sheep and Lambs, by State and U.S.	Feb
Sorghum, by State and U.S.	Sep
Soybeans, by State and U.S.	Sep
Sweetpotatoes, by State and U.S., Preliminary	Jan
Final and Revised	Jun
Sugarbeets, U.S.	Jul
Sugarcane, U.S.	Jul
Sunflower, by State and U.S.	Nov
Turkeys, by State and U.S.	Apr
Wheat, by Class, U.S.	Jun
by State and U.S.	Aug
Wool, by State and U.S.	Feb

Monthly Prices Received - Revised:**Month Published**

Austrian Winter Peas, U.S.	Sep
Barley, by State and U.S.	Aug
Broilers, U.S.	Apr
Cattle, by State and U.S.	Feb
Chickens, by State and U.S.	Apr
Chickpeas, by State and U.S.	Nov
Corn, by State and U.S.	Nov
Cotton, by Type, State and U.S.	Oct
Cottonseed, by State and U.S.	Oct
Dry Beans, by State and U.S.	Nov
Dry Edible Peas, U.S.	Sep
Eggs, by State and U.S.	Apr
Flaxseed, by State and U.S.	Nov
Hay, by State and U.S.	Aug
Hogs, by State and U.S.	Feb
Hops, by State and U.S.	Dec
Lentils, U.S.	Sep
Milk, Sold to Plants, by Grade, Price and Fat Test by State and U.S.	Apr
Milk Cows, by Quarter, by State and U.S.	Feb
Oats, by State and U.S.	Aug
Peanuts, by State and U.S.	Aug
Potatoes, by State and U.S., Preliminary	Feb
Rice, U.S. (year-to-date)	Aug
by State and U.S., by Length of Grain	Jan
Sheep and Lambs, by State and U.S.	Feb
Sorghum, by State and U.S.	Sep
Soybeans, by State and U.S.	Sep
Sunflower, by State and U.S.	Nov
Wheat, by State and U.S.	Aug

Monthly Marketing Percents:	Month Published
Austrian Winter Peas, U.S.	Sep
Barley, U.S.	Jun
by State and U.S.	Aug
Chickpeas, by State and U.S.	Nov
Corn, U.S.	Sep
by State and U.S.	Nov
Cotton, Upland, by State and U.S.	Oct
Dry Beans, by State and U.S.	Nov
Dry Edible Peas, U.S.	Sep
Flaxseed, by State and U.S.	Nov
Hay, by State and U.S.	Aug
Lentils, U.S.	Sep
Oats, U.S.	Jun
by State and U.S.	Aug
Peanuts, by State and U.S.	Aug
Rice, U.S. (year-to-date)	Aug
Final	Jan
Sorghum, by State and U.S.	Sep
Soybeans, by State and U.S.	Sep
Sunflower, by State and U.S.	Nov
Wheat, U.S.	Jun
by State and U.S.	Aug

Prices Received Index Numbers - Revised:

Index of Prices Received by Farmers, U.S., by Month and Year	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
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Milk and Egg Prices Received, Adjusted for Seasonal Variation:

Seasonally Adjusted Prices, Revised, U.S.	Apr
Seasonal Adjustment Factors, U.S., program change	Jul

Parity Prices:

Method of Computing	Jan
Average Prices Used for Parity Computations.....	Jan
Manufacturing Milk: Method of Computing Parity Price Equivalent	Jan
Average Price Received, U.S.	Jan

Calendar of Prices Paid Features in the 2008 Agricultural Price Reports

Indexes (1910-1914=100):	Month Published
PPITW, PITW, Production Items, Component Items, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates, Family Living, Farm and Non-Farm Origin, Crop and Livestock Sectors, Adjusted for Productivity, Ratio, Parity Ratio and Adjusted Parity Ratio	
Annual Average (2004-2008)	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
By Month (2004-2008)	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
U.S. Current Month, Previous Month, Previous Year	Monthly

Indexes (1990-1992=100):	Month Published
PPITW, PITW, Production Items, Component and Subcomponent Items, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates, Family Living Farm and Non-Farm Origin, Crop and Livestock Sectors, Adjusted for Productivity, Ratio, Parity Ratio and Adjusted Parity Ratio	
Annual Average (2004-2008)	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
By Month (2004-2008)	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
U.S. Current Month, Previous Month, Previous Year	Monthly
Feed and Feeder Livestock & Poultry Annual Average, U.S. (2003-2008)	Dec

Prices Paid:	Month Published
Farm Machinery, U.S.	Apr
Feed, by Region and U.S.	Apr
Feed, U.S. (2003-2008)	Dec
Feeder Livestock, U.S.	Monthly
Poultry, Chicks and Poults, Annual Average	Apr
Fertilizer Materials, Mixed Fertilizer and Agricultural Limestone, by Region and U.S.	Apr
Field Seeds, Retail U.S.	Apr
Fuels, by Region and U.S.	Apr
Agricultural Chemicals, U.S.	Apr

Feed-Price Ratios:	Month Published
U.S. by Months and Annual Average, (Jan 2005- May 2008)	May
U.S. Current Month, Previous Month, Previous Year	Monthly

Prices Paid Program Overview:	Month Published
Prices Paid Survey Months, Month Published and Geographic Levels of Estimates	Jan
Prices Paid Regions, and States Included	Apr

Private Grazing Fee Rates and Components of Federal Fees:	Month Published
Private Non-Irrigated Grazing Fee Rates, by State and Region	
(Data for 2006-2008)	Jan
Prices Paid Index for Beef Cattle Production (1964-68=100)	Dec
Beef Cattle Prices Received, Selected Regions (November-October)	Dec
Other Hay Prices Received, Selected Eastern Regions	Feb

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