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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 ¹ | 85 | 84 | 72 | 72 |

¹ 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 ¹**

| 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 ² | 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.

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

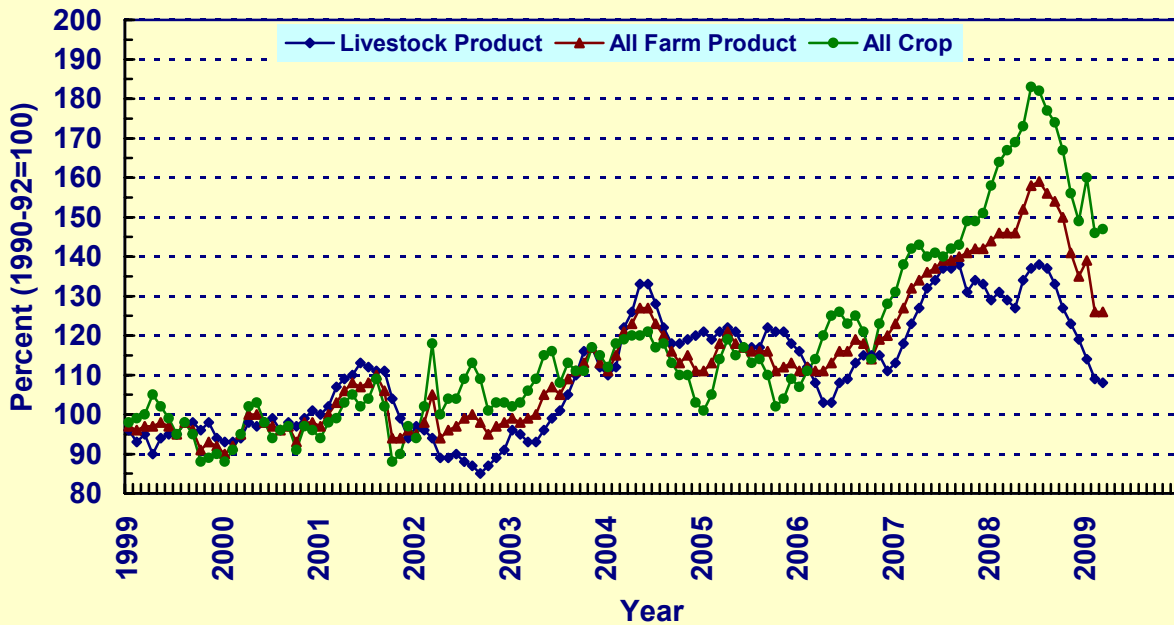
² Monthly prices discontinued July 2005.

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

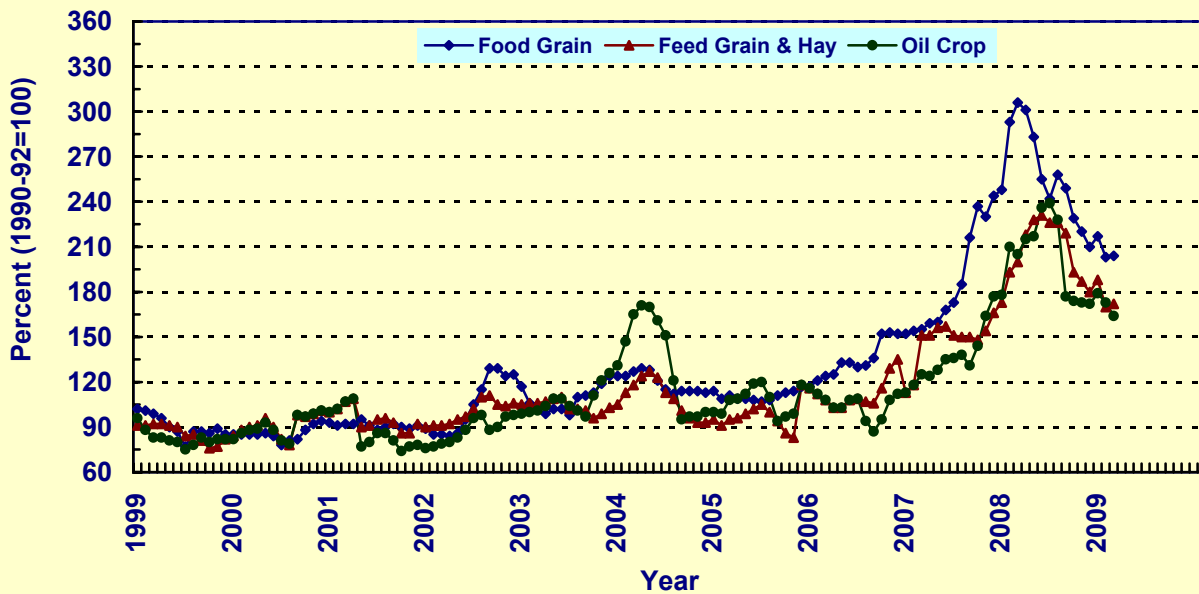
| Month | Index of Prices Received | | | | | | Index of Prices Paid | | | |
|-------|--------------------------|------|--------------|------|------------------------------|------|----------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| | All Farm Products | | All Crops | | Livestock and Products | | 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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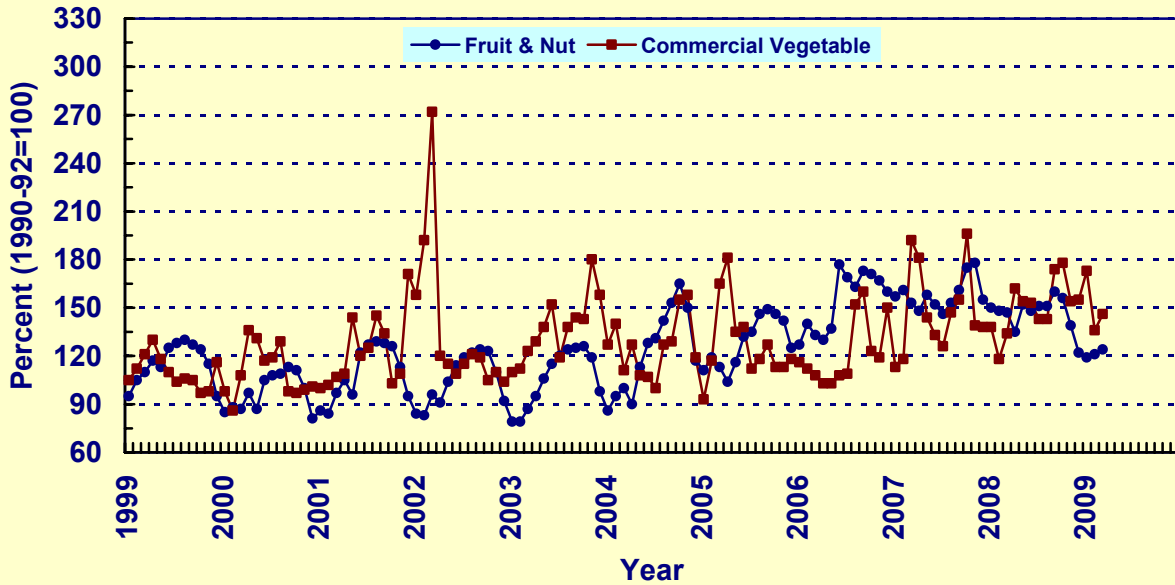
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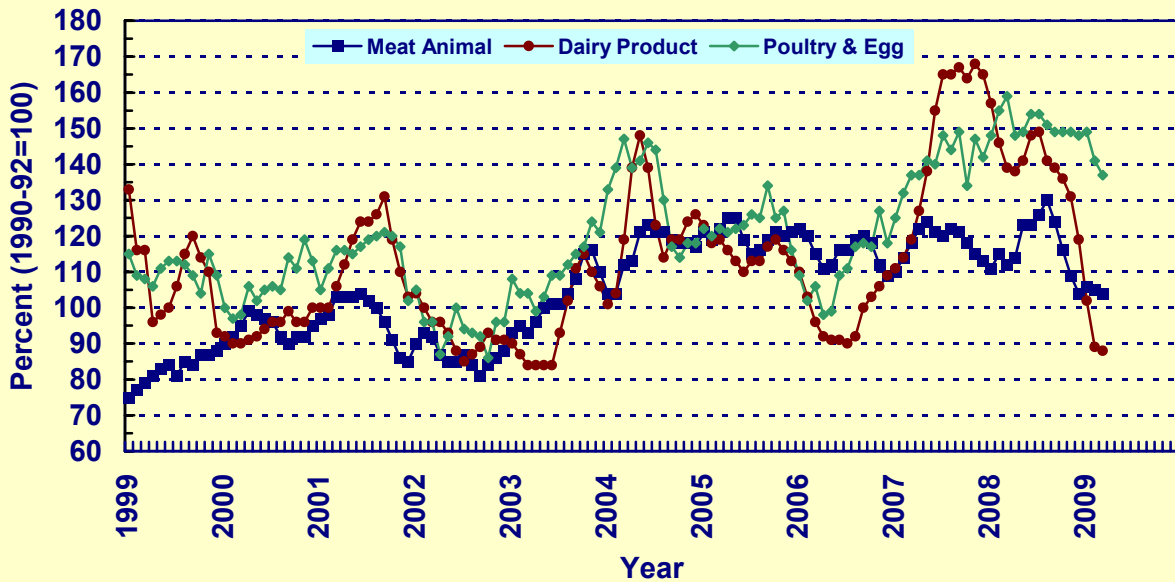
Prices Received, Food, Feed, & Oil Crop Indexes, US



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> |
| Field Crops | | | | | |
| 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 | (⁶) |
| Corn | Bu | 2.30 | 4.70 | 3.87 | 3.96 |
| Cotton, Upland | Lb | 0.606 | 0.630 | 0.416 | 0.409 |
| Cottonseed ¹ | Ton | 96.00 | | 213.00 | |
| Flaxseed | Bu | 4.27 | 17.50 | 9.92 | 8.70 |
| Hay, All, Baled ² | Ton | 76.30 | 133.00 | 132.00 | 129.00 |
| Alfalfa ² | Ton | 77.20 | 144.00 | 143.00 | 137.00 |
| Other ² | 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 | (⁶) | (⁶) |
| Potatoes | Cwt | 5.82 | 8.37 | 8.87 | 9.07 |
| Rice, All | Cwt | 7.07 | 13.60 | 15.60 | 15.50 |
| Long ³ | Cwt | | | 14.20 | 13.60 |
| Medium & Short ³ | 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 | |
| Fruit | | | | | |
| Citrus, Equiv on-tree | | | | | |
| 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 | (⁶) | -0.61 | (⁶) |
| Tangerines and Mandarins | Box | 15.11 | 11.70 | 18.98 | 15.10 |
| Noncitrus, Fresh | | | | | |
| Apples ⁴ | Lb | 0.212 | 0.344 | 0.242 | 0.221 |
| Grapes ⁴ | Ton | 506.00 | (⁶) | (⁶) | (⁶) |
| Peaches ⁴ | Ton | 432.00 | (⁶) | (⁶) | (⁶) |
| Pears ⁴ | Ton | 370.00 | 537.00 | 450.00 | 442.00 |
| Strawberries | Cwt | 56.00 | 95.30 | 128.00 | 108.00 |

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.

**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> |
| Vegetables, Fresh ¹ | | | | | |
| Asparagus | Cwt | 79.80 | 107.00 | 78.10 | 96.60 |
| Broccoli | Cwt | 22.50 | 30.80 | 29.50 | 27.80 |
| Cantaloups ² | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Cucumbers ² | | | | | |
| Lettuce | Cwt | 11.90 | 14.70 | 17.20 | 18.90 |
| Onions | Cwt | 12.80 | 2.53 | 6.80 | 5.18 |
| Snap Beans ² | Cwt | | 37.70 | 86.20 | 107.00 |
| Tomatoes | Cwt | 32.30 | 66.10 | 32.70 | 38.10 |
| Livestock | | | | | |
| Calves | | | | | |
| Calves | Cwt | 94.30 | 118.00 | 105.00 | 104.00 |
| Cattle, All Beef | | | | | |
| Cows ³ | Cwt | 72.90 | 87.80 | 78.80 | 78.50 |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt | 49.60 | 51.50 | 43.90 | 44.00 |
| Milk Cows ⁴ | Cwt | 77.10 | 92.90 | 83.80 | 83.50 |
| | Head | 1130.00 | | | |
| Hogs, All | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Lambs | | | | | |
| Lambs | Cwt | 56.20 | 97.40 | 100.00 | |
| Sheep | | | | | |
| Sheep | Cwt | 23.40 | 28.70 | 31.90 | |
| Dairy and Poultry | | | | | |
| Milk, All ^{5 6} | | | | | |
| Fluid Grade ⁶ | Cwt | 13.06 | 18.10 | 11.60 | 11.50 |
| Mfg Grade ⁶ | Cwt | 13.10 | 18.00 | 11.60 | 11.50 |
| | Cwt | 11.80 | 18.30 | 10.50 | 10.90 |
| Broilers, Live ⁷ | | | | | |
| Broilers, Live | Lb | 0.317 | 0.460 | 0.470 | 0.450 |
| Eggs, All ⁸ | | | | | |
| Eggs, All | Doz | 0.643 | 1.380 | 0.809 | 0.816 |
| Market ^{8 9} | | | | | |
| Market | Doz | 0.546 | 1.300 | 0.639 | 0.643 |
| Turkeys, live ^{8 10} | | | | | |
| Turkeys, live | Lb | 0.380 | 0.529 | 0.465 | 0.467 |
| Adjusted for Seasonal Variation ¹¹ | | | | | |
| Eggs, All | Doz | 0.545 | 1.240 | 0.768 | 0.734 |
| Milk, All ⁵ | Cwt | 9.71 | 19.10 | 12.10 | 12.20 |

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 March 2009 Fat test percent: all milk, 3.70; fluid milk, 3.69; mfg grade, 4.03.

⁷ Equivalent live weight price.

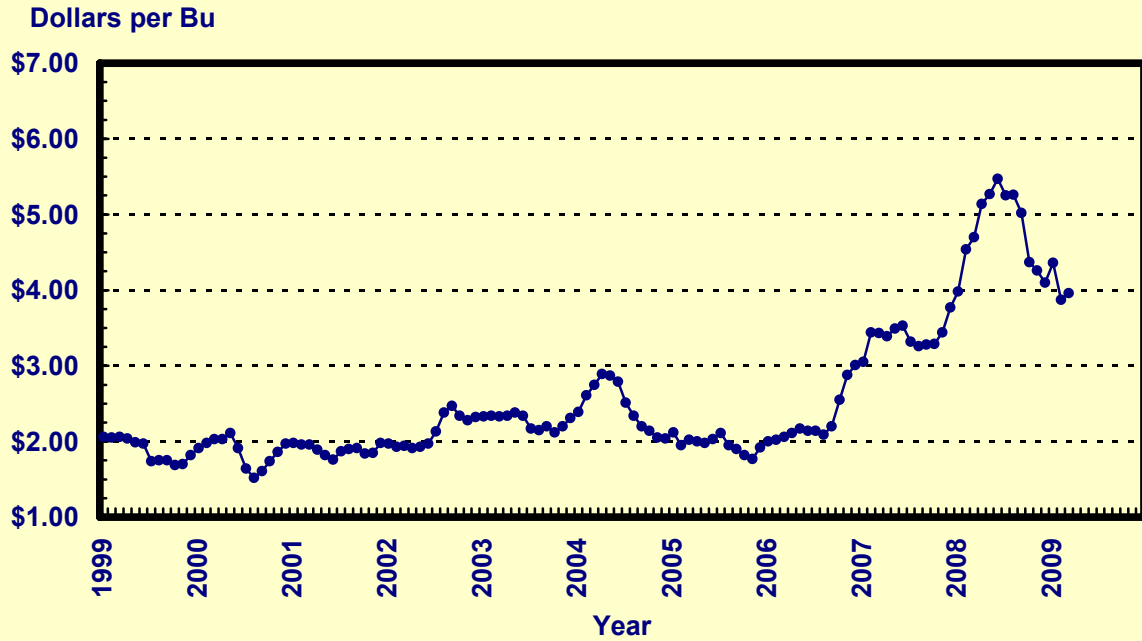
⁸ Mid-month price.

⁹ Also referred to as table eggs.

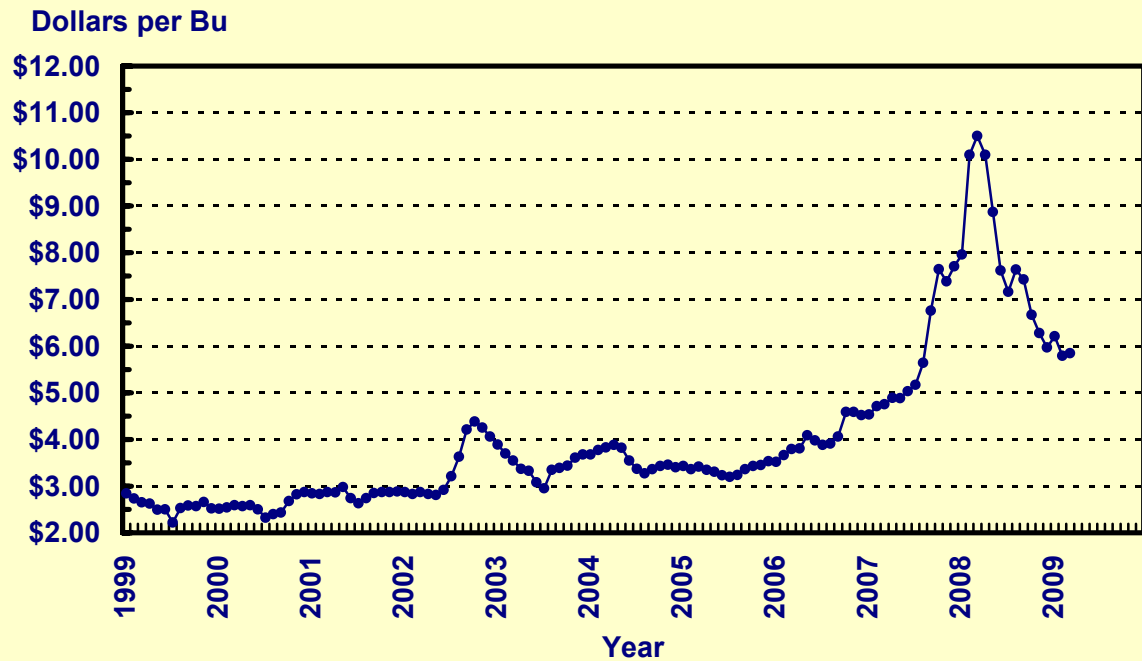
¹⁰ Live weight equivalent price is used when actual live weight price is not available.

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

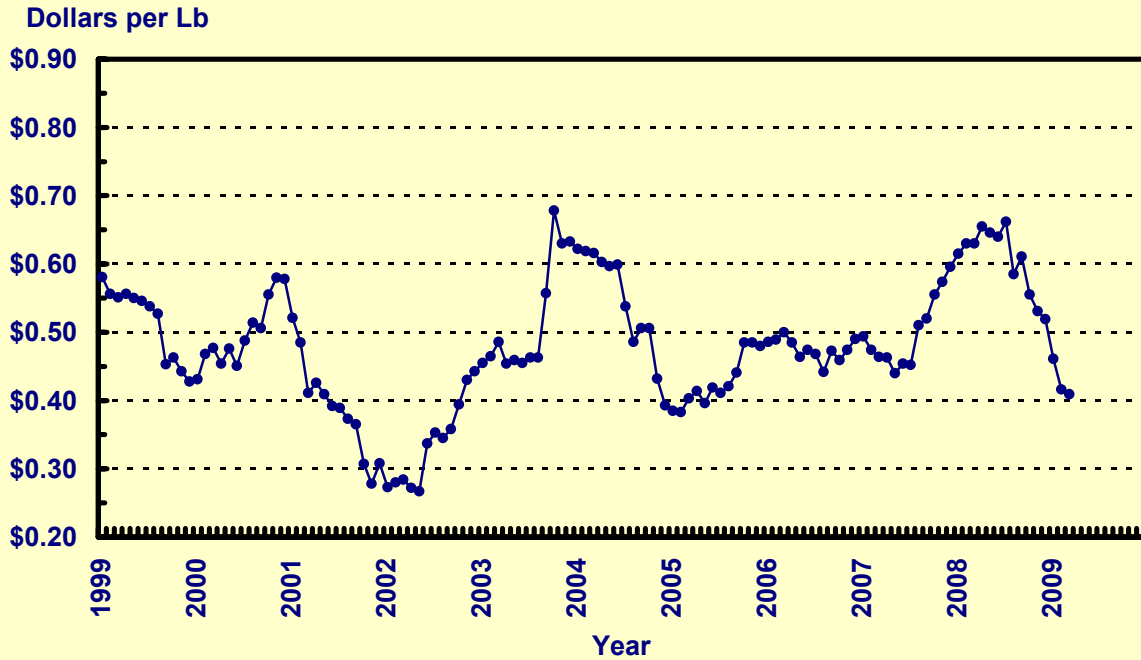
Prices Received, Corn, US



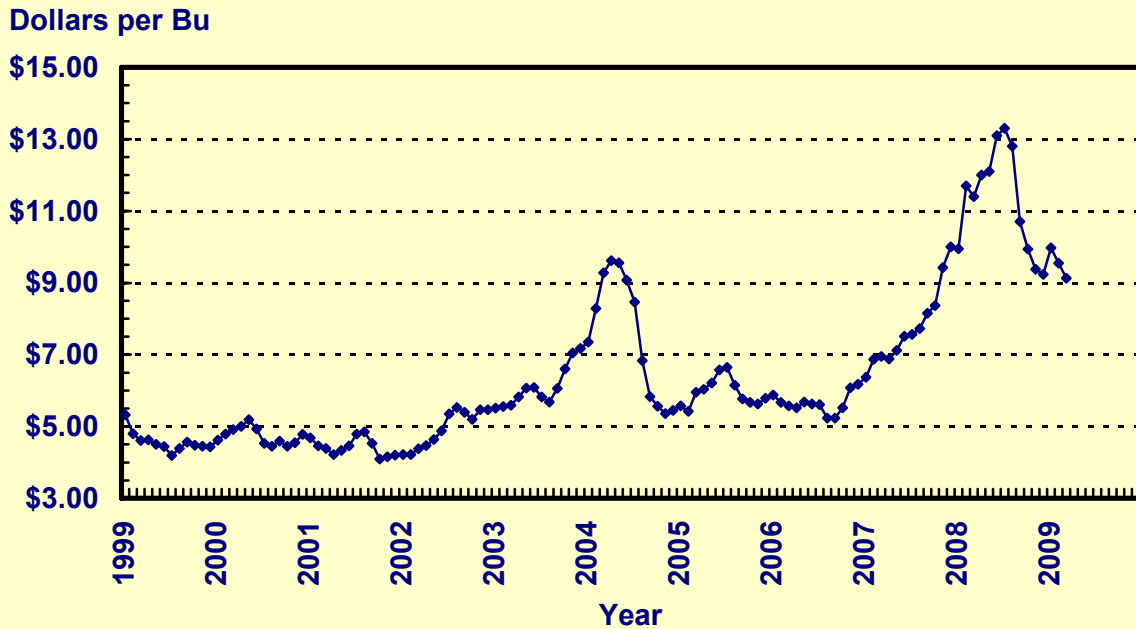
Prices Received, Wheat, US



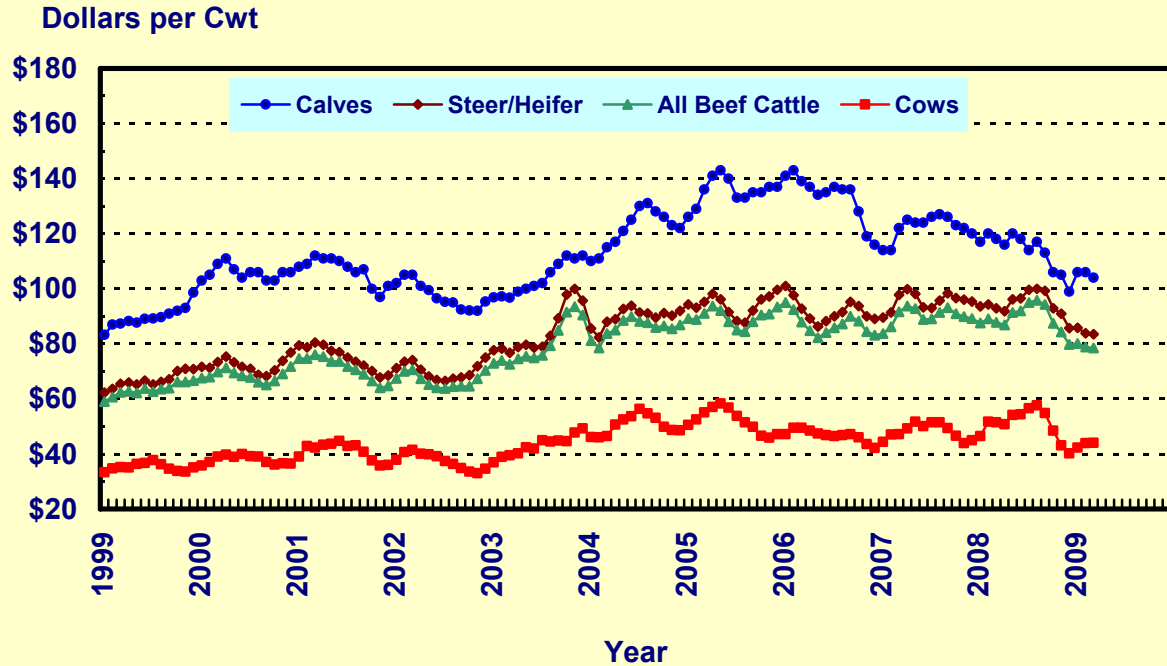
Prices Received, Cotton, US



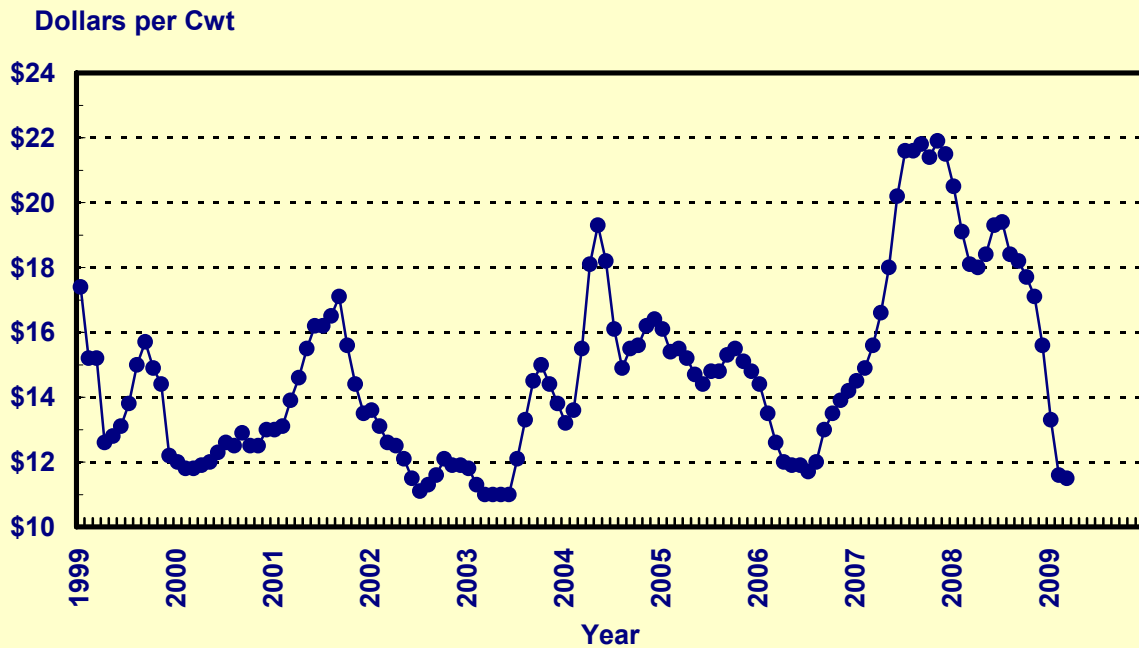
Prices Received, Soybeans, US



Prices Received, Cattle, US

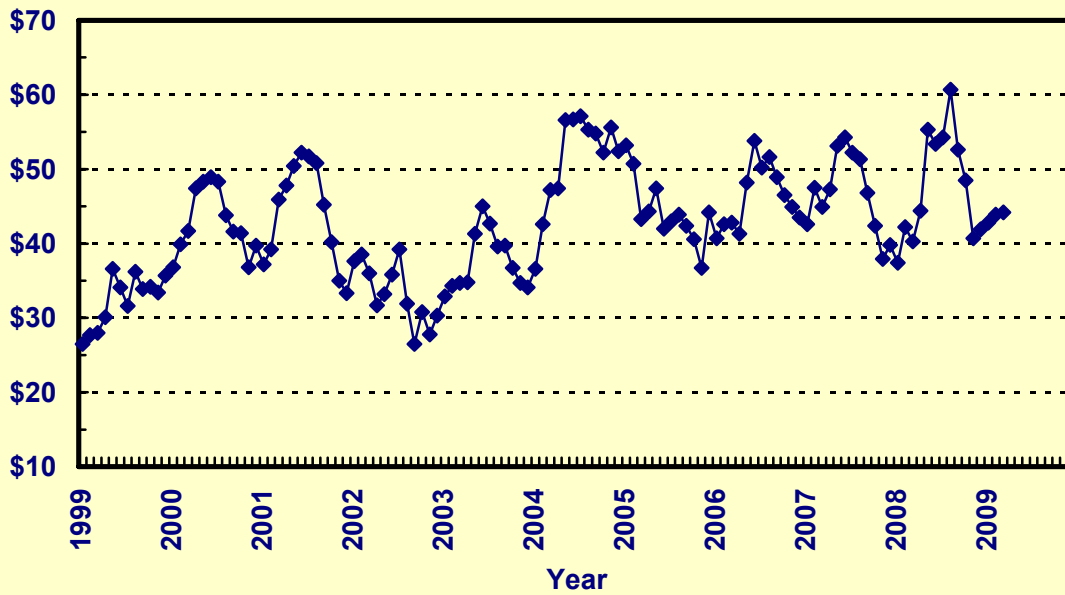


Prices Received, Milk, US



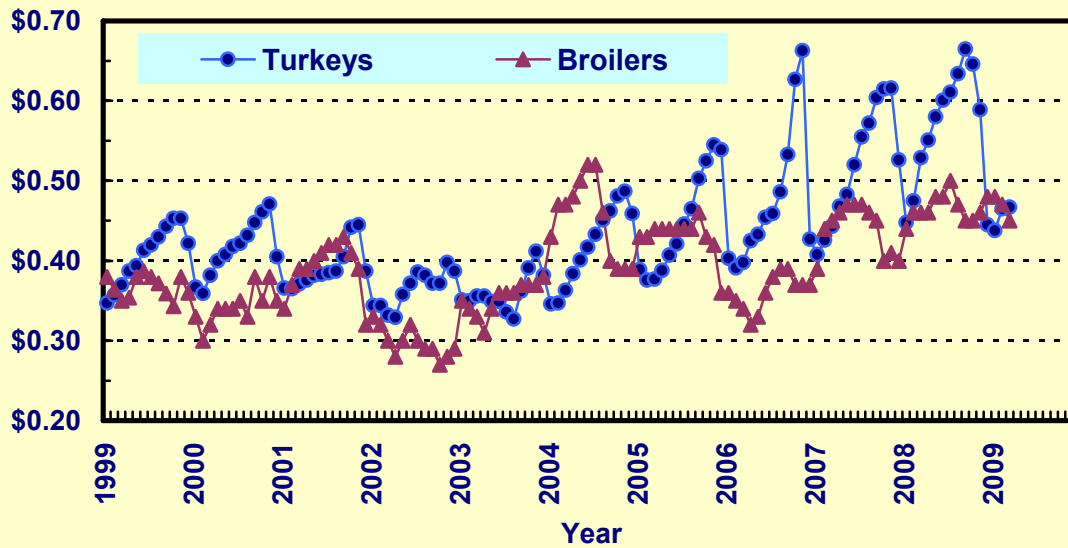
Prices Received, Hogs, US

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 ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar 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 | 4.56 | 4.40 | 4.56 | 4.40 | | | | |
| CA | (³) | (³) | (³) | (³) | (⁴) | (⁴) | | |
| CO | 6.49 | 5.13 | 5.45 | 5.23 | | | (³) | (³) |
| ID | 5.45 | 5.61 | 5.26 | 5.30 | (³) | (³) | 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 |

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, 2008 and 2009¹**

| Month | All Wheat | | Corn | | Soybeans | | Beef Cattle ² | | 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 | |

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, February and March 2009

| State | All Barley | | Corn | | Oats | | Soybeans | | Sorghum Grain | |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar 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 | | | | | | | 9.62 | 9.40 | 4.90 | 5.25 |
| AR | | | | | | | | | | |
| CA | (³) | (⁴) | | | (⁴) | (⁴) | | | | |
| CO | (³) | (³) | 3.97 | 4.00 | | | | | | |
| ID | 4.58 | 4.94 | | | | | | | | |
| IL | | | 3.75 | 3.90 | (⁴) | (⁴) | 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 | (³) | 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 | | | (⁴) | (⁴) | | | | |
| NE | | | 3.96 | 4.00 | 2.52 | 2.50 | 9.27 | 8.75 | 4.93 | 5.50 |
| NY | | | | | (³) | (³) | | | | |
| NC | | | 4.33 | 4.26 | | | 9.48 | 8.90 | | |
| ND | 5.26 | 4.81 | 3.55 | 3.60 | 1.83 | (³) | 9.18 | 8.50 | | |
| OH | | | 4.15 | 4.25 | (³) | (⁴) | 9.96 | 9.63 | | |
| OK | | | | | | | | | 4.97 | 5.45 |
| OR | 2.75 | 2.70 | | | (⁴) | (⁴) | | | | |
| PA | | | 4.36 | 4.19 | 2.65 | 2.60 | | | | |
| SD | (³) | (³) | 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 | (³) | (⁴) | | | 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 | (³) | (³) | | | | | | | | |
| US | 4.94 | 4.82 | 3.87 | 3.96 | 2.76 | 2.11 | 9.55 | 9.13 | 5.05 | 5.54 |

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, February and March 2009

| State | Malting Barley | | Feed Barley | |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar ² |
| | <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 | (³) | 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 | (³) | (³) | (⁴) | (⁴) |
| WY | (³) | (³) | (³) | (³) |

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, February and March 2009

| State | Dry Edible Beans | | All Sunflower | | Canola | | Flaxseed | | Peanuts ⁴ | |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar 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 | | | | | | | | | 0.243 | 0.246 |
| CA | 58.50 | (⁵) | | | | | | | | |
| CO | 32.00 | 29.50 | | | | | | | | |
| FL | | | | | | | | | (⁵) | (⁵) |
| GA | | | | | | | | | 0.240 | 0.245 |
| ID | 39.70 | 40.60 | | | | | | | | |
| KS | | | 20.90 | 19.10 | | | | | | |
| MI | 31.30 | 33.00 | | | | | | | | |
| MN | 37.40 | (⁶) | 29.90 | (⁵) | (⁵) | (⁶) | | | | |
| 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 | | | (⁶) | (⁶) | | |
| TX | | | | | | | | | 0.269 | (⁵) |
| VA | | | | | | | | | (⁵) | (⁵) |
| US | 30.10 | 28.80 | 23.00 | 21.50 | 15.60 | 14.10 | 9.92 | 8.70 | 0.253 | 0.256 |

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, February and March 2009

| State | Cotton, Upland | | March | | | | Apples Fresh Use ^{2 4} |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Cotton- seed ⁵ | Hay, Baled ³ | | | |
| | | | | All | Alfalfa | Other | |
| <i>Dollars per Pound</i> | <i>Dollars per Pound</i> | <i>Dollars per Ton</i> | <i>Dollars per Ton</i> | <i>Dollars per Ton</i> | <i>Dollars per Ton</i> | <i>Dol/Lb</i> | |
| AL | 0.411 | 0.461 | | | | | |
| AZ | (⁶) | (⁶) | | 170.00 | 170.00 | 173.00 | |
| AR | 0.447 | 0.514 | | | | | |
| CA | (⁶) | (⁶) | | 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 | 0.491 | 0.531 | | | | | |
| MI | | | | 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 |

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, March 2009, with Comparisons**

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

| 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 | (²) | (²) | (²) | (²) | (²) | (²) | (²) |
| 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 | (²) | 8.06 | (²) | -0.46 | 2.42 | (²) | -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 | (²) | (²) | (²) | (²) | (²) | (²) | (²) |
| 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 | (²) | 9.67 | (²) | 0.22 | 6.30 | (²) | -3.15 |
| CA | (²) | 19.75 | (²) | 0.22 | 16.38 | (²) | -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 |

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 Mandarins- AZ & CA-75, FL-95.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Potatoes: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2009 ¹

| State | Feb | Mar ² | State | Feb | Mar 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 | 9.10 | 8.95 |
| CA - All ³ | 16.50 | 11.30 | - Fresh ⁴ | 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 ³ | 10.50 | 9.80 | WA - All ³ | 8.70 | 8.35 |
| - Fresh ⁴ | 12.10 | NA | - Processing | 6.55 | NA |
| FL | 22.10 | 22.80 | WI - All ³ | 11.20 | 11.70 |
| ID - All ³ | 6.75 | 7.90 | - Fresh ⁴ | 13.50 | NA |
| - Fresh ⁴ | 7.70 | NA | - Processing | 9.25 | NA |
| - Processing | 6.20 | NA | US - All ³ | 8.87 | 9.07 |
| ME | 10.30 | 10.40 | - Fresh ⁴ | 12.36 | NA |
| MI | 10.20 | 9.80 | - Processing | 6.84 | NA |
| MN | 6.95 | 7.05 | | | |
| NY | 13.70 | 13.90 | | | |

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, February and March 2009

| State | Cows ¹ | | Steers & Heifers | | Beef Cattle ⁴ | | Calves | |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Feb ² | Mar ³ | Feb ² | Mar ³ | Feb ² | Mar ³ | Feb ² | Mar 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 | 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 |

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, February and March 2009

| State | Sows | | Barrows and Gilts | | All Hogs | |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar ² | Feb ¹ | Mar 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 | 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 |

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

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

| State | February | | March |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Sheep ¹ | Lambs ¹ | Market Eggs ^{2 3} |
| | <i>Dollars per Cwt</i> | <i>Dollars per Cwt</i> | <i>Dollars per Dozen</i> |
| AL | | | 0.650 |
| 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 |

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

³ Also referred to as table eggs.

Milk and Milk Cows: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2009¹

| State | February ² | | | | | | March | | |
|-------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | Fluid Grade Milk ³ | | Manufacturing Grade Milk ⁴ | | All Milk ⁵ | | All Milk ^{5 6} | | Milk Cows ⁷ |
| | 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 | |

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

² Entire month.

³ Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

⁴ IN no longer published due to insufficient manufacturing grade milk volume.

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

⁶ Preliminary.

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

**Parity Price Equivalent for Manufacturing Grade Milk¹: 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 |

¹ 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 ¹**

| 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> |
| Basic Commodities | | | | | | | |
| 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 ⁵ | | | | | | | |
| Large Chickpeas, Cwt ⁵ | | | | | | | |
| Lentils, Cwt ⁵ | | | | | | | |
| Designated Nonbasic | | | | | | | |
| All Milk, Sold to | | | | | | | |
| Plants, Per Cwt ² | 1.91 | 45.60 | 44.00 | 44.20 | 42 | 28 | 28 |
| Honey, Extracted, Lb ³ | 0.121 | 2.86 | 2.79 | 2.80 | 36 | 37 | 37 |
| Wool and Mohair | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Other Nonbasic | | | | | | | |
| 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 ⁴ | 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 ² | 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 |

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.

⁵ Not available.

Parity Prices for Farm Products, March 2009, 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 | 0.284 | 6.58 | Papayas (HI) | 0.047 | 1.090 |
| Spearmint Oil, Lb | 1.35 | 31.30 | Peaches | | |
| Tobacco, Lb | | | Fresh, Ton ² | 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 ³ | | |
| 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 ² | 55.60 | 1,290.00 |
| Cigar Binder, 51 | 0.699 | 16.20 | Dried, CA ⁴ | 169.00 | 3,910.00 |
| Noncitrus Fruit | | | Plums, CA, Ton | | |
| Apples, Ton ⁴ | | | Fresh, Equiv on-Tree | 61.40 | 1,420.00 |
| Processing | 15.90 | 368.00 | Prunes, Dried, CA, Ton ⁴ | 146.00 | 3,380.00 |
| Apricots, Ton | | | Prunes and Plums, Excl CA, Ton | | |
| Fresh ⁵ | 105.00 | 2,430.00 | Fresh ⁷ | 61.70 | 1,430.00 |
| Dried, CA | 249.00 | 5,770.00 | Processing ⁴ | | |
| Avocados, Ton ⁵ | 221.00 | 5,120.00 | Excl Dried | 27.60 | 639.00 |
| Cherries | | | Tree Nuts ⁸ | | |
| 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 ³ | 4.39 | 102.00 | Pistachio, Lb | 0.185 | 4.28 |
| Dates, CA, Ton ⁵ | 199.00 | 4,610.00 | Walnuts, Ton | 174.00 | 4,030.00 |
| Grapes, Ton | | | Vegetables, Cwt ⁹ | | |
| Raisin Variety | 112.00 | 2,590.00 | Fresh | | |
| Other Dried | 68.10 | 1,580.00 | Carrots ⁶ | 2.50 | 57.90 |
| Kiwifruit, Ton | 95.90 | 2,220.00 | Cauliflower ⁶ | 4.23 | 98.00 |
| Nectarines | | | Celery ⁶ | 2.04 | 47.20 |
| Fresh, CA, Ton ⁵ | 54.50 | 1,260.00 | Honeydew Melons | 2.44 | 56.50 |
| Olives, CA | | | Lettuce | 2.31 | 53.50 |
| canning, Ton ³ | 89.40 | 2,070.00 | Onions ⁶ | 1.54 | 35.70 |
| | | | Tomatoes | 4.63 | 107.00 |

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.

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 Comparisons¹**

| 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 ² | 3542 | 3862 | 3862 | 141 | 154 | 154 |
| Taxes ³ | 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 ⁴ | 2028 | 2015 | 2025 | 158 | 157 | 158 |
| Ratio (Received/Paid) Parity Ratio ⁵ | 40 | 34 | 34 | 84 | 72 | 72 |
| Parity Ratio Adjusted ⁶ | 41 | 36 | 36 | | | |
| PPITW Adjusted for Productivity ⁷ | 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 |

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 2009 and the revised factor is 1.041 for 2008.

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

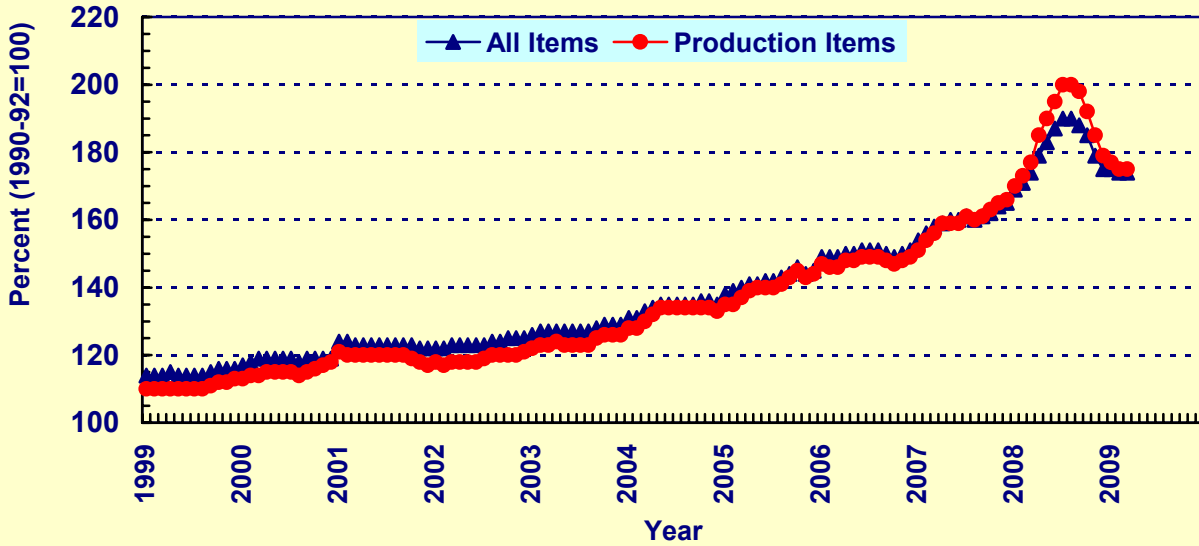
Prices Paid Indexes and Annual Weights for Input Components and Sub-Components United States, March 2009 with Comparisons ¹

| Index | Relative Weights | | Input Indexes | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | 5-Year Moving Average ² | | 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 |

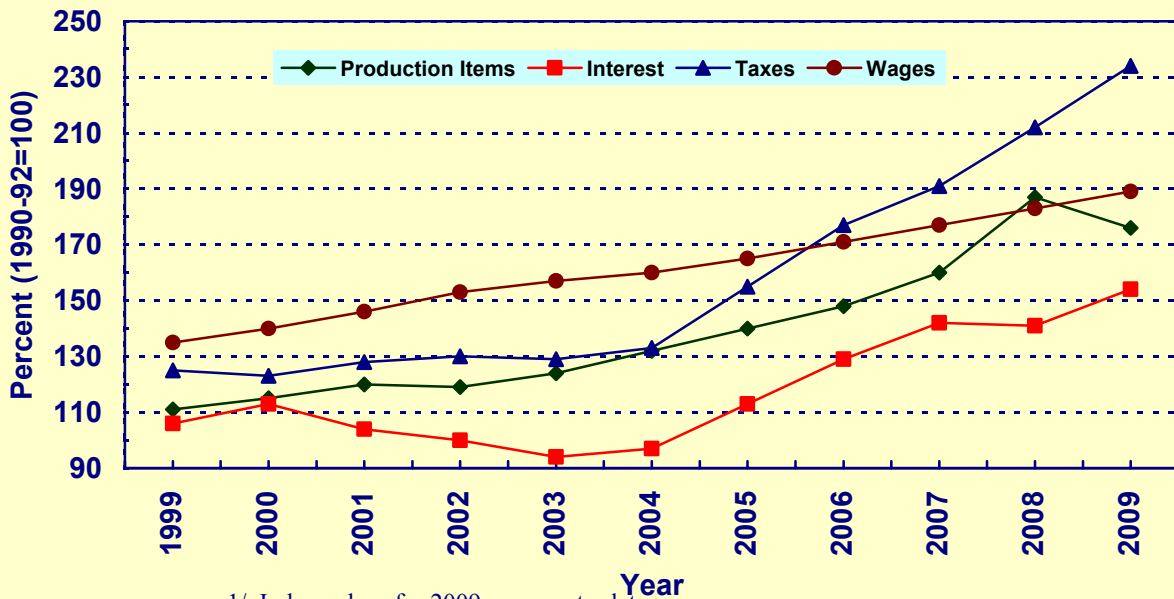
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² Weights may not add due to rounding.

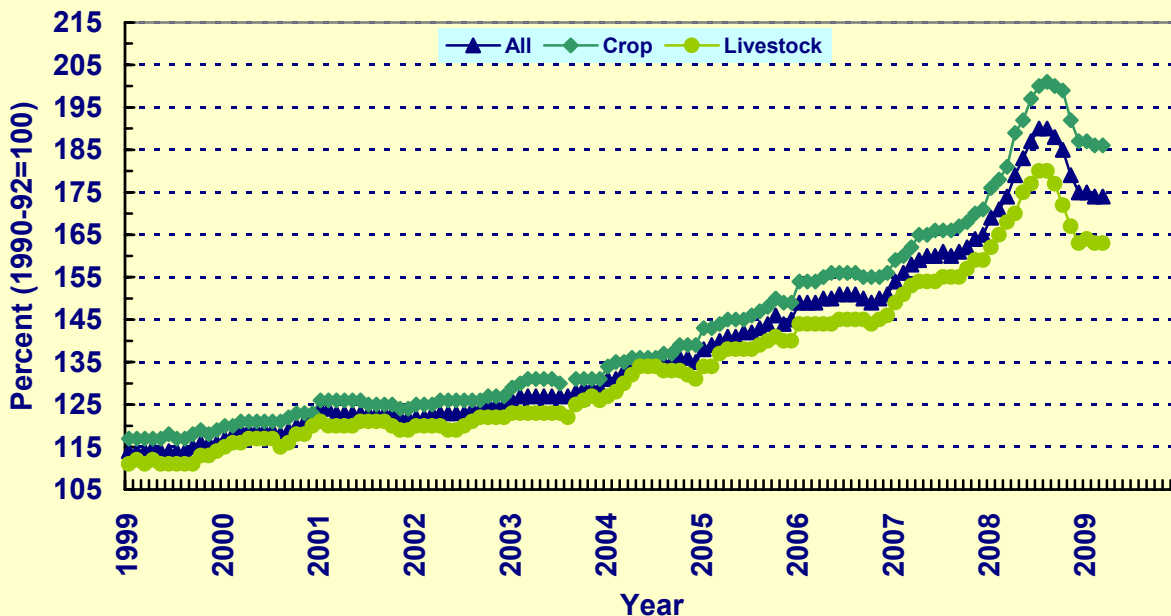
Prices Paid by Farmers, Major Indexes US, by Month



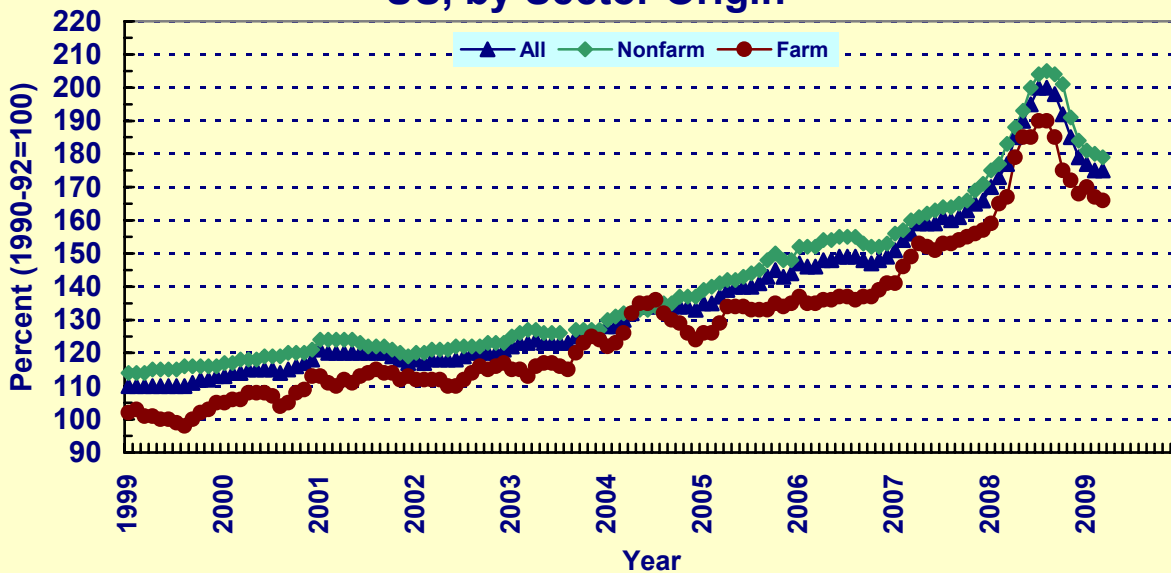
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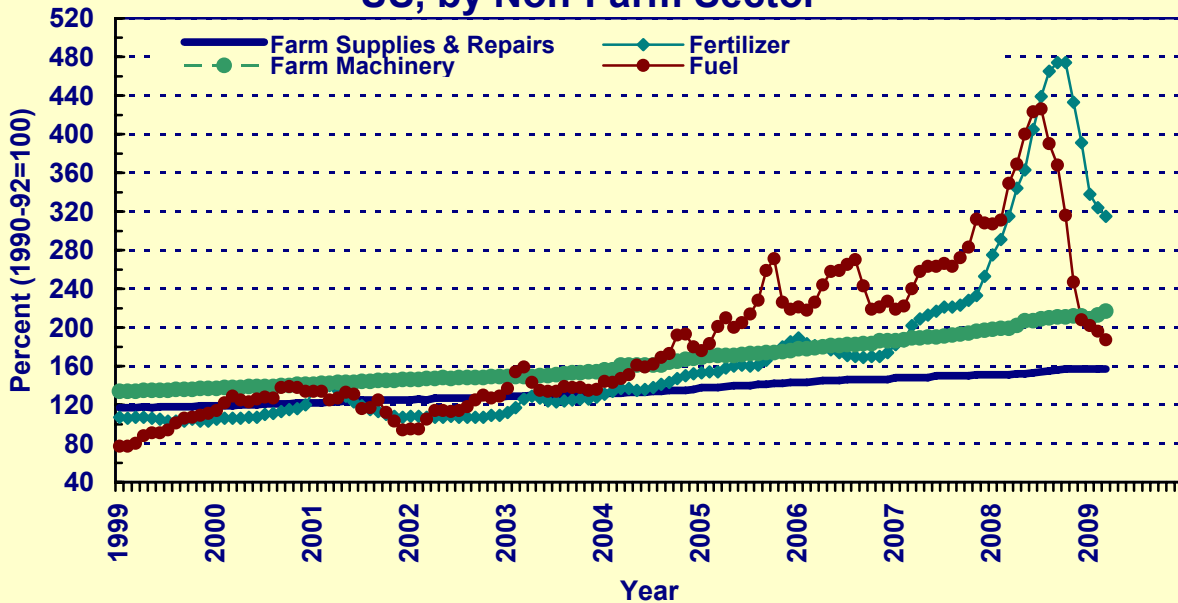
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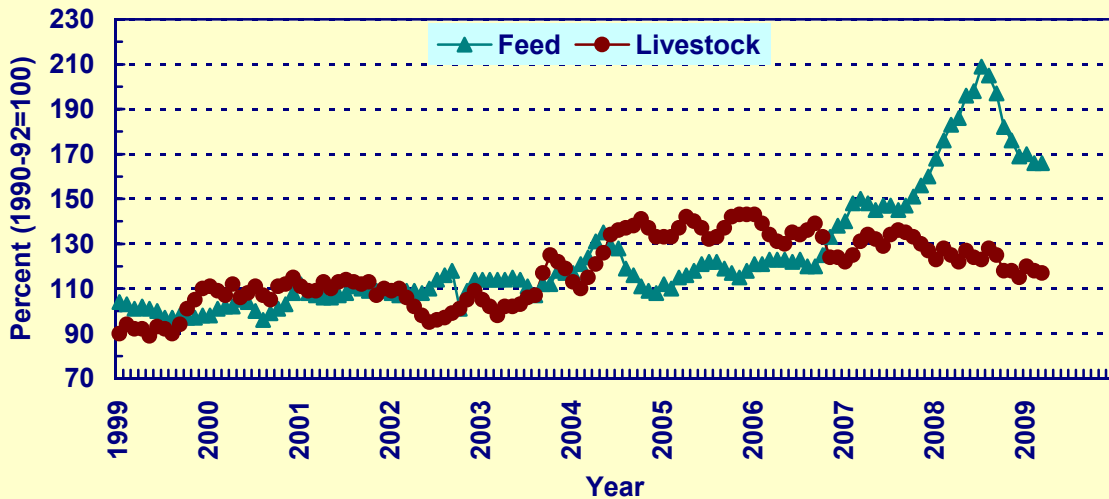
Prices Paid by Farmers, Indexes, All Production Items US, by Sector Origin



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



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



Feed Price Ratios: United States, March 2009 with Comparisons

| Feed Price Ratio ¹ | 2008 | 2009 | |
|--|------|-------|------|
| | Mar | Feb | Mar |
| Broiler-Feed: Pounds of Broiler Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight ² | 3.6 | *4.4 | 4.3 |
| Market Egg Feed: Pounds of Laying Feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs ³ | 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 ⁴ | 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 ⁵ | 4.0 | *4.6 | 4.7 |

* 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, 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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