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## March Farm Prices Received Index Unchanged From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 126 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from February. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, lettuce, snap beans, and tomatoes and lower prices for broilers, soybeans, strawberries, and celery. 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 strawberries, broilers, soybeans, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and oranges.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 20 points (14 percent) from March 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month and decreased 23 points (16 percent) from March 2008.

## Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 174 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from both last month and March 2008. Lower prices in March for nitrogen fertilizer, diesel fuel, feeder cattle, and feed concentrates offset higher prices for potash & phosphate, self-propelled machinery, herbicides, and insecticides.

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92=100	2008		2009	
	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar
Prices Received	146	146	126	126
Prices Paid	171	174	174	174
Ratio <sup>1</sup>	85	84	72	72

<sup>1</sup> Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

## Prices Received by Farmers

The March All Farm Products Index is 126 percent of its 1990-92 base, unchanged from the February index but 14 percent below the March 2008 index.

**ALL CROPS:** The March index is 147, up 0.7 percent from February but 12 percent below March 2008. Index increases for commercial vegetables, feed grains & hay, fruits & nuts, food grains, and potatoes & dry beans more than offset the index decreases for oil-bearing crops and cotton.

**Food Grains:** The March index, at 204, is 0.5 percent above the previous month but 33 percent below a year ago. The March all wheat price, at \$5.85 per bushel, is up 6 cents from February but \$4.65 below March 2008.

**Feed Grains & Hay:** The March index is 172, up 1.2 percent from last month but 14 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.96 per bushel, is up 9 cents from last month but 74 cents below March 2008. The all hay price, at \$129 per ton, is down \$3.00 from February and \$4.00 below last March. Sorghum grain, at \$5.54 per cwt, is 49 cents above February but \$3.50 below March last year.

**Cotton:** The March index, at 67, is down 2.9 percent from February and 36 percent below last year. The March price, at 40.9 cents per pound, is down 0.7 cent from the previous month and 22.1 cents below last March.

**Oil-Bearing Crops:** The March index, at 164, is down 5.2 percent from February and 20 percent lower than March 2008. The soybean price, at \$9.13 per bushel, decreased 42 cents from February and is \$2.27 below March 2008.

**Fruits & Nuts:** The March index, at 124, is up 2.5 percent from February but 16 percent lower than a year ago. The increase in marketings of strawberries more than offset price decreases for strawberries, apples, oranges, and grapefruit.

**Commercial Vegetables:** The March index, at 146, is up 7.4 percent from last month and 9.0 percent above March 2008. Price increases during March for lettuce, snap beans, tomatoes, and sweet corn more than offset price declines for celery, onions, and broccoli.

**Potatoes & Dry Beans:** The March index, at 155, is up 1.3 percent from last month and 5.4 percent above March 2008. The all potato price, at \$9.07 per cwt, is up 20 cents from February and 70 cents from last March. The all dry bean price, at \$28.80 per cwt, is down \$1.30 from the previous month and \$3.40 below March 2008.

**LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:** The March index, at 108, is down 0.9 percent from last month and 16 percent from March 2008. Compared with a year ago, prices are lower for milk, cattle, eggs, broilers, calves, and turkeys. Hog prices are higher.

**Meat Animals:** The March index, at 104, is down 1.0 percent from last month and 7.1 percent lower than last year. The March hog price, at \$44.20 per cwt, is up 30 cents from February and \$3.90 higher than a year ago. The March beef cattle price of \$78.50 per cwt is down 30 cents from last month and \$9.30 lower than March 2008.

**Dairy Products:** The March index, at 88, is down 1.1 percent from a month ago and 37 percent lower than March last year. The March all milk price of \$11.50 per cwt is down 10 cents from last month and down \$6.60 from March 2008. The fluid grade milk price is down 10 cents but the manufacturing grade milk price is up 40 cents from the previous month.

**Poultry & Eggs:** The March index, at 137, is down 2.8 percent from February and 14 percent below a year ago. The March market egg price, at 64.3 cents per dozen, increased 0.4 cent from February but is 65.7 cents below March 2008. The March broiler price, at 45.0 cents per pound, is down 2.0 cents from February and 1.0 cent below a year ago. The March turkey price, at 46.7 cents per pound, is up 0.2 cent from the previous month but down 6.2 cents from a year earlier.

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**Index Numbers of Prices Received, United States,  
March 2009, with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>**

Index	1910-14=100				1990-92=100		
	Average 1990-92	2008	2009		2008	2009	
		Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar	Feb	Mar
All Farm Products	639	928	*797	798	146	*126	126
All Crops	500	828	*721	730	167	*146	147
Food Grains	325	971	*644	647	306	*203	204
Feed Grains & Hay	363	713	*605	614	200	*170	172
Cotton	517	533	*352	346	104	*69	67
Tobacco <sup>2</sup>	1263	1395	1568	1568	92	104	104
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	1125	947	900	205	173	164
Fruits & Nuts	716	1024	*845	866	147	121	124
Commercial Vegetables	698	958	*972	1043	134	*136	146
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	744	*776	787	147	*153	155
Other Crops	493	602	602	602	122	122	122
Livestock & Products	768	991	*836	827	129	109	108
Meat Animals	1021	1143	*1066	1061	112	*105	104
Dairy Products	799	1114	*714	708	139	*89	88
Poultry & Eggs	282	445	395	384	159	141	137
Food Commodities					144	122	121

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Revised historical price indexes for months not shown are available at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

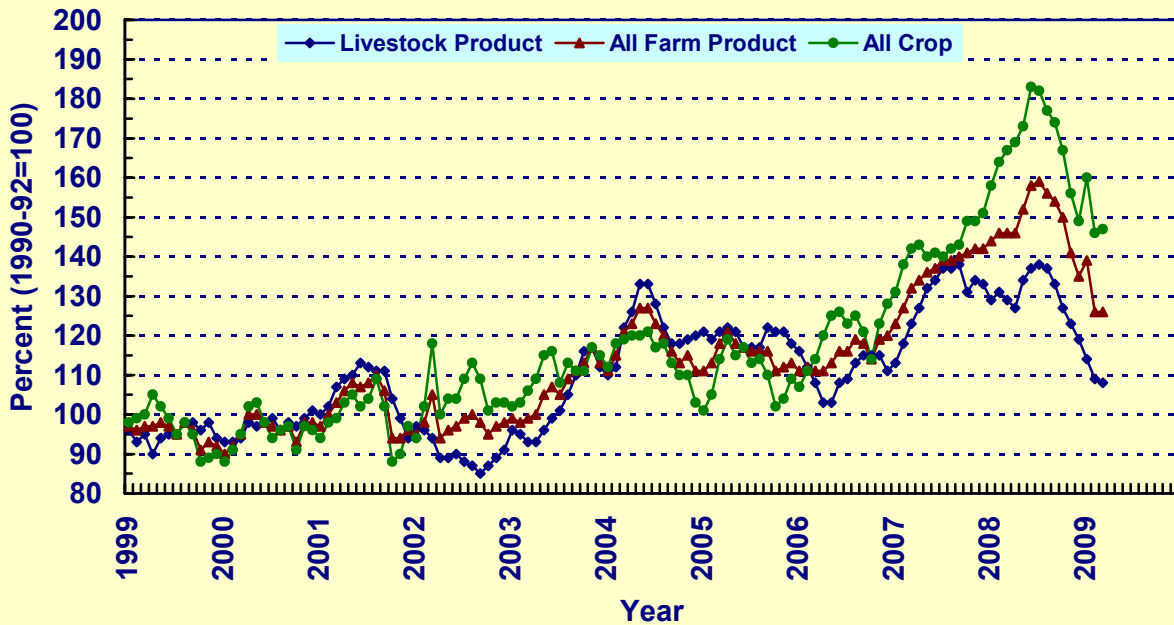
<sup>2</sup> Monthly prices discontinued July 2005.

**Selected Index Numbers for Prices Received and Paid,  
1990-92=100, by Month, United States, 2008 and 2009 <sup>1</sup>**

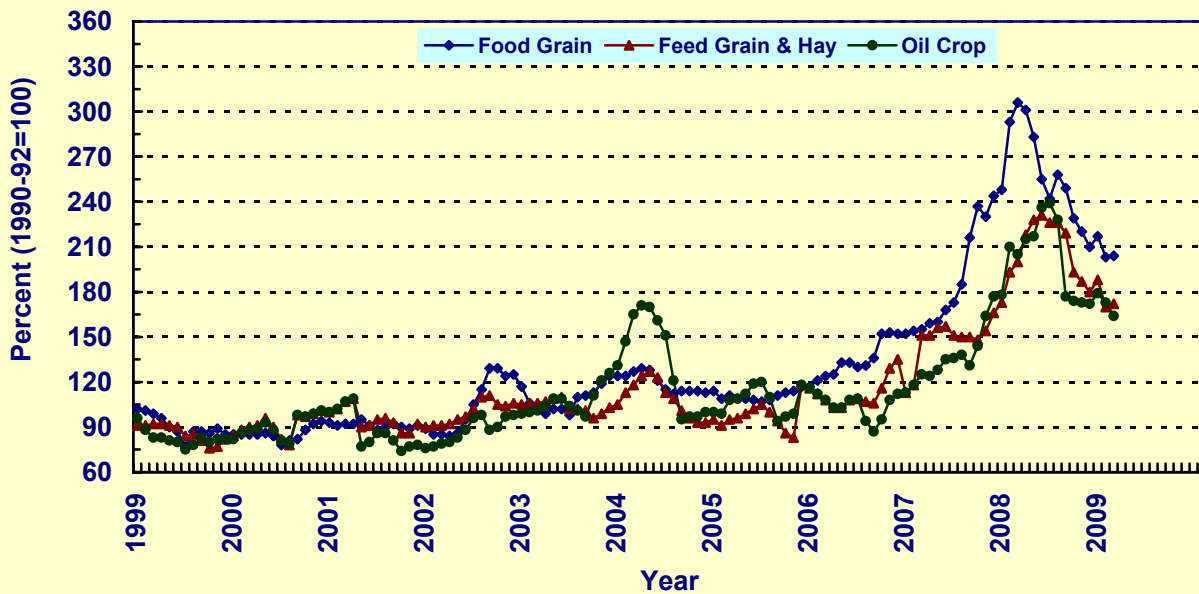
Month	Index of Prices Received						Index of Prices Paid			
	All Farm Products		All Crops		Livestock and Products		All Items		Production Items	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Jan	144	139	158	160	129	114	169	175	170	177
Feb	146	126	164	146	131	109	171	174	173	175
Mar	146	126	167	147	129	108	174	174	177	175
Apr	146		169		127		179		185	
May	152		173		134		183		190	
Jun	158		183		137		187		195	
Jul	159		182		138		190		200	
Aug	156		177		137		190		200	
Sep	154		174		133		188		198	
Oct	150		167		127		185		192	
Nov	141		156		123		179		185	
Dec	135		149		119		175		179	

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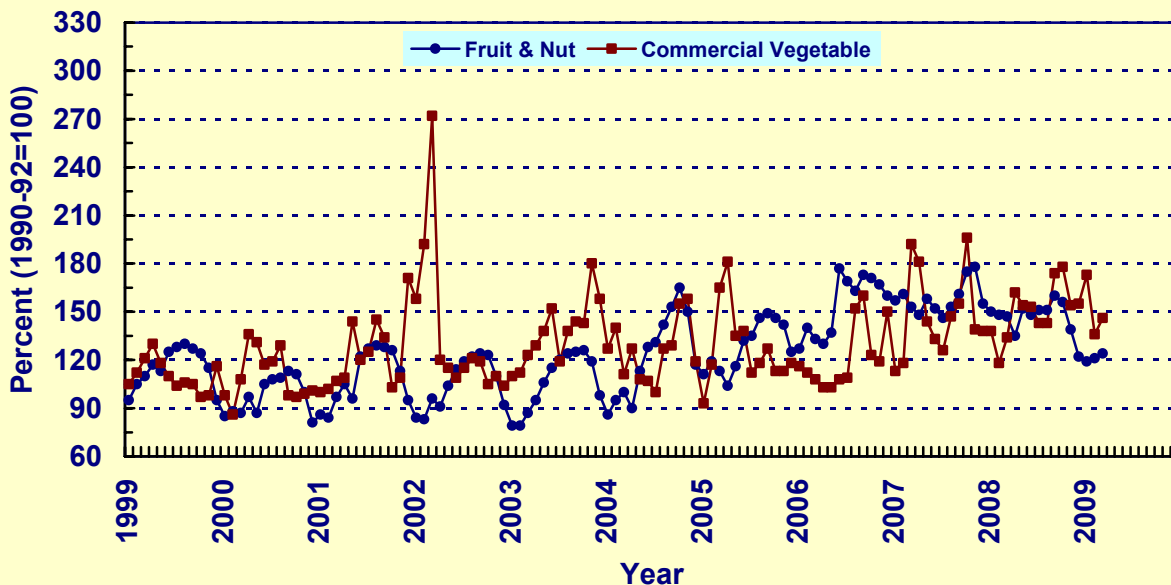
## Prices Received, Major Indexes, US



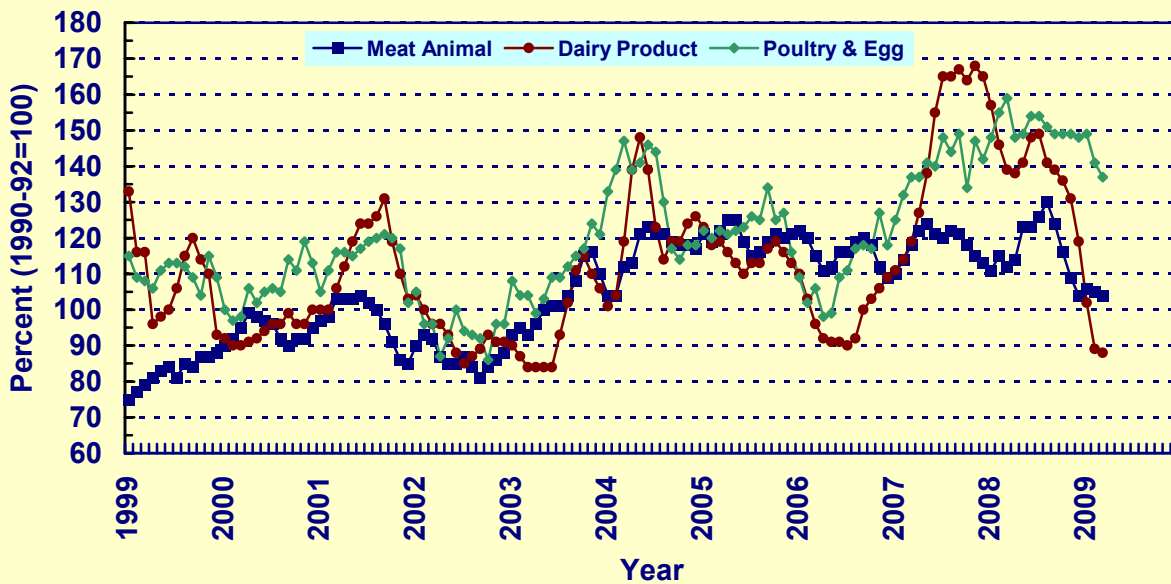
## Prices Received, Food, Feed, & Oil Crop Indexes, US



## Prices Received, Fruit and Vegetable Indexes, US



## Prices Received, Livestock Product Indexes, US



**Prices Received, United States,  
March 2009, with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
<b>Field Crops</b>					
Barley, All	Bu	2.12	4.18	4.94	4.82
Feed	Bu	1.90	4.29	2.63	2.98
Malting	Bu	2.43	4.14	5.50	5.07
Beans, Dry Edible	Cwt	19.10	32.20	30.10	28.80
Canola	Cwt		26.40	15.60	14.10
Chickpeas, All	Cwt		30.50	37.10	40.00
Large	Cwt		30.60	37.20	40.00
Small	Cwt		25.60	18.10	( <sup>6</sup> )
Corn	Bu	2.30	4.70	3.87	3.96
Cotton, Upland	Lb	0.606	0.630	0.416	0.409
Cottonseed <sup>1</sup>	Ton	96.00		213.00	
Flaxseed	Bu	4.27	17.50	9.92	8.70
Hay, All, Baled <sup>2</sup>	Ton	76.30	133.00	132.00	129.00
Alfalfa <sup>2</sup>	Ton	77.20	144.00	143.00	137.00
Other <sup>2</sup>	Ton	60.00	116.00	107.00	109.00
Lentils	Cwt		29.90	29.50	29.10
Oats	Bu	1.22	3.43	2.76	2.11
Peanuts, In-Shell	Lb	0.304	0.207	0.253	0.256
Peas, Dry Edible	Cwt		17.30	12.20	11.30
Austrian Winter	Cwt		12.60	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )
Potatoes	Cwt	5.82	8.37	8.87	9.07
Rice, All	Cwt	7.07	13.60	15.60	15.50
Long <sup>3</sup>	Cwt			14.20	13.60
Medium & Short <sup>3</sup>	Cwt			23.10	23.60
Sorghum Grain	Cwt	3.75	9.04	5.05	5.54
Soybeans	Bu	5.61	11.40	9.55	9.13
Sunflower, All	Cwt	9.50	25.90	23.00	21.50
Wheat, All	Bu	2.96	10.50	5.79	5.85
Winter	Bu	2.93	9.96	5.26	5.27
Durum	Bu	2.86	15.40	7.53	7.05
Other Spring	Bu	3.11	10.90	6.62	6.51
Hard Red Winter	Bu		9.93	5.39	
Soft Red Winter	Bu		9.70	4.61	
Hard Red Spring	Bu		10.90	6.74	
White	Bu	3.24	10.20	5.26	
<b>Fruit</b>					
<b>Citrus, Equiv on-tree</b>					
Grapefruit	Box	5.77	2.70	3.79	3.33
Lemons	Box	10.10	23.67	4.03	1.97
Oranges	Box	5.79	6.20	5.43	5.06
Tangelos	Box	5.82	( <sup>6</sup> )	-0.61	( <sup>6</sup> )
Tangerines and Mandarins	Box	15.11	11.70	18.98	15.10
<b>Noncitrus, Fresh</b>					
Apples <sup>4</sup>	Lb	0.212	0.344	0.242	0.221
Grapes <sup>4</sup>	Ton	506.00	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )
Peaches <sup>4</sup>	Ton	432.00	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )
Pears <sup>4</sup>	Ton	370.00	537.00	450.00	442.00
Strawberries	Cwt	56.00	95.30	128.00	108.00

<sup>1</sup> Marketing year August - February.

<sup>2</sup> Mid-month price.

<sup>3</sup> Published estimates began in August 2008.

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

<sup>5</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

<sup>6</sup> Insufficient sales to establish a price.



**Prices Received, United States,  
March 2009, with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
<b>Vegetables, Fresh <sup>1</sup></b>					
Asparagus	Cwt	79.80	107.00	78.10	96.60
Broccoli	Cwt	22.50	30.80	29.50	27.80
<b>Cantaloups <sup>2</sup></b>					
Carrots	Cwt	13.20	25.90	25.20	25.20
Cauliflower	Cwt	26.80	41.70	30.20	39.30
Celery	Cwt	11.60	13.40	29.70	16.60
Corn, Sweet	Cwt	15.70	28.60	46.40	60.30
<b>Cucumbers <sup>2</sup></b>					
Lettuce	Cwt	11.90	14.70	17.20	18.90
Onions	Cwt	12.80	2.53	6.80	5.18
Snap Beans <sup>2</sup>	Cwt		37.70	86.20	107.00
Tomatoes	Cwt	32.30	66.10	32.70	38.10
<b>Livestock</b>					
<b>Calves</b>					
Calves	Cwt	94.30	118.00	105.00	104.00
<b>Cattle, All Beef</b>					
Cows <sup>3</sup>	Cwt	72.90	87.80	78.80	78.50
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	49.60	51.50	43.90	44.00
Milk Cows <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	77.10	92.90	83.80	83.50
	Head	1130.00			
<b>Hogs, All</b>					
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	47.70	40.30	43.90	44.20
Sows	Cwt	48.40	41.10	43.90	44.30
	Cwt	39.50	22.50	43.40	42.00
<b>Lambs</b>					
Lambs	Cwt	56.20	97.40	100.00	
<b>Sheep</b>					
Sheep	Cwt	23.40	28.70	31.90	
<b>Dairy and Poultry</b>					
<b>Milk, All <sup>5 6</sup></b>					
Fluid Grade <sup>6</sup>	Cwt	13.06	18.10	11.60	11.50
Mfg Grade <sup>6</sup>	Cwt	13.10	18.00	11.60	11.50
	Cwt	11.80	18.30	10.50	10.90
<b>Broilers, Live <sup>7</sup></b>					
Broilers, Live	Lb	0.317	0.460	0.470	0.450
<b>Eggs, All <sup>8</sup></b>					
Eggs, All	Doz	0.643	1.380	0.809	0.816
<b>Market <sup>8 9</sup></b>					
Market	Doz	0.546	1.300	0.639	0.643
<b>Turkeys, live <sup>8 10</sup></b>					
Turkeys, live	Lb	0.380	0.529	0.465	0.467
<b>Adjusted for Seasonal Variation <sup>11</sup></b>					
Eggs, All	Doz	0.545	1.240	0.768	0.734
Milk, All <sup>5</sup>	Cwt	9.71	19.10	12.10	12.20

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

<sup>2</sup> Monthly estimates began January 1995.

<sup>3</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

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

<sup>5</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

<sup>6</sup> March 2009 Fat test percent: all milk, 3.70; fluid milk, 3.69; mfg grade, 4.03.

<sup>7</sup> Equivalent live weight price.

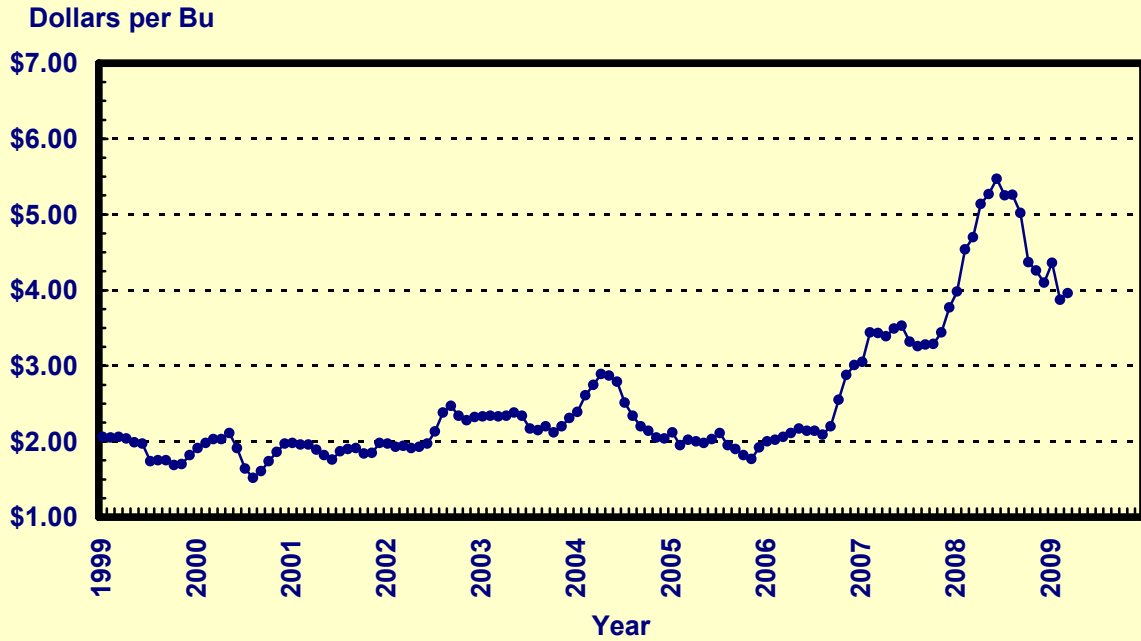
<sup>8</sup> Mid-month price.

<sup>9</sup> Also referred to as table eggs.

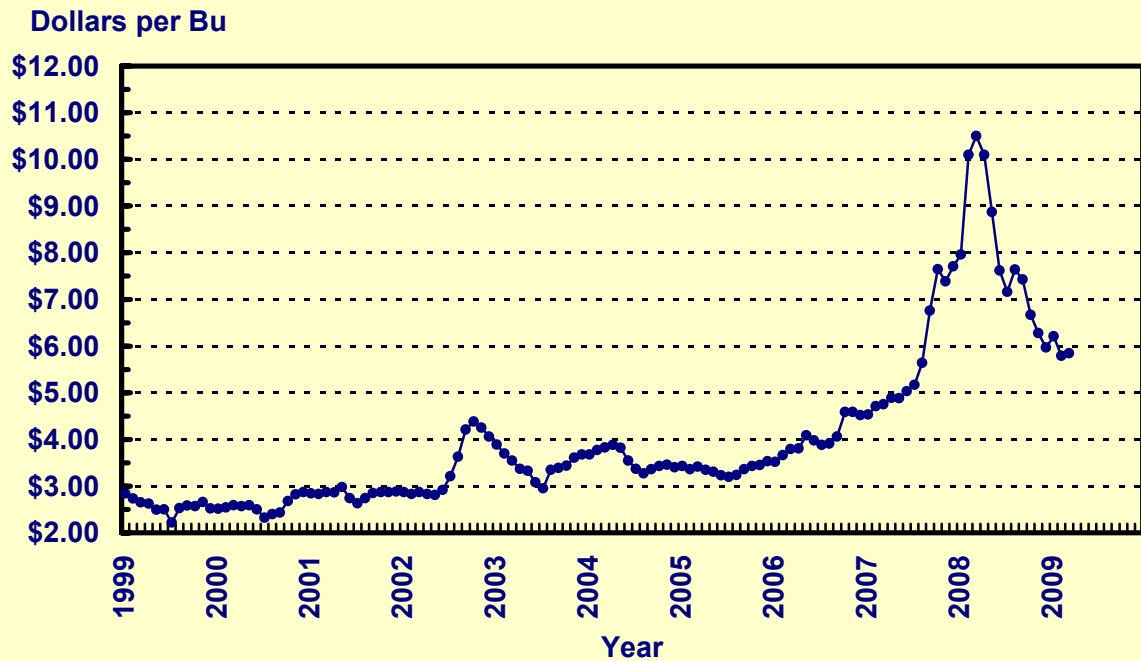
<sup>10</sup> Live weight equivalent price is used when actual live weight price is not available.

<sup>11</sup> Seasonal adjustment factors are: All Eggs March 2008, 111; February 2009, 105; and March 2009, 111. All Milk March 2008, 95; February 2009, 96; and March 2009, 94.

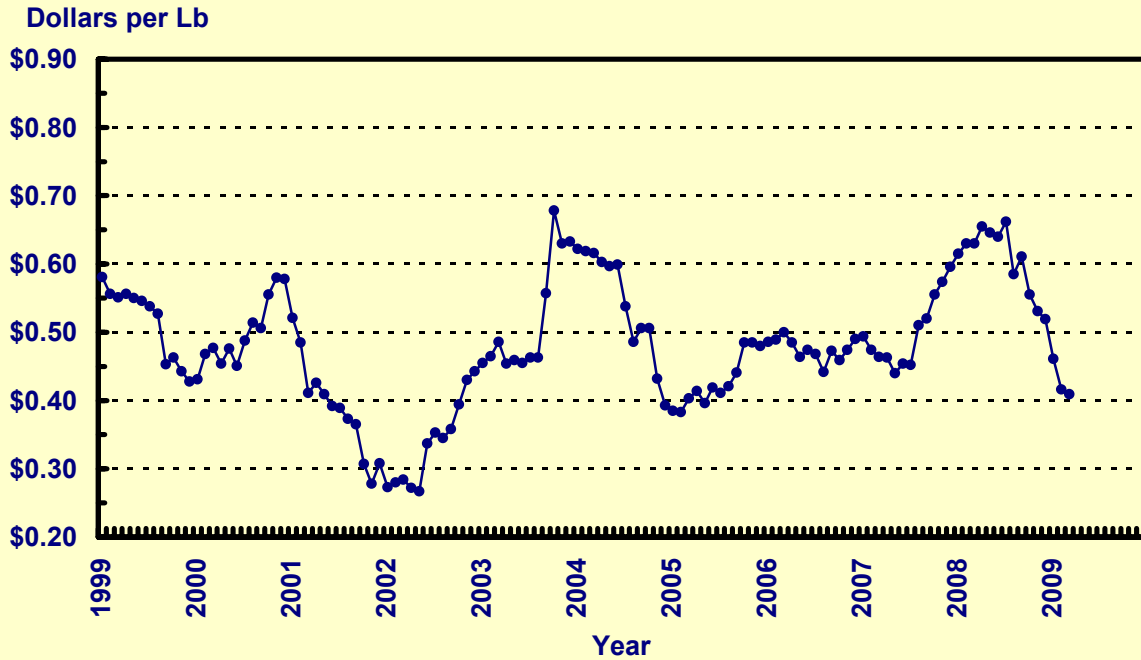
## Prices Received, Corn, US



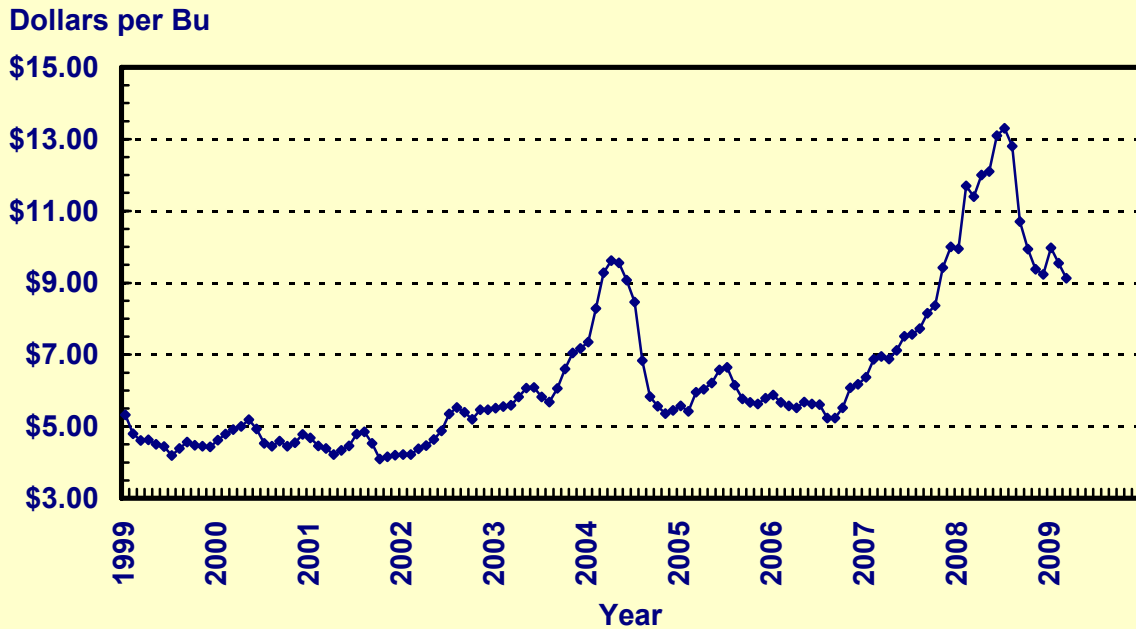
## Prices Received, Wheat, US



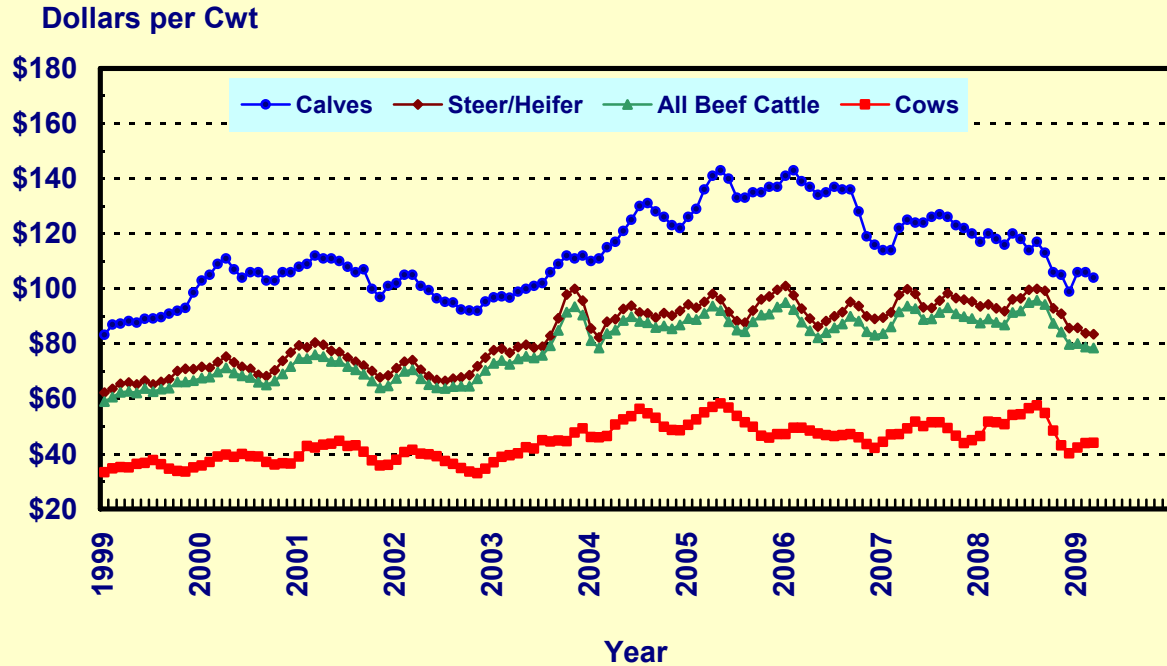
## Prices Received, Cotton, US



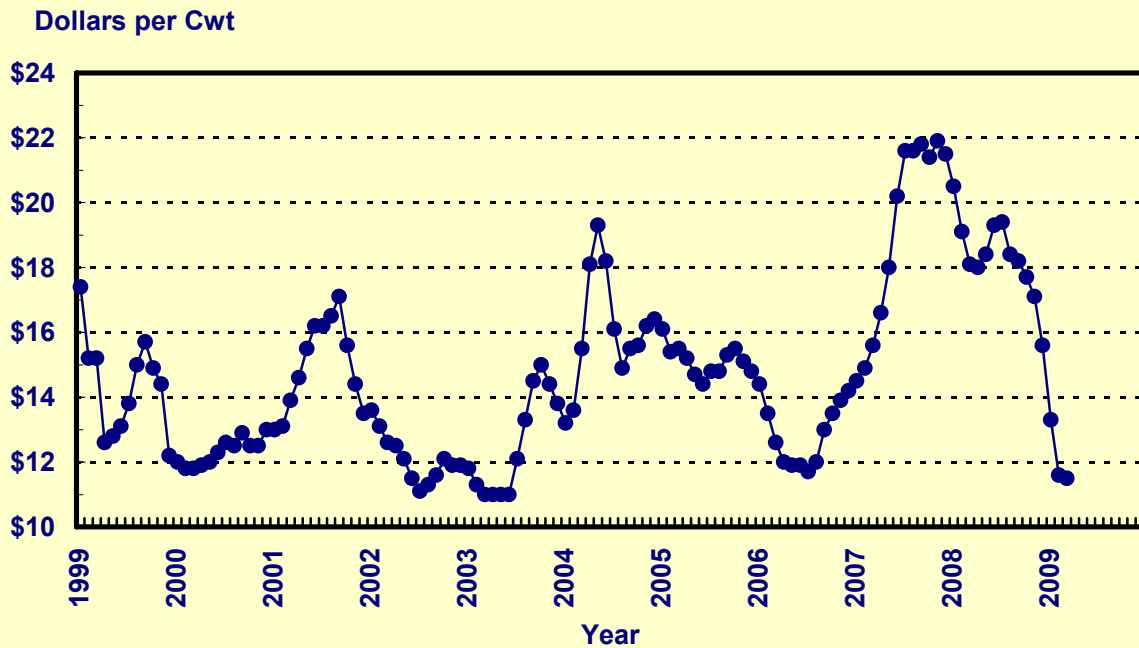
## Prices Received, Soybeans, US



## Prices Received, Cattle, US

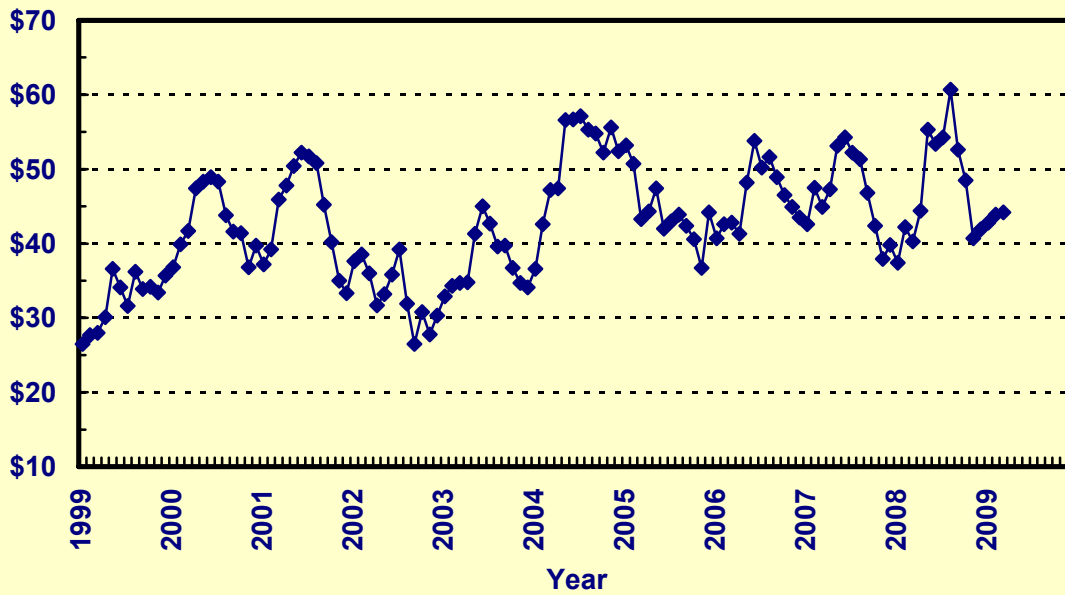


## Prices Received, Milk, US



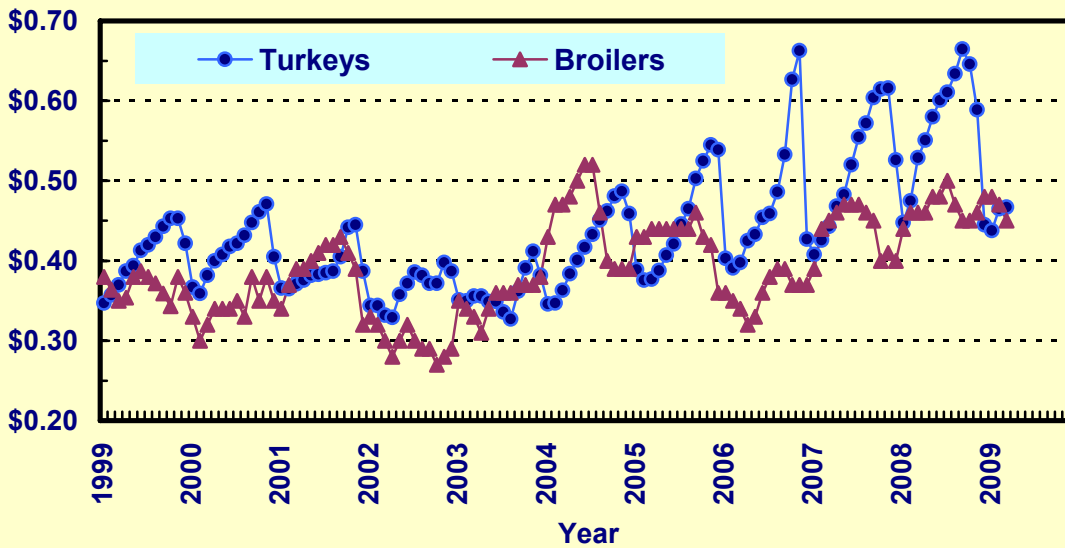
# Prices Received, Hogs, US

Dollars per Cwt



# Prices Received, Turkeys & Broilers, US

Dollars per Lb



**Wheat: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2009**

State	All Wheat		Winter Wheat		Durum Wheat		Oth Spring Wheat	
	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>
	<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	4.56	4.40	4.56	4.40				
CA	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>4</sup> )	( <sup>4</sup> )		
CO	6.49	5.13	5.45	5.23			( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )
ID	5.45	5.61	5.26	5.30	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	5.72	6.40
IL	4.82	5.00	4.82	5.00				
IN	5.23	5.00	5.23	5.00				
KS	5.17	5.25	5.17	5.25				
MI	4.36	4.50	4.36	4.50				
MN	6.22	6.20	5.04	5.00			6.42	6.40
MO	4.15	4.30	4.15	4.30				
MT	6.62	6.19	5.90	5.50	9.12	7.86	7.19	6.84
NE	5.08	5.30	5.08	5.30				
ND	6.50	6.51	5.03	5.20	6.92	6.70	6.52	6.55
OH	4.29	4.39	4.29	4.39				
OK	5.01	5.05	5.01	5.05				
OR	5.64	5.37	5.47	5.20			6.48	6.10
SD	6.10	5.85	5.68	5.41			6.60	6.39
TX	5.22	5.72	5.22	5.72				
WA	5.54	5.23	5.42	5.13			6.22	5.77
US	5.79	5.85	5.26	5.27	7.53	7.05	6.62	6.51

<sup>1</sup> Entire month.

<sup>2</sup> Mid-month.

<sup>3</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

<sup>4</sup> Insufficient sales to establish a price.

**Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities, by Month,  
United States, 2008 and 2009<sup>1</sup>**

Month	All Wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef Cattle <sup>2</sup>		All Hogs	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<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	7.96	6.21	3.98	4.36	9.95	9.97	87.50	80.10	37.40	42.80
Feb	10.10	5.79	4.54	3.87	11.70	9.55	89.00	78.80	42.20	43.90
Mar	10.50	5.85	4.70	3.96	11.40	9.13	87.80	78.50	40.30	44.20
Apr	10.10		5.14		12.00		86.80		44.40	
May	8.87		5.27		12.10		91.30		55.30	
Jun	7.62		5.47		13.10		91.90		53.40	
Jul	7.16		5.25		13.30		95.00		54.30	
Aug	7.64		5.26		12.80		95.80		60.70	
Sep	7.43		5.02		10.70		94.20		52.60	
Oct	6.67		4.37		9.94		87.40		48.50	
Nov	6.28		4.26		9.38		84.30		40.70	
Dec	5.97		4.10		9.24		79.70		41.90	

<sup>1</sup> Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month.

<sup>2</sup> Cows, steers and heifers.

**Grains: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2009**

State	All Barley		Corn		Oats		Soybeans		Sorghum Grain	
	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>
	<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							9.62	9.40	4.90	5.25
AR										
CA	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>4</sup> )			( <sup>4</sup> )	( <sup>4</sup> )				
CO	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	3.97	4.00						
ID	4.58	4.94								
IL			3.75	3.90	( <sup>4</sup> )	( <sup>4</sup> )	9.62	9.40	5.71	6.00
IN			4.06	4.10			9.88	9.20		
IA			3.97	4.00	2.78	2.80	9.48	9.10		
KS			3.55	3.63	2.67	2.21	9.26	8.65	4.94	5.45
KY			4.37	4.40			10.20	9.50		
LA							9.44	8.78		
MI			3.67	3.80	3.54	3.00	9.63	9.10		
MN	( <sup>3</sup> )	4.78	3.69	3.85	1.88	2.00	9.33	8.65		
MS							9.55	8.77		
MO			3.99	4.10			9.50	9.40	5.45	5.90
MT	5.56	4.99			( <sup>4</sup> )	( <sup>4</sup> )				
NE			3.96	4.00	2.52	2.50	9.27	8.75	4.93	5.50
NY					( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )				
NC			4.33	4.26			9.48	8.90		
ND	5.26	4.81	3.55	3.60	1.83	( <sup>3</sup> )	9.18	8.50		
OH			4.15	4.25	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>4</sup> )	9.96	9.63		
OK									4.97	5.45
OR	2.75	2.70			( <sup>4</sup> )	( <sup>4</sup> )				
PA			4.36	4.19	2.65	2.60				
SD	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	3.67	3.70	2.13	1.74	9.37	8.70		
TN			3.87	4.15			9.63	9.50		
TX			4.11	4.20	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>4</sup> )			5.32	5.67
UT	3.63	3.28								
WA	2.43	2.43								
WI			3.73	3.80	2.68	2.50	8.98	8.80		
WY	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )								
US	4.94	4.82	3.87	3.96	2.76	2.11	9.55	9.13	5.05	5.54

<sup>1</sup> Entire month.

<sup>2</sup> Mid-month.

<sup>3</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

<sup>4</sup> Insufficient sales to establish a price.

**Malting and Feed Barley: Prices Received Selected State, February and March 2009**

State	Malting Barley		Feed Barley	
	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>
	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>
ID	4.95	5.25	2.44	2.70
MN	( <sup>3</sup> )	4.90	2.48	2.50
MT	5.93	5.20	2.72	3.27
ND	5.55	5.00	3.11	3.11
SD	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>4</sup> )	( <sup>4</sup> )
WY	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Entire month.

<sup>2</sup> Mid-month.

<sup>3</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

<sup>4</sup> Insufficient sales to establish a price.

**Field Crops: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2009**

State	Dry Edible Beans		All Sunflower		Canola		Flaxseed		Peanuts <sup>4</sup>	
	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>3</sup>
	<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									0.243	0.246
CA	58.50	( <sup>5</sup> )								
CO	32.00	29.50								
FL									( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
GA									0.240	0.245
ID	39.70	40.60								
KS			20.90	19.10						
MI	31.30	33.00								
MN	37.40	( <sup>6</sup> )	29.90	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )				
NE	29.40	28.30								
NC									0.298	0.300
ND	26.20	25.40	23.30	22.40	15.60	14.10	9.92	8.70		
SD			20.20	18.70			( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )		
TX									0.269	( <sup>5</sup> )
VA									( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
US	30.10	28.80	23.00	21.50	15.60	14.10	9.92	8.70	0.253	0.256

<sup>1</sup> Entire month.

<sup>2</sup> Mid-month.

<sup>3</sup> Based on sales through first half of month.

<sup>4</sup> In-Shell.

<sup>5</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

<sup>6</sup> Insufficient sales to establish a price.



**Field Crops and Apples: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2009**

State	Cotton, Upland		March				Apples Fresh Use <sup>2 4</sup>
	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Cotton- seed <sup>5</sup>	Hay, Baled <sup>3</sup>			
				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	0.411	0.461					
AZ	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )		170.00	170.00	173.00	
AR	0.447	0.514					
CA	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )		143.00	144.00	137.00	
CO				161.00	165.00	125.00	
GA	0.456	0.516					
ID				160.00	168.00	110.00	
IL				131.00	138.00	100.00	
IA				116.00	122.00	84.00	
KS				113.00	122.00	77.00	
KY				126.00	170.00	90.00	
LA							
MI	0.491	0.531		148.00	150.00	130.00	0.280
MN				101.00	115.00	75.00	
MS	0.531	0.531					
MO				89.00	155.00	75.00	
MT				123.00	125.00	94.00	
NE				87.00	89.00	74.00	
NV				168.00	169.00	154.00	
NM				191.00	194.00	158.00	
NY				126.00	165.00	110.00	0.259
NC	0.442	0.531					
ND				93.00	100.00	70.00	
OH				142.00	183.00	115.00	0.440
OK				121.00	153.00	79.00	
OR				164.00	153.00	197.00	
PA				140.00	166.00	136.00	0.300
SD				80.00	81.00	66.00	
TN	0.434	0.399					
TX	0.385	0.368		115.00	190.00	100.00	
UT				156.00	160.00	135.00	
VA							0.320
WA				185.00	180.00	200.00	0.212
WI				84.00	85.00	65.00	
WY				112.00	114.00	108.00	
US	0.416	0.409		129.00	137.00	109.00	0.221

<sup>1</sup> Entire month.

<sup>2</sup> Based on sales during the first half of the month.

<sup>3</sup> Mid-month.

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

<sup>5</sup> Marketing year August - February.

<sup>6</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

<sup>7</sup> Insufficient sales to establish a price.

**Upland Cotton and Rice: Prices Received and Marketings,  
United States, March 2009, with Comparisons**

Item	Unit	Mar 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Feb 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Mar 2009 <sup>2</sup>
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollars per Pound	0.630	0.416	0.409
Marketings <sup>3</sup>	1,000 Bales	496	739	NA
Rice, All				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt	13.60	15.60	15.50
Marketings <sup>4</sup>	1,000 Cwt	14,581	13,395	NA
Rice, Long <sup>5</sup>				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt		14.20	13.60
Marketings <sup>4</sup>	1,000 Cwt		11,358	NA
Rice, Medium & Short <sup>5</sup>				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt		23.10	23.60
Marketings <sup>4</sup>	1,000 Cwt		2,037	NA

<sup>1</sup> Entire month.

<sup>2</sup> Based on purchases for the first half of the month.

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

<sup>4</sup> Purchases by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped by cooperatives.

<sup>5</sup> Published estimates began in August 2008.

**Citrus Fruit: Prices and Equivalent Returns, by Utilization,  
by State and United States, March 2009**

Commodity, State and Type	F.O.B. Packed Fresh	Equivalent Returns <sup>1</sup>					
		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	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
FL	18.70	5.63	9.84	3.21	2.96	7.50	0.36
White	18.70	3.95	9.80	2.80	1.40	7.50	0.20
Colored	18.70	6.28	9.85	3.45	3.56	7.50	0.45
TX	21.00	5.90	9.97	1.60	4.65	8.69	0.37
US	19.00	5.71	9.45	2.90	3.33	7.28	0.34
Lemons							
AZ	22.00	1.14	11.52	-0.46	-4.50	5.88	-6.10
CA	( <sup>2</sup> )	8.06	( <sup>2</sup> )	-0.46	2.42	( <sup>2</sup> )	-6.10
US	24.90	7.61	14.37	-0.46	1.97	8.73	-6.10
Oranges							
CA	23.10	13.14	14.88	1.76	10.54	12.28	-0.84
Navel and Misc	23.50	13.29	15.27	1.44	10.69	12.67	-1.16
Valencia	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
FL	16.00	5.95	6.75	5.92	3.27	3.81	3.25
Early and Mids	16.00	7.88	6.75	7.90	5.27	3.85	5.30
Valencia	16.00	5.09	6.75	5.00	2.38	3.80	2.30
TX							
Early and Mids	17.40	6.18	6.26	2.40	4.69	4.77	0.95
US	22.20	7.72	13.72	5.74	5.06	11.09	3.07
Tangerines and Mandarins							
AZ	( <sup>2</sup> )	9.67	( <sup>2</sup> )	0.22	6.30	( <sup>2</sup> )	-3.15
CA	( <sup>2</sup> )	19.75	( <sup>2</sup> )	0.22	16.38	( <sup>2</sup> )	-3.15
FL	28.00	13.38	16.75	1.85	9.32	12.65	-2.05
US	32.80	18.59	22.91	0.55	15.10	19.42	-2.93

<sup>1</sup> 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 Mandarins- AZ & CA-75, FL-95.

<sup>2</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

**Potatoes: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2009 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Feb	Mar <sup>2</sup>	State	Feb	Mar <sup>2</sup>
	<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 <sup>3</sup>	9.10	8.95
CA - All <sup>3</sup>	16.50	11.30	- Fresh <sup>4</sup>	13.90	NA
- Winter	24.30	16.60	- Processing	7.20	NA
- Spring			OR	9.20	9.60
- Summer			TX		
- Fall	8.60	8.60	VA		
CO - All <sup>3</sup>	10.50	9.80	WA - All <sup>3</sup>	8.70	8.35
- Fresh <sup>4</sup>	12.10	NA	- Processing	6.55	NA
FL	22.10	22.80	WI - All <sup>3</sup>	11.20	11.70
ID - All <sup>3</sup>	6.75	7.90	- Fresh <sup>4</sup>	13.50	NA
- Fresh <sup>4</sup>	7.70	NA	- Processing	9.25	NA
- Processing	6.20	NA	US - All <sup>3</sup>	8.87	9.07
ME	10.30	10.40	- Fresh <sup>4</sup>	12.36	NA
MI	10.20	9.80	- Processing	6.84	NA
MN	6.95	7.05			
NY	13.70	13.90			

<sup>1</sup> Missing data indicate no potatoes being marketed.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary price reflecting prices received for the entire month.

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

<sup>4</sup> Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices.

**Cattle: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2009**

State	Cows <sup>1</sup>		Steers & Heifers		Beef Cattle <sup>4</sup>		Calves	
	Feb <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>3</sup>	Feb <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>3</sup>	Feb <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>3</sup>	Feb <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>3</sup>
	<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	43.00	42.00	83.00	83.00	63.80	63.30	101.00	99.00
AR	42.50	40.50	88.00	88.50	74.40	74.10	97.00	96.50
CA	39.10	39.50	83.80	83.60	63.20	63.30	103.00	103.00
CO	45.50	45.70	89.50	89.00	88.60	88.10	105.00	105.00
FL	46.60	43.60	78.00	81.00	63.40	65.80	91.30	93.00
GA	47.90	46.20	78.20	79.30	60.00	58.80	91.90	91.30
ID	40.80	39.00	83.30	80.90	74.00	70.80	98.00	93.00
IL	44.10	45.00	83.00	83.90	82.20	83.10	94.00	97.00
IA	46.50	47.00	84.00	83.50	83.30	82.80	101.00	101.00
KS	45.70	46.30	83.40	82.70	82.30	81.60	114.00	113.00
KY	44.00	43.00	83.00	82.00	73.60	72.60	94.00	94.00
LA	44.10	43.50	79.70	82.00	54.10	54.30	93.00	91.00
MI	45.00	45.00	78.00	78.00	68.10	68.10	88.00	88.00
MN	46.60	47.60	79.90	79.20	71.50	71.20	107.00	106.00
MO	42.00	41.50	91.90	90.70	74.90	79.90	105.00	104.00
MT	41.40	42.60	92.70	94.00	79.90	77.00	108.00	107.00
NE	48.30	48.70	84.10	84.60	83.00	83.50	112.00	111.00
NM	46.90	46.00	87.00	86.50	71.00	71.90	106.00	107.00
ND	45.00	45.00	91.00	89.00	85.00	82.80	103.00	102.00
OH	41.70	42.00	81.10	81.10	77.20	77.20	91.20	91.20
OK	44.90	41.90	92.70	90.30	88.30	85.90	105.00	103.00
OR	41.00	44.00	82.00	82.00	73.80	74.40	99.00	102.00
PA	47.50	45.00	79.80	78.80	71.40	70.00	97.00	96.00
SD	44.40	45.80	92.20	91.70	86.90	87.10	110.00	105.00
TN	43.00	41.00	84.00	83.00	67.60	66.20	93.00	92.00
TX	41.10	40.80	83.40	82.60	79.60	78.40	99.10	99.60
VA	42.00	41.00	82.00	80.00	67.20	69.50	94.00	93.00
WI	42.00	43.70	74.10	74.60	55.50	56.70	131.00	129.00
WY	41.50	44.00	94.00	94.00	84.60	86.00	114.00	109.00
US	43.90	44.00	83.80	83.50	78.80	78.50	105.00	104.00

<sup>1</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> Entire month.

<sup>3</sup> Mid-month.

<sup>4</sup> "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

**Hogs: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2009**

State	Sows		Barrows and Gilts		All Hogs	
	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>
	<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	46.00	44.00	40.50	41.50	41.10	41.80
IL	39.90	38.80	47.80	48.50	47.20	47.70
IN	48.10	46.40	46.60	47.20	46.70	47.10
IA	41.20	39.00	44.50	45.00	44.40	44.90
KS	46.20	44.70	38.30	38.40	39.30	39.20
MN	44.70	42.60	44.70	44.50	44.70	44.50
MO	42.70	41.00	38.20	39.20	38.60	39.30
NE	47.00	44.90	44.70	44.50	44.70	44.50
NC	49.00	47.60	43.20	43.30	43.30	43.30
OH	42.50	41.80	41.70	42.20	41.70	42.20
OK	40.80	39.50	36.70	37.30	37.40	37.70
PA	47.80	47.10	43.90	44.10	44.50	44.60
SD	41.10	39.40	44.60	45.40	44.30	44.80
US	43.40	42.00	43.90	44.30	43.90	44.20

<sup>1</sup> Entire month.

<sup>2</sup> Mid-month.

**Sheep and Poultry: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2009**

State	February		March
	Sheep <sup>1</sup>	Lambs <sup>1</sup>	Market Eggs <sup>2 3</sup>
	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Dozen</i>
AL			0.650
AR			0.650
CA	33.00	93.00	0.730
CO	34.00	100.00	
CT			0.610
FL			0.630
GA			0.674
ID	29.00	95.00	
IN			0.640
IA	27.00	95.50	0.600
KY	44.00	104.00	
ME			0.830
MI			0.640
MN	32.90	100.00	0.700
MS			0.600
MO	39.30	105.00	0.610
MT	27.70	112.00	
NE	29.50	96.80	
NY			0.622
NC			0.630
ND	26.00	102.00	
OH	36.00	99.90	0.640
OR	44.00	96.00	
PA	50.10	115.00	0.610
SC			0.610
SD	24.20	110.00	
TX	29.90	117.00	0.650
VA	40.00	111.00	
WA			0.763
WV	41.00	114.00	
WY	32.40	101.00	
US	31.90	100.00	0.643

<sup>1</sup> Entire month.

<sup>2</sup> Mid-month.

<sup>3</sup> Also referred to as table eggs.

**Milk and Milk Cows: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2009<sup>1</sup>**

State	February <sup>2</sup>						March		
	Fluid Grade Milk <sup>3</sup>		Manufacturing Grade Milk <sup>4</sup>		All Milk <sup>5</sup>		All Milk <sup>5 6</sup>		Milk Cows <sup>7</sup>
	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	10.80	3.53			10.80	3.53	10.70	3.51	
CA	10.50	3.73	10.50	4.21	10.50	3.74	10.70	3.69	
CO	11.80	3.52			11.80	3.52	11.10	3.50	
FL	16.30	3.62			16.30	3.62	14.50	3.58	
ID	10.50	3.66			10.50	3.66	11.00	3.63	
IL	12.50	3.80	11.40	3.90	12.50	3.80	12.00	3.78	
IN	12.30	3.74			12.30	3.74	11.50	3.70	
IA	12.10	3.71	10.00	3.87	12.10	3.71	11.50	3.67	
KS	13.00	3.70			13.00	3.70	12.40	3.68	
MI	12.30	3.71			12.30	3.71	12.00	3.68	
MN	12.10	3.76	10.20	3.86	12.10	3.76	12.40	3.74	
MO	12.50	3.68	9.50	3.85	12.40	3.69	11.40	3.68	
NM	11.00	3.58			11.00	3.58	10.70	3.56	
NY	12.20	3.80			12.20	3.80	11.20	3.78	
OH	13.20	3.88	11.00	4.02	13.10	3.89	12.00	3.83	
OR	12.30	3.74			12.30	3.74	11.90	3.70	
PA	13.50	3.80			13.50	3.80	12.70	3.80	
TX	12.20	3.75			12.20	3.75	12.10	3.67	
UT	10.80	3.71			10.80	3.71	10.50	3.67	
VT	12.60	3.81			12.60	3.81	11.70	3.81	
VA	14.50	3.74			14.50	3.74	13.30	3.70	
WA	10.70	3.74			10.70	3.74	10.70	3.70	
WI	11.50	3.75	10.60	3.92	11.50	3.76	12.30	3.75	
US	11.60	3.73	10.50	4.07	11.60	3.73	11.50	3.70	

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in March 2009 Utah was added and Kentucky removed from the monthly price program.

<sup>2</sup> Entire month.

<sup>3</sup> Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

<sup>4</sup> IN no longer published due to insufficient manufacturing grade milk volume.

<sup>5</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

<sup>6</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>7</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

**Parity Price Equivalent for Manufacturing Grade Milk<sup>1</sup>: United States,  
February and March 2009, with Comparisons**

Item	Unit	Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
Parity Equivalent	Dollars per Cwt	42.10	41.00	41.20
Average Price F.O.B	Dollars per Cwt	18.30	10.50	10.90
Average Fat Test of Milk	Percent	4.08	4.07	4.03

<sup>1</sup> The parity price equivalent during 2009 is 93.2 percent of the parity price of all milk sold to plants, compared with 92.4 percent in 2008. For additional details, see January 2009 issue of "Agricultural Prices".

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

Commodity and Unit	Adjusted Base Price	Parity Price			Price as Percent of Parity		
		Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Basic Commodities</b>							
All Wheat, Bu	0.578	12.50	13.30	13.40	84	44	44
Rice, Cwt	1.54	30.20	35.50	35.70	45	44	43
Corn, Bu	0.357	7.89	8.22	8.27	60	47	48
Cotton, Lb							
American Upland	0.078	2.15	1.80	1.81	29	23	23
Extra Long Staple	0.134	3.21	3.08	3.10	31	37	36
Peanuts, Lb	0.033	0.819	0.760	0.764	25	33	34
Small Chickpeas, Cwt <sup>5</sup>							
Large Chickpeas, Cwt <sup>5</sup>							
Lentils, Cwt <sup>5</sup>							
<b>Designated Nonbasic</b>							
All Milk, Sold to Plants, Per Cwt <sup>2</sup>	1.91	45.60	44.00	44.20	42	28	28
Honey, Extracted, Lb <sup>3</sup>	0.121	2.86	2.79	2.80	36	37	37
<b>Wool and Mohair</b>							
Wool, Lb	0.082	1.87	1.89	1.90	47	47	46
Mohair, Lb	0.364	8.69	8.38	8.43	43	39	39
<b>Other Nonbasic</b>							
Barley, Bu	0.390	8.61	8.98	9.03	49	55	53
Canola, Cwt	1.570	35.80	36.10	36.40	74	43	39
Cottonseed, Ton	14.30	337.00	329.00	331.00	52	65	64
Dry Edible Beans, Cwt	2.79	63.40	64.20	64.60	51	47	45
Flaxseed, Bu	0.946	21.10	21.80	21.90	83	46	40
Mustard Seed, Cwt	2.41	46.80	55.50	55.80			
Oats, Bu	0.236	5.13	5.43	5.47	67	51	39
Potatoes, Cwt	0.819	19.40	18.90	19.00	43	47	48
Rapeseed, Cwt	1.86	40.50	42.80	43.10			
Rye, Bu	0.454	9.83	10.50	10.50			
Safflower, Cwt	1.95	44.00	44.90	45.20			
Sorghum Grain, Cwt	0.639	14.10	14.70	14.80	64	34	37
Soybeans, Bu	0.868	19.50	20.00	20.10	58	48	45
All Sunflower, Cwt	1.78	39.30	41.00	41.20	66	56	52
Sweetpotatoes, Cwt	2.30	54.80	52.90	53.30			
Apples, Fresh, Lb <sup>4</sup>	0.033	0.749	0.760	0.764	46	32	29
Citrus (equiv on-tree), Box							
Grapefruit	0.644	14.80	14.80	14.90	18	26	22
Lemons	1.42	28.60	32.70	32.90	83	12	6
Oranges	0.661	15.20	15.20	15.30	41	36	33
Tangerines	1.41	32.10	32.50	32.70	36	58	46
Beef Cattle, Cwt	10.20	239.00	235.00	236.00	37	34	33
Calves, Cwt	14.60	346.00	336.00	338.00	34	31	31
Hogs, Cwt	5.57	131.00	128.00	129.00	31	34	34
Lambs, Cwt	11.50	272.00	265.00	266.00	36	38	
Sheep, Cwt	4.44	109.00	102.00	103.00	26	31	
Eggs, Doz <sup>2</sup>	0.091	2.08	2.09	2.11	60	37	35
Turkeys, Live, Lb	0.056	1.310	1.290	1.300	40	36	36

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

<sup>5</sup> Not available.



**Parity Prices for Farm Products, March 2009, United States <sup>1</sup>**

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	0.284	6.58	Papayas (HI)	0.047	1.090
Spearmint Oil, Lb	1.35	31.30	Peaches		
Tobacco, Lb			Fresh, Ton <sup>2</sup>	82.20	1,900.00
Flue-Cured, 11-14	0.222	5.14	Dried, CA, Ton	70.10	1,620.00
Fire-Cured, 21-23	0.303	7.02	Processing <sup>3</sup>		
Burley, 31	0.236	5.47	Excl Dried		
Maryland, 32	0.188	4.35	Clingstone, CA, Ton	34.10	790.00
Dark Air-Cured, 35-37	0.271	6.28	Pears, Ton		
PA Seedleaf, 41	0.194	4.49	Fresh <sup>2</sup>	55.60	1,290.00
Cigar Binder, 51	0.699	16.20	Dried, CA <sup>4</sup>	169.00	3,910.00
Noncitrus Fruit			Plums, CA, Ton		
Apples, Ton <sup>4</sup>			Fresh, Equiv on-Tree	61.40	1,420.00
Processing	15.90	368.00	Prunes, Dried, CA, Ton <sup>4</sup>	146.00	3,380.00
Apricots, Ton			Prunes and Plums, Excl CA, Ton		
Fresh <sup>5</sup>	105.00	2,430.00	Fresh <sup>7</sup>	61.70	1,430.00
Dried, CA	249.00	5,770.00	Processing <sup>4</sup>		
Avocados, Ton <sup>5</sup>	221.00	5,120.00	Excl Dried	27.60	639.00
Cherries			Tree Nuts <sup>8</sup>		
Sweet, Ton	206.00	4,770.00	Almonds, Lb	0.203	4.70
Tart, Lb	0.037	0.857	Hazelnuts, Ton	166.00	3,840.00
Cranberry, Bbl <sup>3</sup>	4.39	102.00	Pistachio, Lb	0.185	4.28
Dates, CA, Ton <sup>5</sup>	199.00	4,610.00	Walnuts, Ton	174.00	4,030.00
Grapes, Ton			Vegetables, Cwt <sup>9</sup>		
Raisin Variety	112.00	2,590.00	Fresh		
Other Dried	68.10	1,580.00	Carrots <sup>6</sup>	2.50	57.90
Kiwifruit, Ton	95.90	2,220.00	Cauliflower <sup>6</sup>	4.23	98.00
Nectarines			Celery <sup>6</sup>	2.04	47.20
Fresh, CA, Ton <sup>5</sup>	54.50	1,260.00	Honeydew Melons	2.44	56.50
Olives, CA			Lettuce	2.31	53.50
canning, Ton <sup>3</sup>	89.40	2,070.00	Onions <sup>6</sup>	1.54	35.70
			Tomatoes	4.63	107.00

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

<sup>3</sup> Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point.

<sup>4</sup> Equivalent returns at processing plant door.

<sup>5</sup> Equivalent returns at packinghouse door.

<sup>6</sup> Includes some processing.

<sup>7</sup> Based on "as sold" prices for fresh fruit in all states.

<sup>8</sup> Prices in-shell basis except almonds which are shelled basis.

<sup>9</sup> 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 March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW), at 174 (1990-92=100), is unchanged from February 2009 and March 2008.

**PRODUCTION INDEX:** The March index, at 175, is unchanged from last month but down 1.1 percent from last year. Lower prices in March for nitrogen fertilizer, diesel fuel, feeder cattle, and feed concentrates offset higher prices for potash & phosphate, self-propelled machinery, herbicides, and insecticides.

**Feed:** The March index, at 166, is unchanged from February but decreased 9.3 percent from last March. Since February, lower prices for feed concentrates and hay & forages offset slightly higher prices for feed grains, feed supplements, and complete feeds.

**Livestock & Poultry:** The March index, at 117, decreased 0.8 percent from last month and 6.4 percent from last year. Since February, lower prices for feeder cattle more than offset higher prices for feeder pigs. The March feeder cattle price, at \$91.10 per cwt, is down \$1.90 per cwt from the February price. March feeder pigs averaged \$148.00 per cwt, up \$5.00 per cwt from February.

**Fertilizer:** The March index, at 315, is down 2.8 percent from February but unchanged from March a year ago. Since February, lower prices for nitrogen fertilizer and mixed fertilizer more than offset higher prices for potash & phosphate.

**Chemicals:** The March index, at 160, increased 4.6 percent from February and 19 percent from last March. Herbicide, insecticide, and fungicide prices increased.

**Fuels:** The March index, at 187, is down 4.6 percent from a month earlier and 46 percent below March 2008. Compared with last month, prices are lower for diesel fuel and LP gas but higher for gasoline.

**Machinery:** The March index, at 217, increased 1.9 percent from February and 9.0 percent above last March. Since February, prices are higher for self-propelled machinery and other machinery but lower for tractors.

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:** The February 2009 Consumer Price Index, as issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for all urban consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent before seasonal adjustment to a level of 212.193 (1982-84=100). This compares with the January index of 211.143. For the 12-month period ending in February, the overall index increased 0.2 percent.

**Indexes of Prices Paid by Farmers and Related Parity Ratios  
United States, March 2009 with Comparisons<sup>1</sup>**

Indexes and Ratios	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	2008	2009		2008	2009	
	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar	Feb	Mar
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities & Services, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates (PPITW)	2322	2321	2316	174	174	174
Production	1721	1702	1694	177	175	175
Feed	891	811	809	183	166	166
Livestock & Poultry	1595	1509	1492	125	118	117
Seeds	2086	2722	2722	211	275	275
Fertilizer	1155	1186	1156	315	324	315
Chemicals	827	945	989	134	153	160
Fuels	2690	1513	1439	349	196	187
Supplies & Repairs	1071	1115	1113	151	157	157
Autos & Trucks	2940	2874	2907	111	108	109
Machinery	5005	5348	5455	199	213	217
Building Materials	2157	2240	2226	159	165	164
Services & Rent	1753	1817	1815			
Services				144	148	148
Rent				154	160	160
Interest <sup>2</sup>	3542	3862	3862	141	154	154
Taxes <sup>3</sup>	5670	6273	6273	212	234	234
Wage Rates	6985	7062	7062	187	189	189
Production, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates (PITW)	2388	2388	2380	178	178	177
Family Living-CPI <sup>4</sup>	2028	2015	2025	158	157	158
Ratio (Received/Paid) Parity Ratio <sup>5</sup>	40	34	34	84	72	72
Parity Ratio Adjusted <sup>6</sup>	41	36	36			
PPITW Adjusted for Productivity <sup>7</sup>	1448	1448	1448			
Crop Sector (PPITW)				181	186	186
Livestock Sector (PPITW)				168	163	163
Farm Sector (Production)				167	167	166
Non-Farm Sector (Production)				183	180	179

<sup>1</sup> Revised historical price indexes for months not shown are available at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

<sup>2</sup> Interest per acre on farm real estate debt and interest rate on farm non-real estate debt.

<sup>3</sup> Farm real estate taxes payable per acre.

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

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

<sup>6</sup> Based on estimated cash receipts, from marketings and government payments, the preliminary adjustment factor is 1.044 for 2009 and the revised factor is 1.041 for 2008.

<sup>7</sup> PPITW is adjusted based on productivity trend for the prior 15 years.

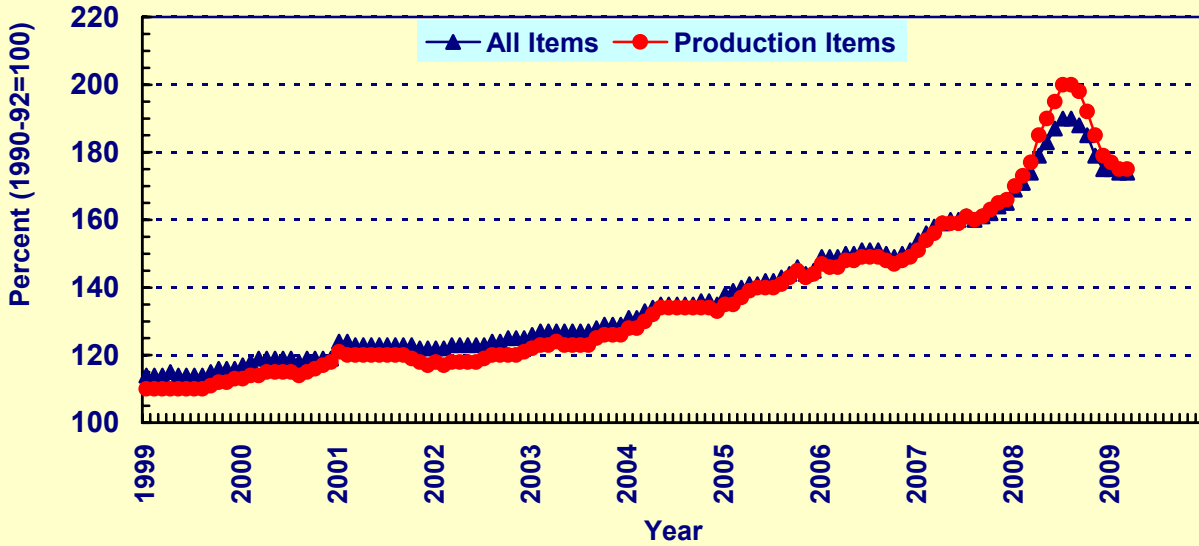
**Prices Paid Indexes and Annual Weights for Input Components and Sub-Components United States, March 2009 with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>**

Index	Relative Weights		Input Indexes		
	5-Year Moving Average <sup>2</sup>		2008	2009	
	2008	2009	Mar	Feb	Mar
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>(1990-92=100)</i>	<i>(1990-92=100)</i>	<i>(1990-92=100)</i>
Production Items	67.9	68.9	177	175	175
Feed	10.9	11.4	183	166	166
Feed Grains	1.6	1.6	206	163	167
Complete Feeds	5.3	5.6	177	159	160
Hay/Forage	1.4	1.4	178	172	169
Concentrates	1.7	1.8	180	187	180
Supplements	0.9	1.0	188	162	163
Livestock & Poultry	8.0	8.2	125	118	117
Feeder Cattle	6.2	6.4	119	110	108
Feeder Pigs	0.6	0.7	122	156	161
Milk Cow Replacements	0.6	0.7	174	145	145
Poultry	0.5	0.5	138	138	138
Seeds	3.8	3.8	211	275	275
Field Crops	3.5	3.5	218	287	287
Grasses/Legumes	0.4	0.4	142	157	157
Fertilizer	4.4	4.7	315	324	315
Mixed Fertilizer	2.0	2.1	322	368	365
Nitrogen	1.9	2.0	310	251	206
Potash & Phosphate	0.6	0.7	311	402	488
Chemicals	3.3	3.3	134	153	160
Herbicides	2.1	2.1	124	142	148
Insecticides	0.8	0.8	154	177	185
Fungicides/Other	0.5	0.5	143	164	172
Fuels	3.3	3.6	349	196	187
Diesel	2.1	2.3	391	222	208
Gasoline	0.8	0.8	267	160	162
LP Gas	0.4	0.4	279	128	121
Supplies & Repairs	4.7	4.6	151	157	157
Supplies	1.6	1.5	144	155	154
Repairs	3.1	3.1	154	158	158
Autos & Trucks	1.7	1.6	111	108	109
Autos	0.2	0.2	109	109	109
Trucks	1.5	1.4	111	108	109
Machinery	4.5	4.4	199	213	217
Tractors	1.0	1.0	174	180	178
Self-Propelled	1.8	1.8	209	223	233
Other Machinery	1.7	1.7	204	222	224
Building Materials	4.5	4.6	159	165	164
Services	12.2	12.2	144	148	148
Custom Rates	1.3	1.3	144	144	144
Other Services	10.9	11.0	144	149	149
Rent	6.6	6.4	154	160	160
Cash	3.5	3.4	197	217	217
Share	3.0	3.0	103	95	95
Interest	3.8	3.7	141	154	154
Taxes	2.9	3.0	212	234	234
Wage Rates	7.8	7.6	187	189	189
Family Living-CPI	17.6	16.9	158	157	158

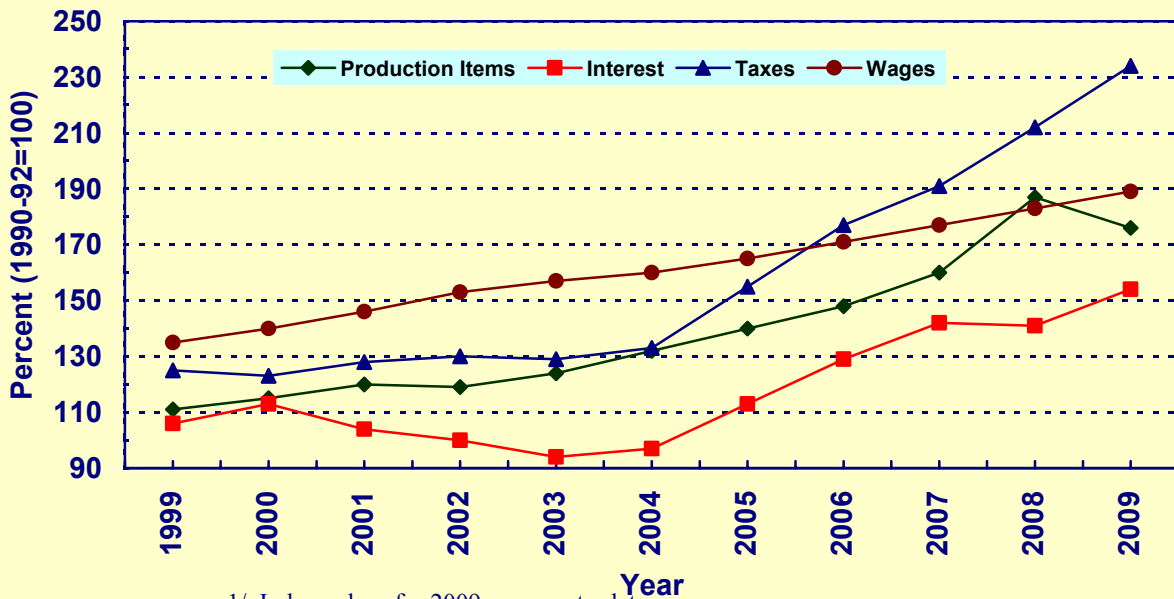
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## Prices Paid by Farmers, Major Indexes US, by Month

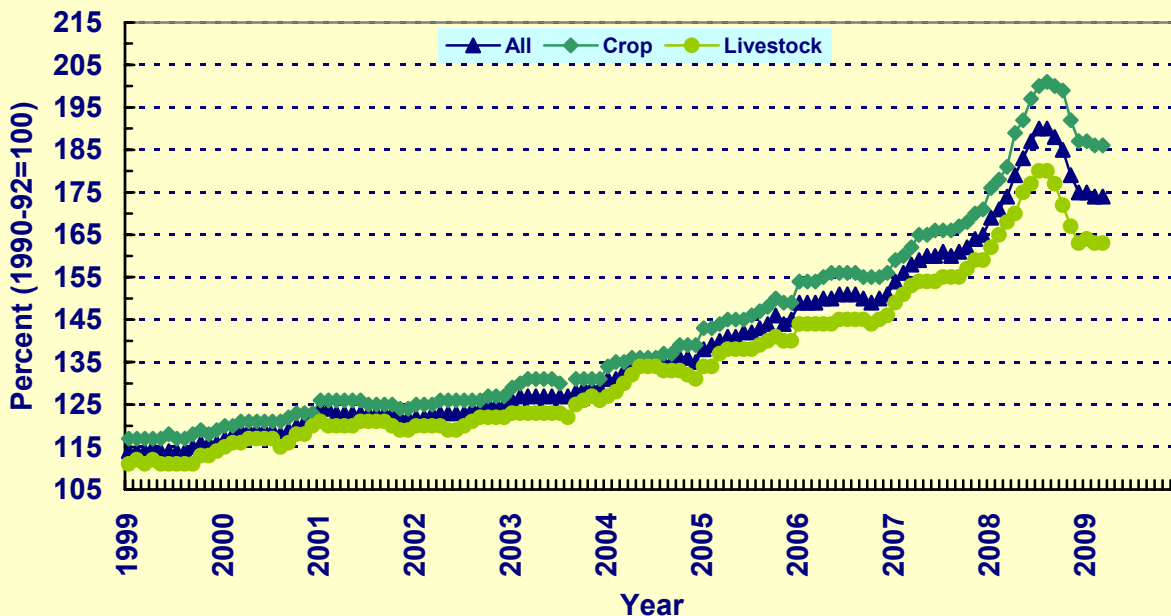


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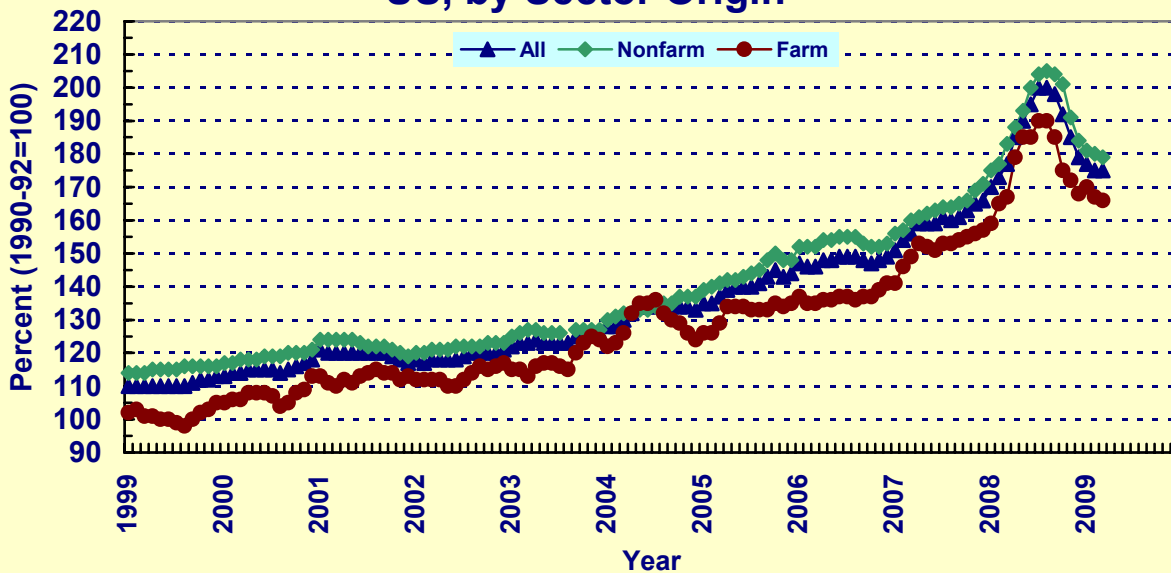


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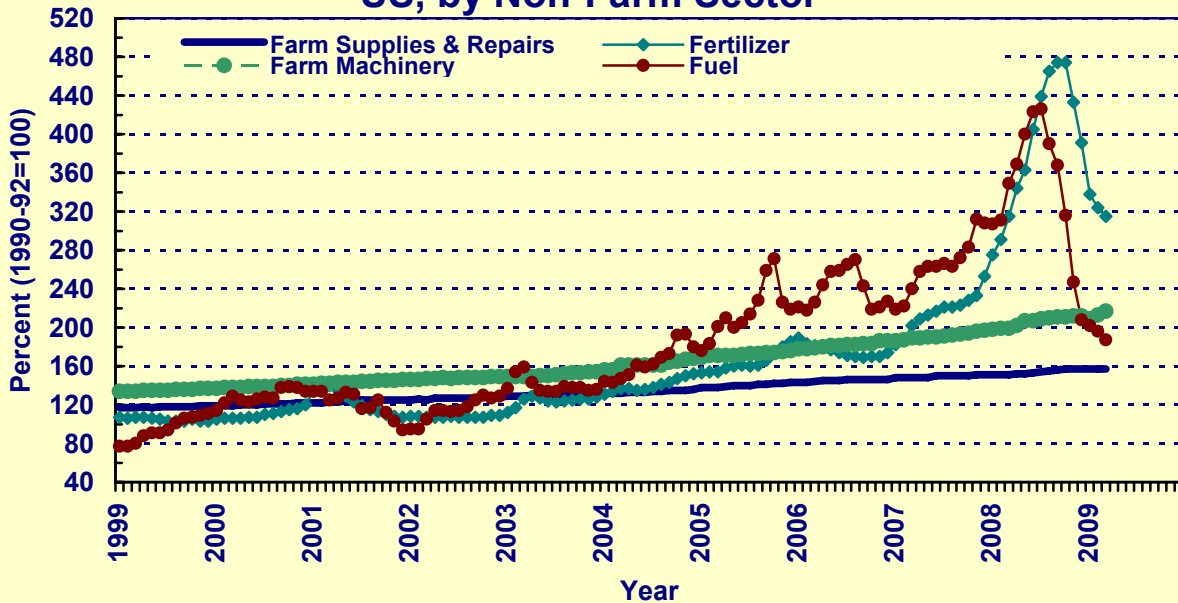
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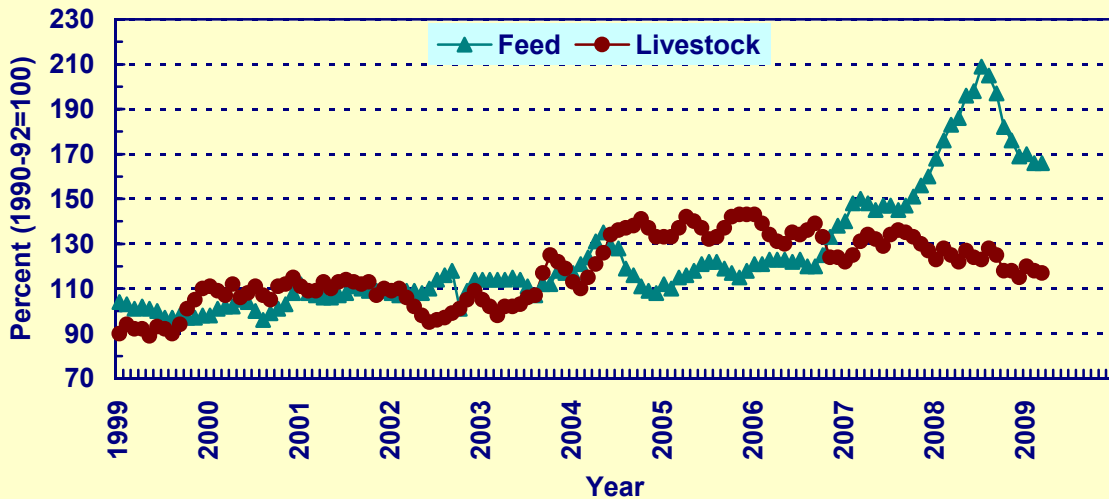
## Prices Paid by Farmers, Indexes, All Production Items US, by Sector Origin



### 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, March 2009 with Comparisons**

Feed Price Ratio <sup>1</sup>	2008	2009	
	Mar	Feb	Mar
Broiler-Feed: Pounds of Broiler Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight <sup>2</sup>	3.6	*4.4	4.3
Market Egg Feed: Pounds of Laying Feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs <sup>3</sup>	11.8	*7.0	7.1
Hog-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight	8.6	*11.3	11.2
Milk-Feed: Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to 1 pound of Whole Milk <sup>4</sup>	2.07	*1.50	1.51
Steer & Heifer-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steer & Heifers, live weight	19.8	*21.7	21.1
Turkey-Feed: Pounds of Turkey Grower equal in value to 1 pound of Turkey, live weight <sup>5</sup>	4.0	*4.6	4.7

\* Revised.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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, March 2009 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Broilers, Live	Lb	0.460	0.470	0.450
Eggs, Market	Doz	1.300	0.639	0.643
Hogs, All	Cwt	40.30	43.90	44.20
Milk, All	Cwt	18.10	11.60	11.50
Steers and Heifers	Cwt	92.90	83.80	83.50
Turkeys, Live	Lb	0.529	0.465	0.467
Corn	Bu	4.70	3.87	3.96
Hay, Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	144.00	143.00	137.00
Soybeans	Bu	11.40	9.55	9.13
Wheat, All	Bu	10.50	5.79	5.85

**Feeder Livestock: Prices Paid, United States  
March 2009 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	2008	2009	
		Mar	Feb	Mar
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Feeders and Stockers				
Cattle and Calves	Cwt	100.70	*93.00	91.10
Feeder Pigs	Cwt	112.00	143.00	148.00

\* Revised.

## 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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