

Agricultural Prices

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March Farm Prices Received Index Up 6 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 141 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 6 points (4.4 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 8 points (5.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (4.1 percent). Producers received higher prices for onions, lettuce, eggs, and cattle and lower prices for milk, corn, soybeans, and apples. 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, soybeans, broilers, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and oranges.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 15 points (12 percent) from March 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 143, increased 10 points (7.5 percent) from last month and increased 21 points (17 percent) from March 2009.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 184 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from February but is 4 points (2.2 percent) above March 2009. Lower prices in March for complete feeds, LP gas, herbicides, and supplements offset higher prices for potash & phosphate, diesel, nitrogen, and feeder cattle.

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92=100	2009		2010	
	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar
Prices Received	126	126	135	141
Prices Paid	179	180	184	184
Ratio ¹	70	70	73	77

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 141 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 4.4 percent from the February index and 12 percent above the March 2009 index.

ALL CROPS: The March index is 155, up 5.4 percent from February and March 2009. Index increases for commercial vegetables, fruits & nuts, and potatoes & dry beans more than offset the index decreases for feed grains & hay, oil-bearing crops, food grains, and cotton.

Food Grains: The March index, at 171, is 0.6 percent below the previous month and 15 percent lower than a year ago. The March all wheat price, at \$4.63 per bushel, is down 10 cents from February and \$1.08 below March 2009.

Feed Grains & Hay: The March index is 151, down 1.3 percent from last month and 11 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.49 per bushel, is down 6 cents from last month and 36 cents below March 2009. The all hay price, at \$108.00 per ton, is up \$1.00 from February but down \$21.00 from last March. Sorghum grain, at \$5.34 per cwt, is 10 cents below February and 3 cents lower than March last year.

Cotton: The March index, at 105, is down 1.9 percent from February but 57 percent above last year. The March price, at 63.9 cents per pound, is down 1.1 cents from the previous month but up 23.5 cents from last March.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The March index, at 163, is down 3.0 percent from February and 0.6 percent lower than March 2009. The soybean price, at \$9.16 per bushel, decreased 25 cents from February but is 4 cents higher than March 2009.

Fruits & Nuts: The March index, at 151, is up 7.1 percent from February and 24 percent higher than a year ago. Price increases for oranges and lemons more than offset price decreases for strawberries, apples, grapefruit, and pears.

Commercial Vegetables: The March index, at 229, is up 53 percent from last month and 52 percent above March 2009. Price increases during March for lettuce, tomatoes, onions, and broccoli more than offset the lower price for asparagus.

Potatoes & Dry Beans: The March index, at 133, is up 1.5 percent from last month but 17 percent below March 2009. The all potato price, at \$7.46 per cwt, is up 12 cents from February but down \$1.81 from last March. The all dry bean price, at \$30.80 per cwt, is up 50 cents from the previous month but \$1.70 below March 2009.

LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS: The March index, at 128, is 4.1 percent above last month and up 17 percent from March 2009. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for milk, cattle, eggs, hogs, broilers, turkeys, and calves.

Meat Animals: The March index, at 119, is up 4.4 percent from last month and 13 percent higher than last year. The March hog price, at \$52.80 per cwt, is up \$4.00 from February and \$8.90 higher than a year ago. The March beef cattle price of \$88.80 per cwt is up \$3.30 from last month and \$9.70 higher than March 2009.

Dairy Products: The March index, at 116, is down 4.9 percent from a month ago but 29 percent higher than March last year. The March all milk price of \$15.10 per cwt is 80 cents lower than last month but up \$3.30 from March 2009. The fluid grade milk price is down 80 cents from last month and the manufacturing grade milk price is 70 cents lower.

Poultry & Eggs: The March index, at 159, is up 9.7 percent from February and 16 percent above a year ago. The March market egg price, at \$1.06 per dozen, increased 28.5 cents from February and 41.7 cents from March 2009. The March broiler price, at 49.0 cents per pound, is up 2.0 cents from February and 4.0 cents above a year ago. The March turkey price, at 52.2 cents per pound, is up 3.1 cents from the previous month and 5.1 cents from a year earlier.

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**Index Numbers of Prices Received, United States,
March 2010 with Comparisons ¹**

Index	1910-14=100				1990-92=100		
	Average 1990-92	2009	2010		2009	2010	
		Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar	Feb	Mar
All Farm Products	639	800	*855	897	126	*135	141
All Crops	500	729	*727	770	147	*147	155
Food Grains	325	638	*546	541	201	*172	171
Feed Grains & Hay	363	602	*546	537	169	*153	151
Cotton	517	342	*550	541	67	*107	105
Tobacco ²	1263	1569	1564	1564	104	103	103
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	899	*921	896	164	*168	163
Fruits & Nuts	716	851	*982	1052	122	*141	151
Commercial Vegetables	698	1077	*1074	1637	151	*150	229
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	814	*664	672	161	*131	133
Other Crops	493	607	607	607	123	123	123
Livestock & Products	768	833	*943	980	109	*123	128
Meat Animals	1021	1067	*1159	1210	105	*114	119
Dairy Products	799	726	978	929	90	122	116
Poultry & Eggs	282	385	*406	445	137	*145	159
Food Commodities					122	*133	143

* Revised.

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

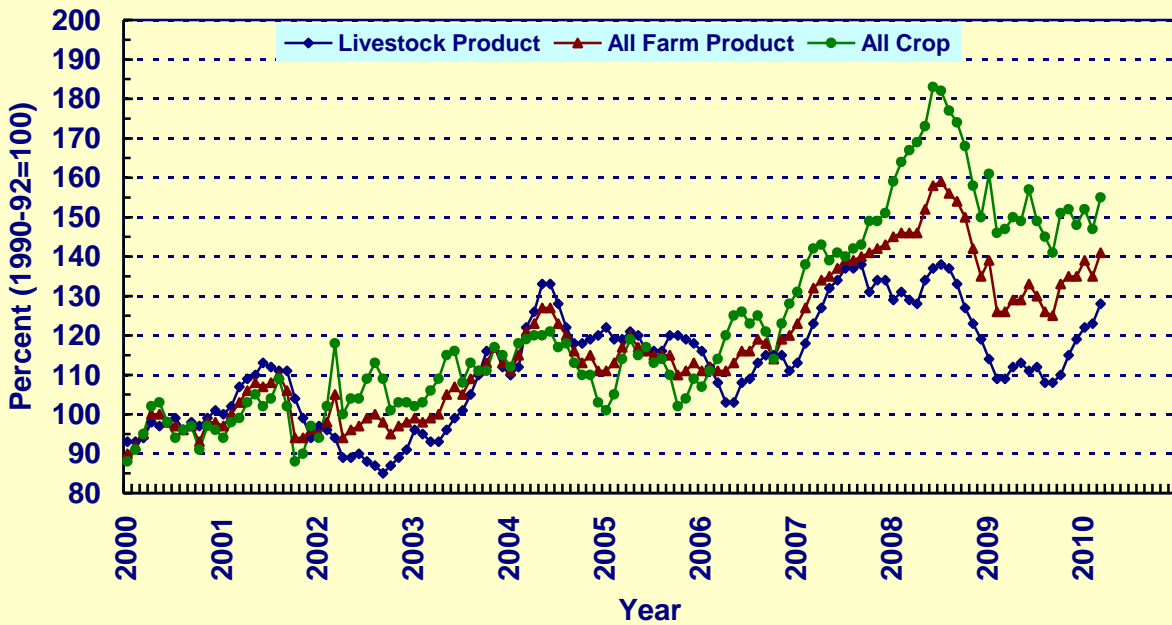
² Monthly prices discontinued July 2005.

**Selected Index Numbers for Prices Received and Paid,
1990-92=100, by Month, United States, 2009 and 2010 ¹**

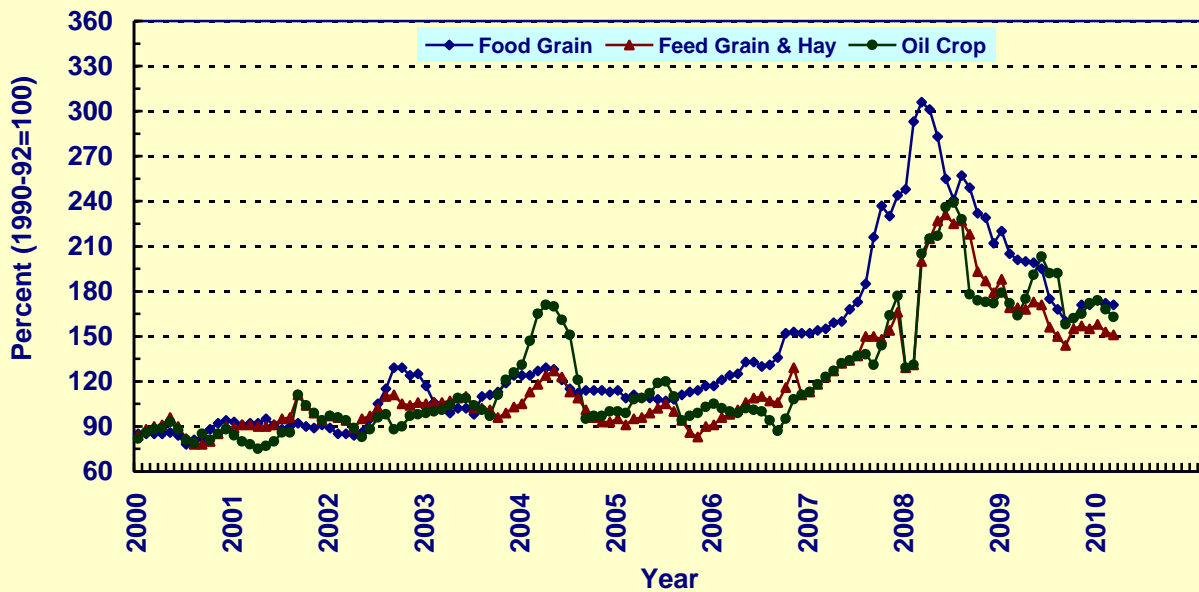
Month	Index of Prices Received						Index of Prices Paid			
	All Farm Products		All Crops		Livestock and Products		All Items		Production Items	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Jan	139	139	161	152	114	122	180	184	184	188
Feb	126	135	146	147	109	123	179	184	183	187
Mar	126	141	147	155	109	128	180	184	184	187
Apr	129		150		112		180		185	
May	129		149		113		180		185	
Jun	133		157		111		180		184	
Jul	130		149		112		179		182	
Aug	126		145		108		178		181	
Sep	125		141		108		177		180	
Oct	133		151		110		178		180	
Nov	135		152		115		179		182	
Dec	135		148		119		179		182	

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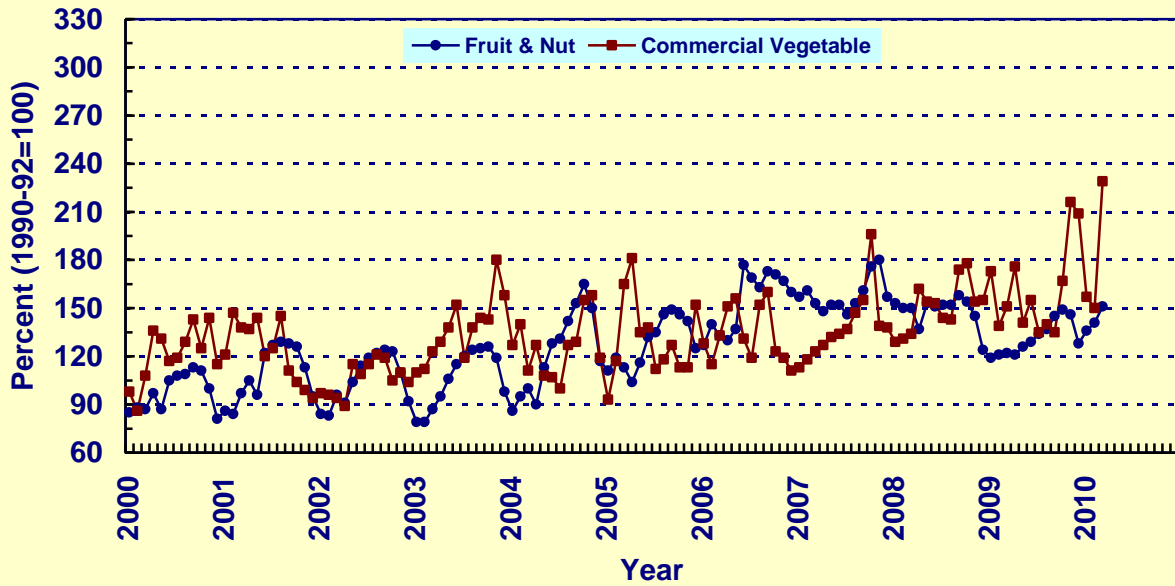
Prices Received, Major Indexes, US



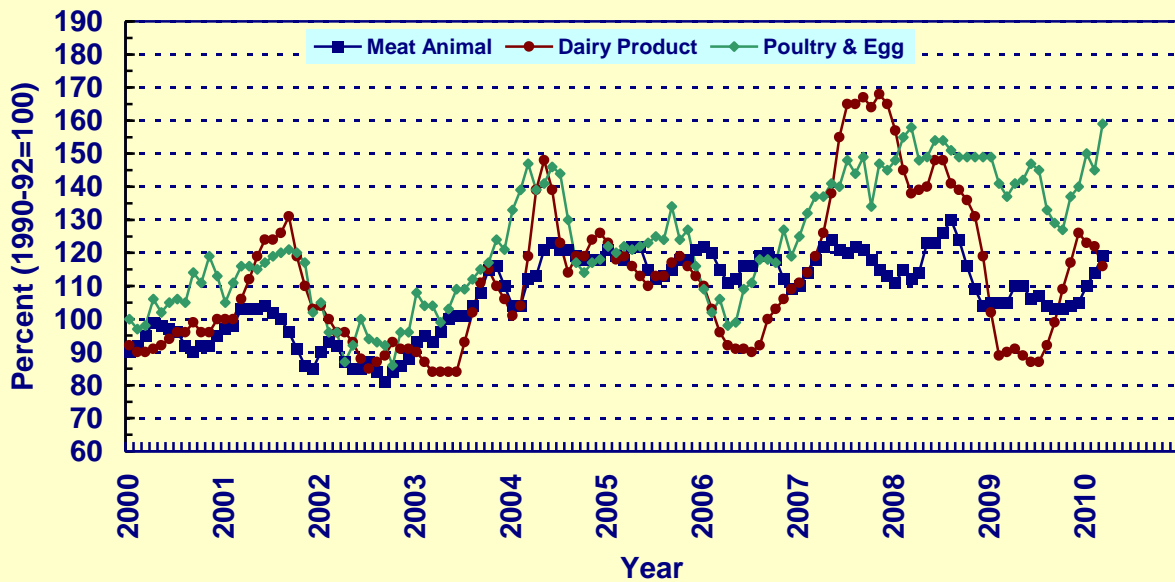
Prices Received, Food, Feed, & Oil Crop Indexes, US



Prices Received, Fruit and Vegetable Indexes, US



Prices Received, Livestock Product Indexes, US



**Prices Received, United States,
March 2010, with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Field Crops					
Barley, All	Bu	2.12	5.03	4.51	3.82
Feed	Bu	1.90	2.73	3.10	2.40
Malting	Bu	2.43	5.50	4.68	4.00
Beans, Dry Edible	Cwt	19.10	32.50	30.30	30.80
Canola	Cwt		15.20	(⁵)	(⁵)
Chickpeas, All	Cwt		28.40	27.30	(⁵)
Large	Cwt		28.40	28.70	(⁵)
Small	Cwt		(⁵)	19.30	(⁶)
Corn	Bu	2.30	3.85	3.55	3.49
Cotton, Upland	Lb	0.606	0.404	0.650	0.639
Cottonseed ¹	Ton	96.00		151.00	
Flaxseed	Bu	4.27	8.84	8.50	8.55
Hay, All, Baled ²	Ton	76.30	129.00	107.00	108.00
Alfalfa ²	Ton	77.20	138.00	111.00	111.00
Other ²	Ton	60.00	110.00	97.10	98.60
Lentils	Cwt		30.80	28.80	25.60
Oats	Bu	1.22	2.77	2.28	2.12
Peanuts, In-Shell	Lb	0.304	0.254	0.210	0.207
Peas, Dry Edible	Cwt		11.80	8.94	8.18
Austrian Winter	Cwt		(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
Potatoes	Cwt	5.82	9.27	7.34	7.46
Rice, All	Cwt	7.07	15.60	14.40	14.60
Long ³	Cwt		13.70	13.40	13.50
Medium & Short ³	Cwt		25.90	17.20	17.60
Sorghum Grain	Cwt	3.75	5.37	5.44	5.34
Soybeans	Bu	5.61	9.12	9.41	9.16
Sunflower, All	Cwt	9.50	22.10	16.80	16.00
Wheat, All	Bu	2.96	5.71	4.73	4.63
Winter	Bu	2.93	5.27	4.52	4.20
Durum	Bu	2.86	7.40	4.61	5.03
Other Spring	Bu	3.11	6.50	5.05	5.13
Hard Red Winter	Bu		5.37	4.54	
Soft Red Winter	Bu		4.97	4.37	
Hard Red Spring	Bu		6.57	5.06	
White	Bu	3.24	5.12	4.52	
Fruit					
Citrus, Equiv on-tree					
Grapefruit	Box	5.77	3.61	6.66	6.14
Lemons	Box	10.10	1.80	8.52	8.56
Oranges	Box	5.79	7.08	7.07	7.35
Tangelos	Box	5.82	(⁶)	4.68	(⁶)
Tangerines and Mandarins	Box	15.11	14.38	7.32	8.67
Noncitrus, Fresh					
Apples ⁴	Lb	0.212	0.215	0.296	0.295
Grapes ⁴	Ton	506.00	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
Peaches ⁴	Ton	432.00	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
Pears ⁴	Ton	370.00	452.00	391.00	369.00
Strawberries	Cwt	56.00	91.10	144.00	134.00

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 2010, with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Vegetables, Fresh ¹					
Asparagus	Cwt	79.80	82.00	90.40	85.60
Broccoli	Cwt	22.50	46.90	26.90	46.80
Cantaloups ²					
Carrots	Cwt	13.20	25.20	23.90	27.60
Cauliflower	Cwt	26.80	51.30	36.60	73.00
Celery	Cwt	11.60	15.00	21.60	27.00
Corn, Sweet	Cwt	15.70	59.30	56.60	
Cucumbers ²					
Lettuce	Cwt	11.90	19.40	13.80	24.20
Onions	Cwt	12.80	6.99	16.70	38.30
Snap Beans ²	Cwt		68.80		137.00
Tomatoes	Cwt	32.30	41.50	75.10	121.00
Livestock					
Calves					
Calves	Cwt	94.30	106.00	112.00	113.00
Cattle, All Beef					
Cows ³	Cwt	72.90	79.10	85.50	88.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	49.60	44.40	51.60	52.40
Milk Cows ⁴	Cwt	77.10	84.00	90.50	93.90
Milk Cows ⁴					
Milk Cows ⁴	Head	1130.00			
Hogs, All					
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	47.70	43.90	48.80	52.80
Sows	Cwt	48.40	44.00	48.80	52.80
	Cwt	39.50	41.90	48.90	51.30
Lambs					
Lambs	Cwt	56.20	100.00	106.00	
Sheep	Cwt	23.40	32.10	55.00	
Dairy and Poultry					
Milk, All ^{5 6}					
Fluid Grade ⁶	Cwt	13.06	11.80	15.90	15.10
Mfg Grade ⁶	Cwt	13.10	11.80	15.90	15.10
	Cwt	11.80	11.10	14.50	13.80
Broilers, Live ⁷					
Broilers, Live ⁷	Lb	0.317	0.450	0.470	0.490
Eggs, All ⁸					
Eggs, All ^{8 9}	Doz	0.643	0.816	0.917	1.160
Market ^{8 9}	Doz	0.546	0.643	0.775	1.060
Turkeys, live ^{8 10}	Lb	0.380	0.471	0.491	0.522
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation ¹¹					
Eggs, All	Doz	0.545	0.727	0.893	1.030
Milk, All ⁵	Cwt	9.71	12.80	16.80	16.40

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 2010 Fat test percent: all milk, 3.69; fluid milk, 3.69; mfg grade, 4.01.

⁷ Equivalent live weight price.

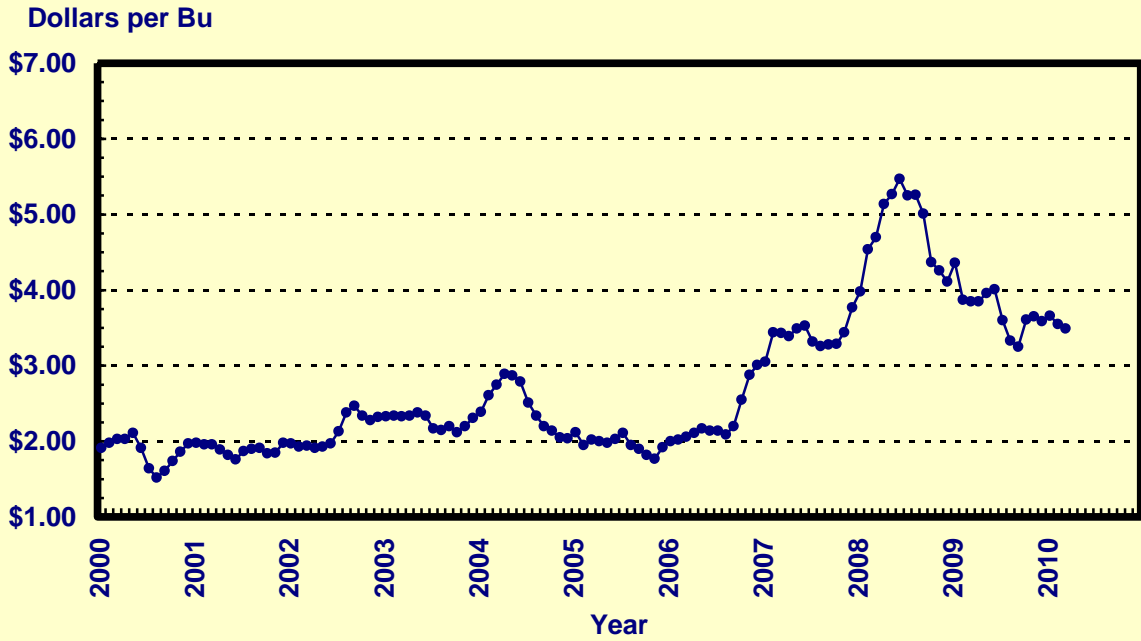
⁸ Mid-month price.

⁹ Also referred to as table eggs.

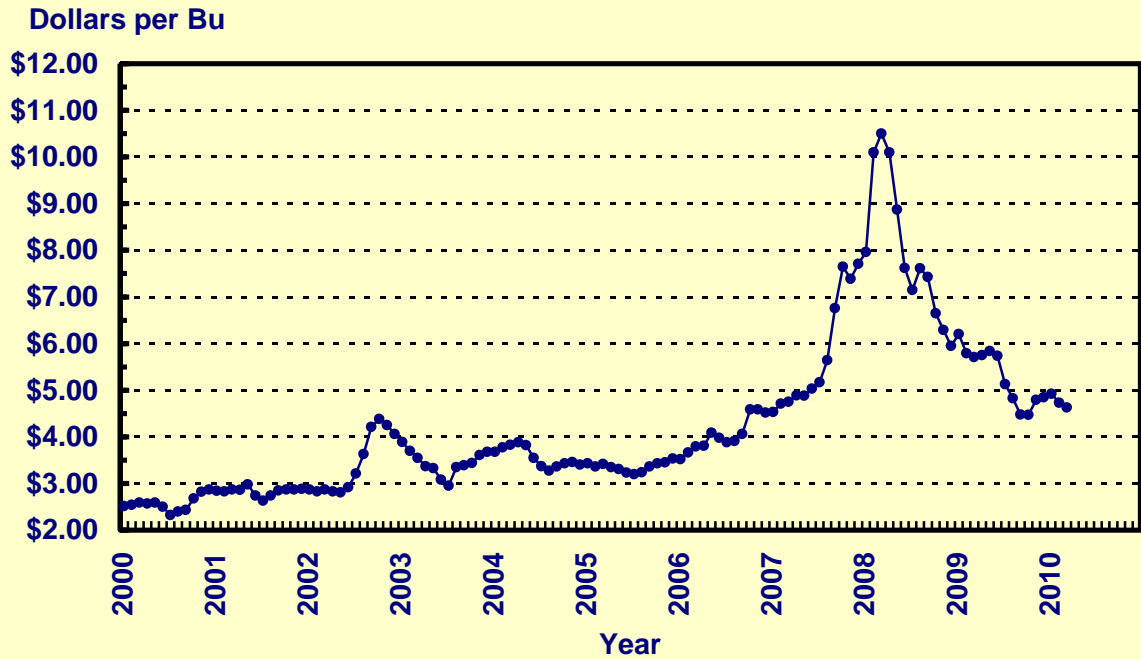
¹⁰ Live weight equivalent price is used when actual live weight price is not available.

¹¹ Seasonal adjustment factors are: All Eggs March 2009, 112; February 2010, 103; and March 2010, 112. All Milk March 2009, 92; February 2010, 95; and March 2010, 92.

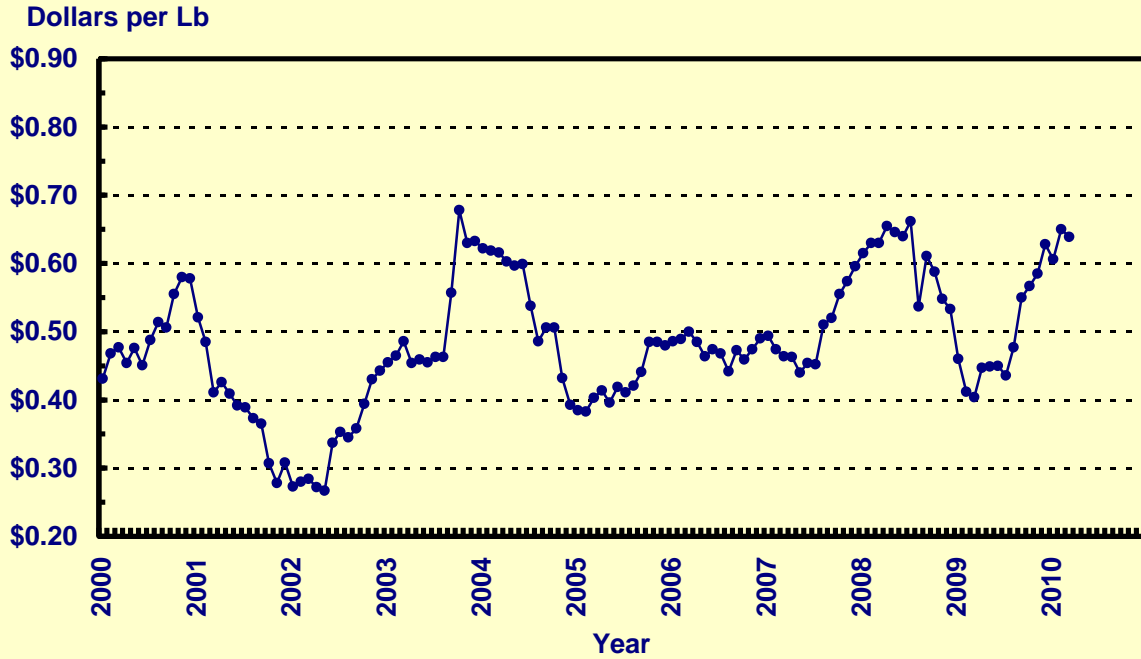
Prices Received, Corn, US



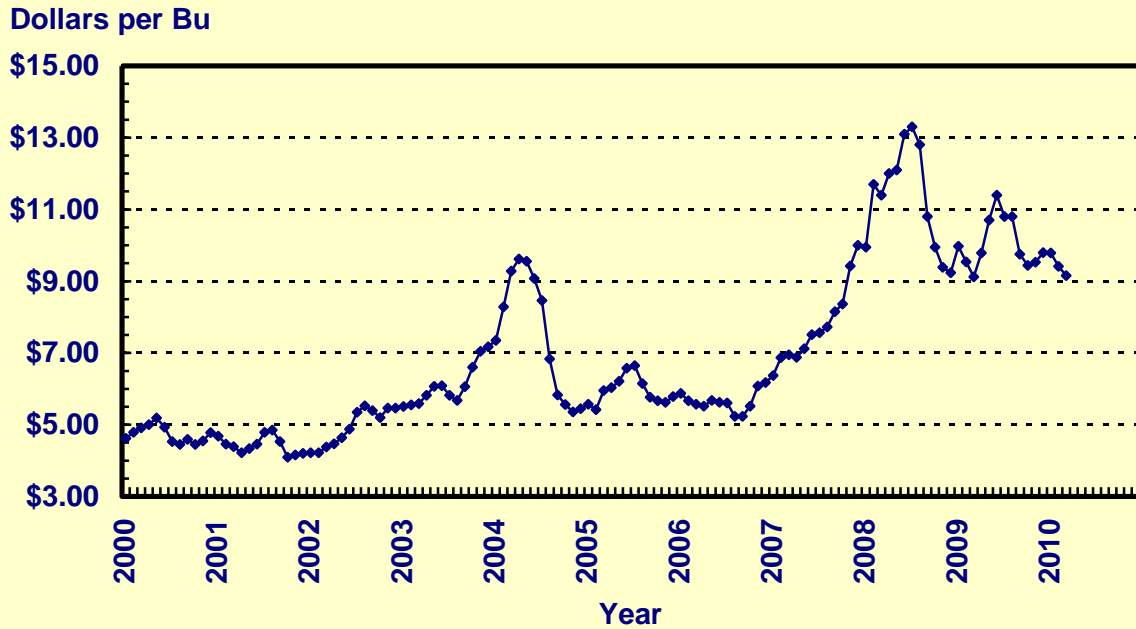
Prices Received, Wheat, US



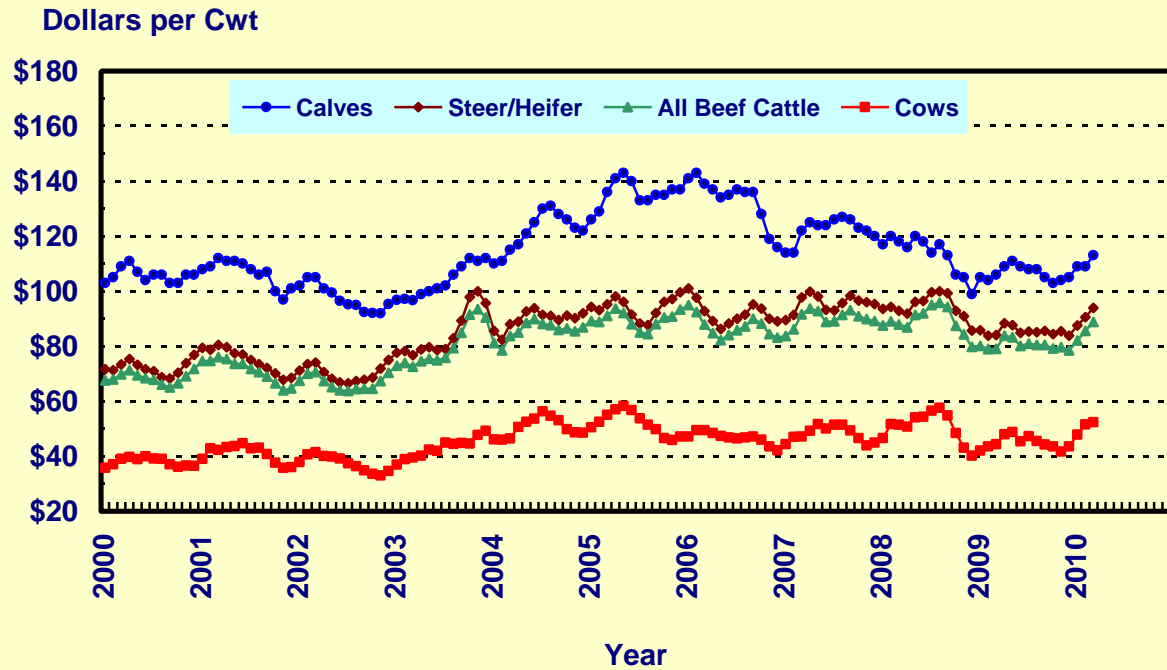
Prices Received, Cotton, US



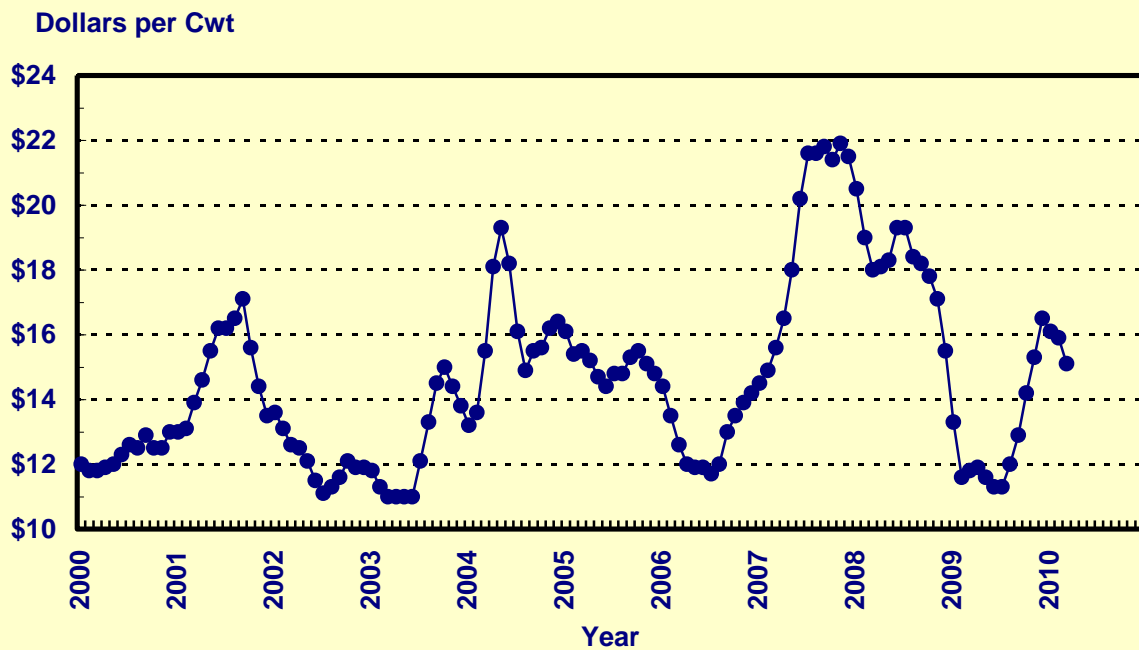
Prices Received, Soybeans, US



Prices Received, Cattle, US

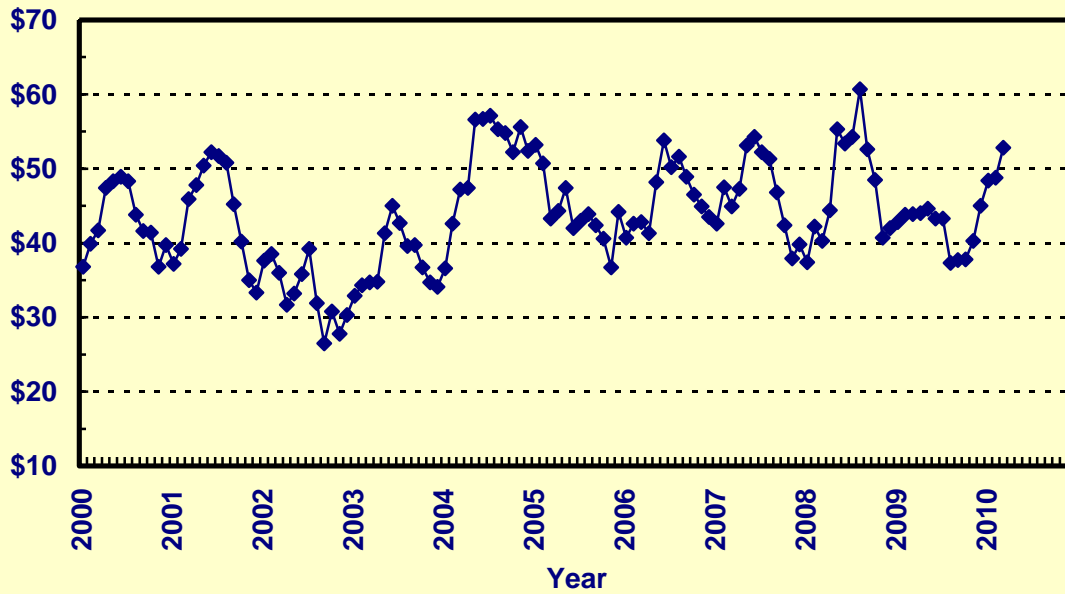


Prices Received, Milk, US



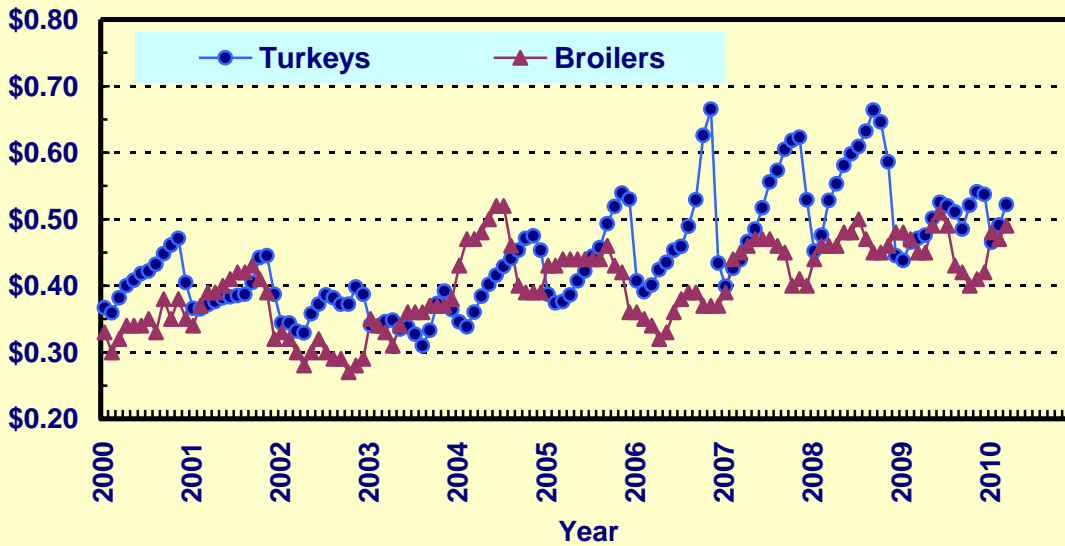
Prices Received, Hogs, US

Dollars per Cwt



Prices Received, Turkeys & Broilers, US

Dollars per Lb



Wheat: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2010

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>
AZ	(³)	(⁴)			(³)	(⁴)		
AR	4.26	4.40	4.26	4.40				
CA	5.78	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(⁴)		
CO	4.29	3.97	4.29	3.96			(³)	(³)
ID	4.91	4.78	4.51	4.00	(³)	(³)	5.17	5.00
IL	4.08	4.20	4.08	4.20				
IN	4.30	3.93	4.30	3.93				
KS	4.32	4.00	4.32	4.00				
MI	4.39	4.15	4.39	4.15				
MN	4.66	4.64	3.92	3.90			4.67	4.65
MO	4.26	4.25	4.26	4.25				
MT	5.16	5.22	4.67	4.64	5.21	5.30	5.80	5.98
NE	4.35	4.25	4.35	4.25				
NC	4.92	4.34	4.92	4.34				
ND	4.73	4.91	3.88	3.65	4.37	4.80	4.84	5.00
OH	4.40	4.35	4.40	4.35				
OK	4.08	4.00	4.08	4.00				
OR	4.87	4.48	4.81	4.40			5.29	5.00
SD	4.99	4.80	4.44	4.24			5.44	5.25
TX	5.47	4.43	5.47	4.43				
WA	4.75	4.65	4.47	4.32			5.61	5.69
US	4.73	4.63	4.52	4.20	4.61	5.03	5.05	5.13

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, 2009 and 2010¹**

Month	All Wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef Cattle ²		All Hogs	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<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	6.20	4.92	4.36	3.66	9.97	9.79	80.10	82.10	42.80	48.40
Feb	5.79	4.73	3.87	3.55	9.54	9.41	78.90	85.50	43.80	48.80
Mar	5.71	4.63	3.85	3.49	9.12	9.16	79.10	88.80	43.90	52.80
Apr	5.75		3.85		9.79		83.80		44.00	
May	5.84		3.96		10.70		83.20		44.60	
Jun	5.74		4.01		11.40		80.10		43.30	
Jul	5.13		3.60		10.80		80.90		43.30	
Aug	4.83		3.33		10.80		80.40		37.30	
Sep	4.48		3.25		9.75		80.50		37.70	
Oct	4.47		3.61		9.44		79.20		37.80	
Nov	4.79		3.65		9.53		79.60		40.30	
Dec	4.85		3.59		9.80		78.50		45.00	

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 2010

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							9.00	9.00	(⁴)	(⁴)
AR										
CA	(³)	(³)								
CO	(³)	(³)	3.56	3.34						
ID	4.84	5.13								
IL			3.48	3.45	(³)	(³)	9.44	9.30	7.44	7.30
IN			3.69	3.40			9.82	9.30		
IA			3.66	3.50	2.48	2.00	9.30	9.10		
KS			3.39	3.26			9.17	8.85	5.30	5.18
KY			3.88	3.80			10.00	9.60		
LA							9.44	8.88	(³)	(⁴)
MI			3.32	3.28	2.66	2.55	9.50	9.00		
MN	4.48	(³)	3.57	3.60	1.98	1.90	9.16	8.90		
MS							8.96	8.50		
MO			3.68	3.65			9.47	9.20	6.29	5.70
MT	4.72	4.04			(³)	(⁴)				
NE			3.57	3.60	(³)	(³)	9.21	9.20	5.55	5.55
NY					(³)	(³)				
NC			4.26	3.90			9.49	9.19		
ND	3.96	3.36	3.17	3.30	2.07	(³)	9.23	8.80		
OH			3.50	3.49			9.87	9.60		
OK									5.48	5.39
OR	3.11	3.10			(⁴)	(⁴)				
PA			3.89	3.86	3.67	3.44				
SD			3.12	3.15	2.11	2.05	9.22	8.90		
TN			3.97	3.85			9.47	9.40		
TX			3.82	3.66	(⁴)	(⁴)			6.13	5.93
UT	3.03	2.86								
WA	2.90	2.76								
WI			3.47	3.42	2.17	1.98	9.57	9.00		
WY	(³)	(⁴)								
US	4.51	3.82	3.55	3.49	2.28	2.12	9.41	9.16	5.44	5.34

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 2010

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	4.96	5.25	2.83	(³)
MN	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)
MT	4.83	4.12	2.49	2.43
ND	4.05	3.50	2.76	2.10
WY	(³)	(⁴)	(³)	(⁴)

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

³ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

⁴ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Field Crops: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2010

State	Dry Edible Beans		All Sunflower		Canola		Flaxseed		Peanuts ^{4 5}	
	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									0.200	0.198
CA	60.00	(⁶)								
CO	33.00	31.40	15.50	(⁷)						
FL									0.201	0.195
GA									0.197	0.197
ID	29.80	32.00								
KS			16.00	15.00						
MI	35.80	36.00								
MN	35.90	(⁶)	19.30	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁷)				
MS									(⁷)	(⁷)
NE	30.00	30.00								
NM									0.236	(⁷)
NC									0.235	0.238
ND	25.90	25.00	17.40	16.50	(⁶)	(⁶)	8.50	8.55		
OK									(⁶)	(⁶)
SC									0.222	0.232
SD			14.60	14.40						
TX									0.234	0.224
VA									0.224	0.231
US	30.30	30.80	16.80	16.00	(⁶)	(⁶)	8.50	8.55	0.210	0.207

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

³ Based on sales through first half of month.

⁴ In-Shell.

⁵ Monthly published estimates for MS, NM, OK, and SC began in August 2009.

⁶ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

⁷ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Field Crops and Apples: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2010

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	0.650	0.635					
AZ	0.657	(⁶)		115.00	115.00	110.00	
AR	0.624	0.635					
CA	(⁶)	(⁶)		106.00	109.00	94.00	
CO				120.00	120.00	120.00	
GA	0.689	0.650					
ID				102.00	107.00	72.00	
IL				123.00	130.00	92.00	
IA				126.00	132.00	92.00	
KS				100.00	105.00	67.00	
KY				102.00	140.00	80.00	
LA	0.610	0.632					
MI				127.00	130.00	90.00	0.205
MN				118.00	125.00	80.00	
MS	0.642	0.649					
MO				72.00	125.00	60.00	
MT				85.00	86.00	83.00	
NE				80.00	83.00	62.00	
NV				101.00	101.00	99.00	
NM				145.00	147.00	120.00	
NY				119.00	155.00	110.00	0.200
NC	0.618	0.635					
ND				63.00	68.00	48.00	
OH				116.00	154.00	91.00	0.450
OK				108.00	130.00	78.00	
OR				129.00	116.00	165.00	
PA				128.00	160.00	115.00	0.306
SD				87.00	89.00	75.00	
TN	0.658	0.693					
TX	0.636	0.622		127.00	183.00	115.00	
UT				99.00	100.00	90.00	
VA							0.310
WA				134.00	115.00	170.00	0.312
WI				113.00	120.00	90.00	
WY				88.00	90.00	80.00	
US	0.650	0.639		108.00	111.00	98.60	0.295

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 2010, with Comparisons**

Item	Unit	Mar 2009 ¹	Feb 2010 ¹	Mar 2010 ²
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollars per Pound	0.404	0.650	0.639
Marketings ³	1,000 Bales	764	1,262	NA
Rice, All				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt	15.60	14.40	14.60
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt	12,158	13,494	NA
Rice, Long				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt	13.70	13.40	13.50
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt	10,300	10,012	NA
Rice, Medium & Short				
Average Price	Dollars per Cwt	25.90	17.20	17.60
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt	1,858	3,482	NA

¹ Entire month.

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

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

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

**Citrus Fruit: Prices and Equivalent Returns, by Utilization,
by State and United States, March 2010**

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	21.20	11.40	11.40	(²)	8.30	8.30	(²)
FL	21.60	8.55	12.24	6.43	5.74	9.83	3.38
White	24.00	7.86	14.65	5.95	5.13	12.00	3.20
Colored	21.00	8.89	11.65	6.75	6.03	9.30	3.50
TX	23.50	9.54	13.25	1.60	8.10	11.80	0.20
US	21.90	8.79	12.37	6.08	6.14	10.09	3.15
Lemons							
AZ	36.30	16.10	25.61	(³)	10.35	19.86	(³)
CA	37.40	14.28	26.71	(³)	8.53	20.96	(³)
US	37.40	14.31	26.69	(³)	8.56	20.94	(³)
Oranges							
CA							
Navel and Misc	21.50	11.55	13.11	(³)	8.90	10.46	(³)
FL							
Early and Mids	20.80	7.67	10.90	6.85	5.11	8.10	4.35
Valencia	22.40	9.09	12.50	8.90	6.48	9.70	6.30
US	21.60	9.98	13.01	8.21	7.35	10.34	5.61
Tangerines and Mandarins							
AZ	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)
CA	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)
FL	26.50	11.28	14.50	3.80	7.17	10.50	-0.55
US	27.80	12.57	16.48	3.23	8.67	12.66	-0.85

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 Processed sales insignificant and included in fresh sales.

³ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Potatoes: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2010 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>
CA - All ³	8.50	8.40	NC		
- Winter			ND - All ³	9.25	9.05
- Spring			- Fresh ⁴	8.30	NA
- Summer			- Processing	9.50	NA
- Fall	8.50	8.40	OR	7.35	7.90
CO - All ³	5.70	5.65	TX		
- Fresh ⁴	5.60	NA	VA		
FL	38.50	24.60	WA - All ³	7.45	7.50
ID - All ³	5.35	5.70	- Processing	8.10	NA
- Fresh ⁴	3.00	NA	WI - All ³	9.10	9.45
- Processing	7.90	NA	- Fresh ⁴	5.75	NA
ME	10.00	10.30	- Processing	11.00	NA
MI	11.30	11.80			
MN	7.00	7.05	US - All ³	7.34	7.46
NY	12.30	12.70	- Fresh ⁴	5.76	NA
			- Processing	8.44	NA

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 2010

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	54.00	57.00	87.00	92.00	70.50	74.50	117.00	123.00
AR	49.00	50.00	97.00	100.00	82.60	85.00	105.00	111.00
CA	51.50	52.50	89.00	91.60	69.90	71.70	114.00	110.00
CO	54.20	55.00	96.00	99.00	95.20	98.10	115.00	117.00
FL	52.60	49.70	89.50	94.60	69.50	72.20	105.00	110.00
GA	53.80	52.60	88.30	92.80	66.80	67.60	102.00	107.00
ID	53.90	56.70	90.00	95.30	82.10	86.00	114.00	115.00
IL	50.20	50.60	88.30	92.50	87.50	91.70	102.00	109.00
IA	52.00	53.00	91.50	93.00	90.70	92.20	111.00	112.00
KS	54.70	55.20	91.30	94.90	90.60	94.10	119.00	124.00
KY	49.00	50.00	91.00	96.00	80.90	85.00	103.00	107.00
LA	50.20	50.20	89.30	95.00	61.10	62.70	98.80	107.00
MI	53.00	54.00	83.00	86.00	74.00	76.40	82.00	83.00
MN	52.80	53.70	86.00	89.00	80.40	83.10	115.00	116.00
MO	48.40	48.40	98.30	99.90	81.30	88.60	113.00	115.00
MT	50.90	52.60	96.50	99.70	85.10	81.80	120.00	124.00
NE	54.70	55.60	90.40	92.70	89.30	91.60	121.00	123.00
NM	54.50	55.50	95.20	99.40	78.90	80.50	112.00	119.00
ND	52.00	52.00	97.50	98.00	92.00	93.40	114.00	114.00
OH	44.70	46.00	87.90	89.00	83.60	84.70	99.80	107.00
OK	57.90	57.70	92.90	97.10	90.60	94.10	114.00	118.00
OR	52.00	54.00	87.00	91.00	81.80	85.50	111.00	115.00
PA	48.70	48.50	82.90	84.90	74.00	75.40	96.00	97.00
SD	54.10	55.90	96.00	97.30	94.70	95.20	117.00	120.00
TN	47.00	47.00	92.00	94.00	74.00	75.20	102.00	106.00
TX	50.00	50.00	89.90	95.30	85.10	90.80	108.00	117.00
VA	48.10	46.00	90.10	92.60	74.60	80.00	98.80	106.00
WI	50.00	50.90	80.80	82.80	62.90	64.30	134.00	136.00
WY	51.60	55.90	102.00	105.00	88.90	97.10	125.00	127.00
US	51.60	52.40	90.50	93.90	85.50	88.80	112.00	113.00

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 2010

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>
IL	45.50	47.80	49.10	52.50	48.80	52.10
IN	54.10	56.30	49.70	53.10	50.10	53.40
IA	48.50	51.00	49.00	53.00	49.00	53.00
KS	50.00	52.00	45.00	49.50	45.70	49.80
MN	49.40	51.30	50.70	54.70	50.70	54.70
MO	47.10	47.10	43.90	48.10	44.20	48.00
NE	51.50	53.50	50.50	54.10	50.50	54.10
NC	53.70	55.60	49.10	53.20	49.10	53.20
OH	50.40	50.40	49.10	52.00	49.20	51.90
OK	46.00	47.60	42.30	46.80	43.00	46.90
PA	51.90	54.60	47.10	50.10	47.80	50.80
SD	45.70	47.20	50.70	55.30	50.20	54.50
US	48.90	51.30	48.80	52.80	48.80	52.80

¹ Entire month.

² Mid-month.

Sheep and Lambs: Prices Received, by State, February 2010

State	February	
	Sheep ¹	Lambs ¹
	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>
CA	48.00	90.00
CO	55.00	106.00
ID	42.00	95.00
IA	51.00	103.00
MN	53.00	109.00
MO	55.60	126.00
MT	61.00	112.00
NE	56.20	106.00
ND	39.00	107.00
OH	45.60	113.00
OR	61.00	98.00
PA	69.00	125.00
SD	56.90	129.00
TX	62.00	135.00
VA	55.00	126.00
WV	44.00	118.00
WY	53.60	103.00
US	55.00	106.00

¹ Entire month.

Milk and Milk Cows: Prices Received, by State, February and March 2010

State	February ¹						March		
	Fluid Grade Milk ^{2 3}		Manufacturing Grade Milk ³		All Milk ³		All Milk ^{3 4}		Milk Cows ⁵
	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	15.30	3.55			15.30	3.55	14.50	3.51	
CA	14.20	3.72	14.80	4.22	14.22	3.74	13.50	3.69	
CO	15.90	3.55			15.90	3.55	15.20	3.53	
FL	20.00	3.62			20.00	3.62	19.30	3.56	
ID	14.10	3.66			14.10	3.66	13.30	3.62	
IL	16.30	3.81	14.80	3.79	16.30	3.81	15.50	3.78	
IN	17.00	3.71			17.00	3.71	16.20	3.69	
IA	16.40	3.72	14.60	3.95	16.40	3.72	16.00	3.70	
KS	16.80	3.78			16.80	3.78	16.00	3.74	
MI	16.70	3.68			16.70	3.68	16.00	3.66	
MN	15.90	3.77	14.20	3.82	15.90	3.77	14.90	3.75	
MO	16.40	3.74	13.50	3.93	16.30	3.75	15.60	3.68	
NM	15.50	3.69			15.50	3.69	14.70	3.65	
NY	16.80	3.77			16.80	3.77	16.00	3.75	
OH	17.80	3.82	14.00	3.99	17.60	3.83	17.20	3.78	
OR	16.60	3.71			16.60	3.71	15.90	3.68	
PA	18.10	3.75			18.10	3.75	17.30	3.70	
TX	16.80	3.88			16.80	3.88	16.50	3.81	
UT	15.70	3.70			15.70	3.70	15.00	3.65	
VT	17.30	3.80			17.30	3.80	16.20	3.76	
VA	19.00	3.75			19.00	3.75	18.30	3.71	
WA	15.30	3.71			15.30	3.71	14.30	3.68	
WI	16.00	3.70	14.40	3.88	16.00	3.71	14.90	3.69	
US	15.90	3.72	14.50	4.05	15.90	3.73	15.10	3.69	

¹ Entire month.

² Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

³ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

⁴ Preliminary.

⁵ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

**Parity Price for Manufacturing Grade Milk ¹: United States,
February and March 2010, with Comparisons**

Item	Unit	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
Parity Equivalent	Dollars per Cwt	41.20	42.30	42.10
Average Price F.O.B	Dollars per Cwt	11.10	14.50	13.80
Average Fat Test of Milk	Percent	4.01	4.05	4.01

¹ The parity price equivalent during 2010 is 93.2 percent of the parity price of all milk sold to plants, compared with 92.4 percent in 2009. For additional details, see January 2010 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 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Percent	Percent
Basic Commodities							
All Wheat, Bu	0.597	13.40	14.70	14.60	43	32	32
Rice, Cwt	1.38	35.70	33.90	33.80	44	42	43
Corn, Bu	0.372	8.27	9.15	9.11	47	39	38
Cotton, Lb							
American Upland	0.084	1.81	2.07	2.06	22	31	31
Extra Long Staple	0.132	3.10	3.25	3.23	32	35	35
Peanuts, Lb	0.029	0.764	0.713	0.710	33	29	29
Small Chickpeas, Cwt ⁵							
Large Chickpeas, Cwt ⁵							
Lentils, Cwt ⁵							
Designated Nonbasic							
All Milk, Sold to Plants, Per Cwt ²	1.83	44.20	45.00	44.80	29	37	37
Honey, Extracted, Lb ³	0.127	2.80	3.12	3.11	50	45	45
Wool and Mohair							
Wool, Lb	0.085	1.90	2.09	2.08	52	38	38
Mohair, Lb	0.343	8.43	8.44	8.40	39	32	32
Other Nonbasic							
Barley, Bu	0.416	9.03	10.20	10.20	56	44	37
Canola, Cwt	1.630	36.40	40.10	39.90	42	41	41
Cottonseed, Ton	15.10	331.00	371.00	370.00	64	41	41
Dry Edible Beans, Cwt	2.88	64.60	70.80	70.50	50	43	44
Flaxseed, Bu	0.972	21.90	23.90	23.80	40	36	36
Mustard Seed, Cwt	2.59	55.80	63.70	63.40			
Oats, Bu	0.244	5.47	6.00	5.97	51	38	36
Potatoes, Cwt	0.833	19.00	20.50	20.40	49	36	37
Rapeseed, Cwt	2.04	43.10	50.20	49.90			
Rye, Bu	0.474	10.50	11.70	11.60			
Safflower, Cwt	1.95	45.20	48.00	47.70			
Sorghum Grain, Cwt	0.656	14.80	16.10	16.10	36	34	33
Soybeans, Bu	0.916	20.10	22.50	22.40	45	42	41
All Sunflower, Cwt	1.85	41.20	45.50	45.30	54	37	35
Sweetpotatoes, Cwt	2.27	53.30	55.80	55.60			
Apples, Fresh, Lb ⁴	0.033	0.764	0.812	0.808	28	36	37
Citrus (equiv on-tree), Box							
Grapefruit	0.648	14.90	15.90	15.90	24	42	39
Lemons	1.38	32.90	33.90	33.80	5	25	25
Oranges	0.660	15.30	16.20	16.20	46	44	45
Tangerines	1.39	32.70	34.20	34.00	44	21	26
Beef Cattle, Cwt	10.20	236.00	251.00	250.00	34	34	36
Calves, Cwt	14.40	338.00	354.00	353.00	31	32	32
Hogs, Cwt	5.54	129.00	136.00	136.00	34	36	39
Lambs, Cwt	11.50	266.00	283.00	282.00	38	37	
Sheep, Cwt	4.35	103.00	107.00	106.00	31	51	
Eggs, Doz ²	0.091	2.11	2.24	2.23	34	40	46
Turkeys, Live, Lb	0.056	1.300	1.380	1.370	36	36	38

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 2010, 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	0.300	7.34	Papayas (HI)	0.046	1.130
Spearmint Oil, Lb	1.42	34.80	Peaches		
Tobacco, Lb			Fresh, Ton ²	83.00	2,030.00
Flue-Cured, 11-14	0.216	5.29	Dried, CA, Ton	64.90	1,590.00
Fire-Cured, 21-23	0.298	7.30	Processing ³		
Burley, 31	0.227	5.56	Excl Dried		
Maryland, 32	0.186	4.55	Clingstone, CA, Ton	33.70	825.00
Dark Air-Cured, 35-37	0.268	6.56	Pears, Ton		
PA Seedleaf, 41	0.194	4.75	Fresh ²	54.90	1,340.00
Cigar Binder, 51	0.651	15.90	Dried, CA ⁴	173.00	4,240.00
			Plums, CA, Ton		
Noncitrus Fruit			Fresh, Equiv on-Tree	60.90	1,490.00
Apples, Ton ⁴			Prunes, Dried, CA, Ton ⁴	146.00	3,570.00
Processing	16.70	409.00	Prunes and Plums, Excl CA, Ton		
Apricots, Ton			Fresh ⁷	63.20	1,550.00
Fresh ⁵	108.00	2,640.00	Processing ⁴		
Dried, CA	253.00	6,190.00	Excl Dried	26.50	649.00
Avocados, Ton ⁵	211.00	5,170.00	Tree Nuts ⁸		
Cherries			Almonds, Lb	0.202	4.94
Sweet, Ton	205.00	5,020.00	Hazelnuts, Ton	171.00	4,190.00
Tart, Lb	0.035	0.857	Pistachio, Lb	0.190	4.65
Cranberry, Bbl ³	4.75	116.00	Walnuts, Ton	172.00	4,210.00
Dates, CA, Ton ⁵	197.00	4,820.00	Vegetables, Cwt ⁹		
Grapes, Ton			Fresh		
Raisin Variety	110.00	2,690.00	Carrots ⁶	2.54	62.20
Other Dried	66.60	1,630.00	Cauliflower ⁶	4.31	106.00
Kiwifruit, Ton	95.10	2,330.00	Celery ⁶	2.09	51.20
Nectarines			Honeydew Melons	2.31	56.50
Fresh, CA, Ton ⁵	55.40	1,360.00	Lettuce	2.35	57.50
Olives, CA			Onions ⁶	1.52	37.20
canning, Ton ³	94.70	2,320.00	Tomatoes	4.69	115.00

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 184 (1990-1992=100), is unchanged from February 2010 but is up 2.2 percent from March 2009.

PRODUCTION INDEX: The March index, at 187, is unchanged from last month but increased 1.6 percent from last year. Lower prices in March for complete feeds, LP gas, herbicides, and supplements offset higher prices for potash & phosphate, diesel, nitrogen, and feeder cattle.

Feed: The March index, at 170, decreased 4.0 percent from February and 8.1 percent from last March. Since February, lower prices for complete feeds, supplements, concentrates, and feed grains offset higher prices for hay & forages.

Livestock & Poultry: The March index, at 128, increased 1.6 percent from last month and 7.6 percent from last year. Since February, prices are higher for feeder cattle and feeder pigs. The March feeder cattle price, at \$103.10 per cwt, is up \$1.60 from the February price. March feeder pigs averaged \$172.00 per cwt, up \$12.00 from February.

Fertilizer: The March index, at 295, is up 6.1 percent from February but is 7.8 percent below March a year ago. Since February, prices are higher for potash & phosphate, nitrogen, and mixed fertilizer.

Chemicals: The March index, at 124, decreased 8.8 percent from February and 18 percent from last March. Compared with last month, prices are lower for herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides/other.

Fuels: The March index, at 277, is up 0.4 percent from a month earlier and 45 percent above March 2009. Compared with last month, prices are higher for diesel and gasoline but lower for LP gas.

Machinery: The March index, at 228, is unchanged from February but is 3.6 percent above last March. Compared with last month, prices are higher for other machinery but lower for self-propelled machinery.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The February 2010 Consumer Price Index, as issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for all urban consumers (CPI-U) increased slightly before seasonal adjustment to a level of 216.741 (1982-1984=100). The January index is 216.687. For the 12-month period ending in February, the overall index increased 2.1 percent.

**Indexes of Prices Paid by Farmers and Related Parity Ratios
United States, March 2010 with Comparisons¹**

Indexes and Ratios	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar	Feb	Mar
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities & Services, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates (PPITW)	2391	2447	2448	180	184	184
Production	1781	1818	1818	184	187	187
Feed	903	865	832	185	177	170
Livestock & Poultry	1515	1606	1638	119	126	128
Seeds	3008	3008	3008	304	304	304
Fertilizer	1173	1017	1081	320	278	295
Chemicals	931	844	769	151	136	124
Fuels	1476	2130	2141	191	276	277
Supplies & Repairs	1114	1117	1121	157	157	158
Autos & Trucks	2892	3004	3011	109	113	113
Machinery	5527	5727	5732	220	228	228
Building Materials	2232	2224	2241	164	164	165
Services & Rent	1973	2048	2045			
Services				159	162	162
Rent				178	191	191
Interest ²	3478	3211	3211	139	128	128
Taxes ³	6370	7190	7190	238	268	268
Wage Rates	7062	7146	7146	189	191	191
Production, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates (PITW)	2472	2527	2527	184	188	188
Family Living-CPI ⁴	2020	2059	2059	158	161	161
Ratio (Received/Paid) Parity Ratio ⁵	33	35	37	70	73	77
Parity Ratio Adjusted ⁶	35	36	38			
PPITW Adjusted for Productivity ⁷	1439	1442	1442			
Crop Sector (PPITW)				191	196	197
Livestock Sector (PPITW)				169	172	171
Farm Sector (Production)				181	179	177
Non-Farm Sector (Production)				185	192	193

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 2010 and the revised factor is 1.041 for 2009.

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

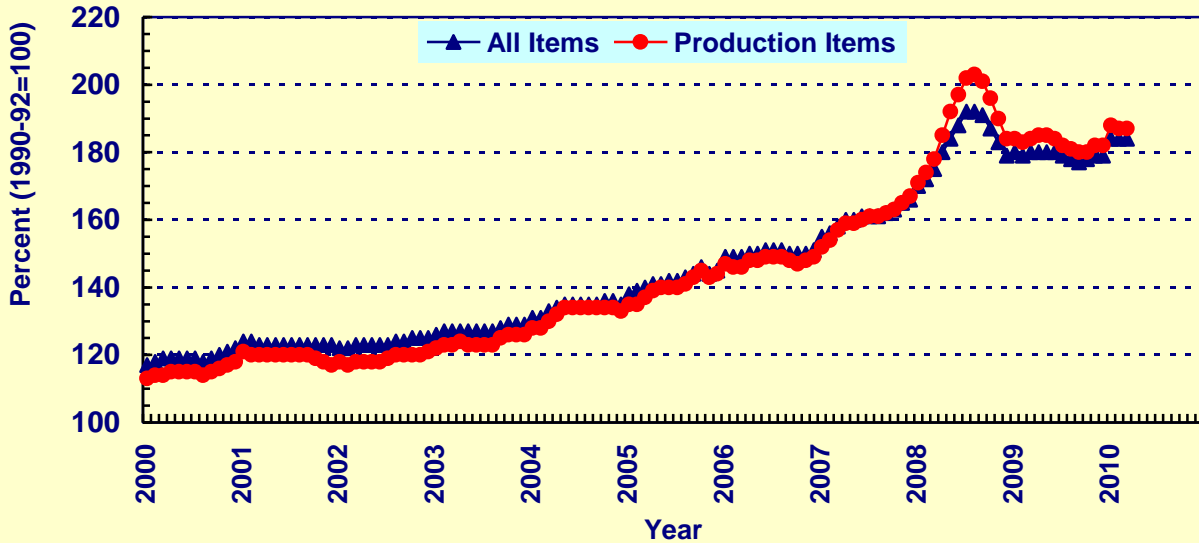
**Prices Paid Indexes and Annual Weights for Input Components and
Sub-Components United States, March 2010 with Comparisons ¹**

Index	Relative Weights 5-Year Moving Average ²		Input Indexes		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	
			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	68.9	70.2	184	187	187
Feed	11.4	11.9	185	177	170
Feed Grains	1.6	1.7	164	152	149
Complete Feeds	5.6	5.8	193	194	186
Hay/Forage	1.4	1.5	170	142	143
Concentrates	1.8	1.9	179	163	159
Supplements	1.0	1.0	206	202	180
Livestock & Poultry	8.2	8.6	119	126	128
Feeder Cattle	6.4	6.7	109	120	122
Feeder Pigs	0.7	0.7	162	174	187
Milk Cow Replacements	0.7	0.7	145	119	119
Poultry	0.5	0.5	145	145	145
Seeds	3.8	3.9	304	304	304
Field Crops	3.5	3.6	319	319	319
Grasses/Legumes	0.4	0.4	161	161	161
Fertilizer	4.7	5.2	320	278	295
Mixed Fertilizer	2.1	2.3	298	248	249
Nitrogen	2.0	2.2	295	267	278
Potash & Phosphate	0.7	0.7	463	401	489
Chemicals	3.3	3.2	151	136	124
Herbicides	2.1	2.0	144	131	119
Insecticides	0.8	0.7	158	144	131
Fungicides/Other	0.5	0.5	166	151	137
Fuels	3.6	3.9	191	276	277
Diesel	2.3	2.5	192	256	268
Gasoline	0.8	0.9	169	227	237
LP Gas	0.4	0.5	226	445	386
Supplies & Repairs	4.6	4.6	157	157	158
Supplies	1.5	1.5	154	152	152
Repairs	3.1	3.0	158	160	161
Autos & Trucks	1.6	1.5	109	113	113
Autos	0.2	0.2	109	111	111
Trucks	1.4	1.3	109	113	114
Machinery	4.4	4.5	220	228	228
Tractors	1.0	1.0	185	185	185
Self-Propelled	1.8	1.8	229	234	234
Other Machinery	1.7	1.7	231	247	248
Building Materials	4.6	4.5	164	164	165
Services	12.2	12.1	159	162	162
Custom Rates	1.3	1.2	145	145	145
Other Services	11.0	10.8	161	164	164
Rent	6.4	6.3	178	191	191
Cash	3.4	3.4	224	243	243
Share	3.0	2.9	124	130	130
Interest	3.7	3.6	139	128	128
Taxes	3.0	3.0	238	268	268
Wage Rates	7.6	7.5	189	191	191
Family Living-CPI	16.9	15.7	158	161	161

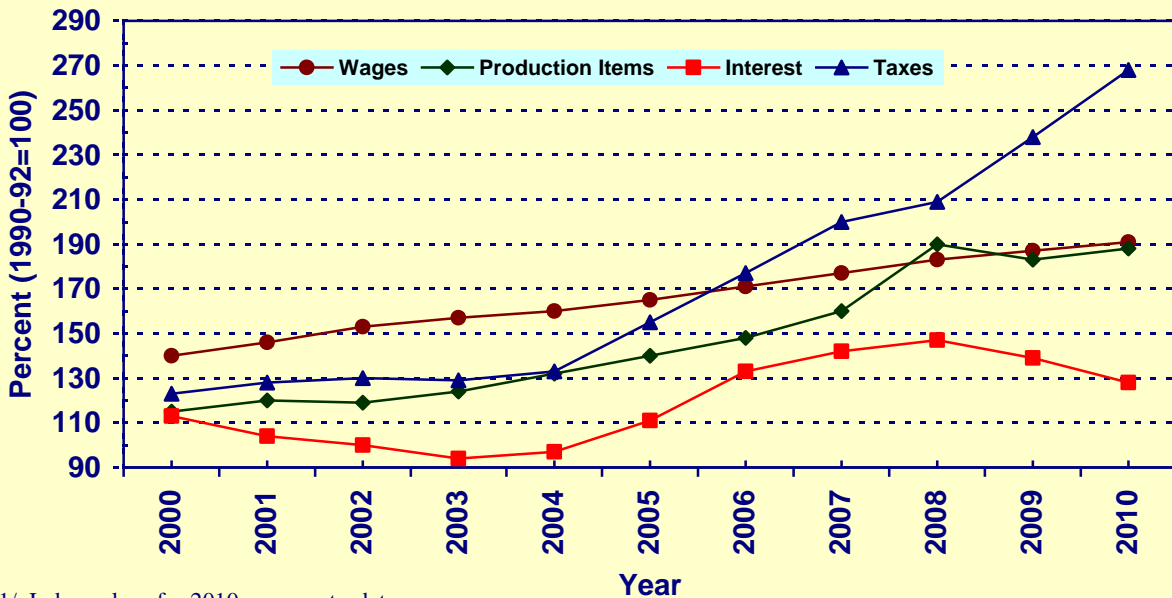
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² Weights may not add due to rounding.

Prices Paid by Farmers, Major Indexes US, by Month

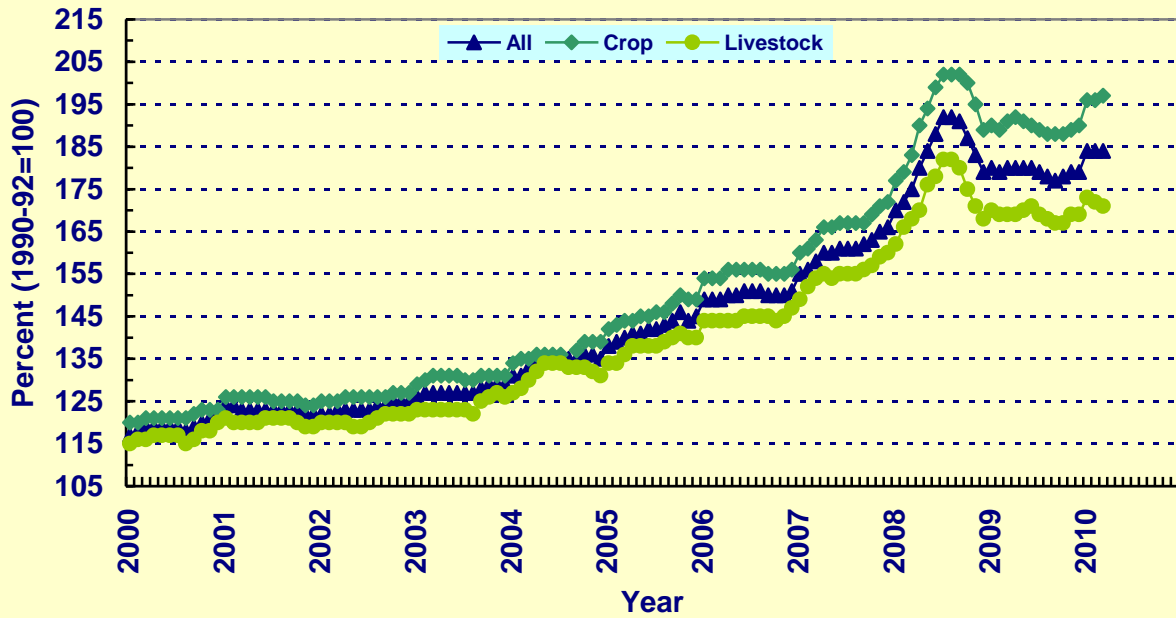


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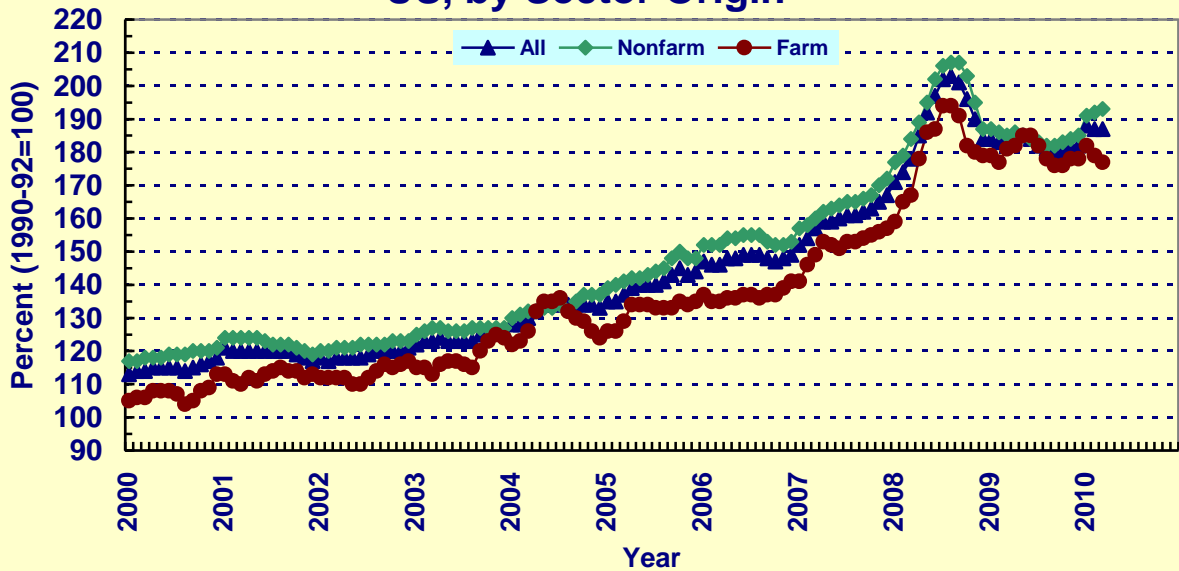


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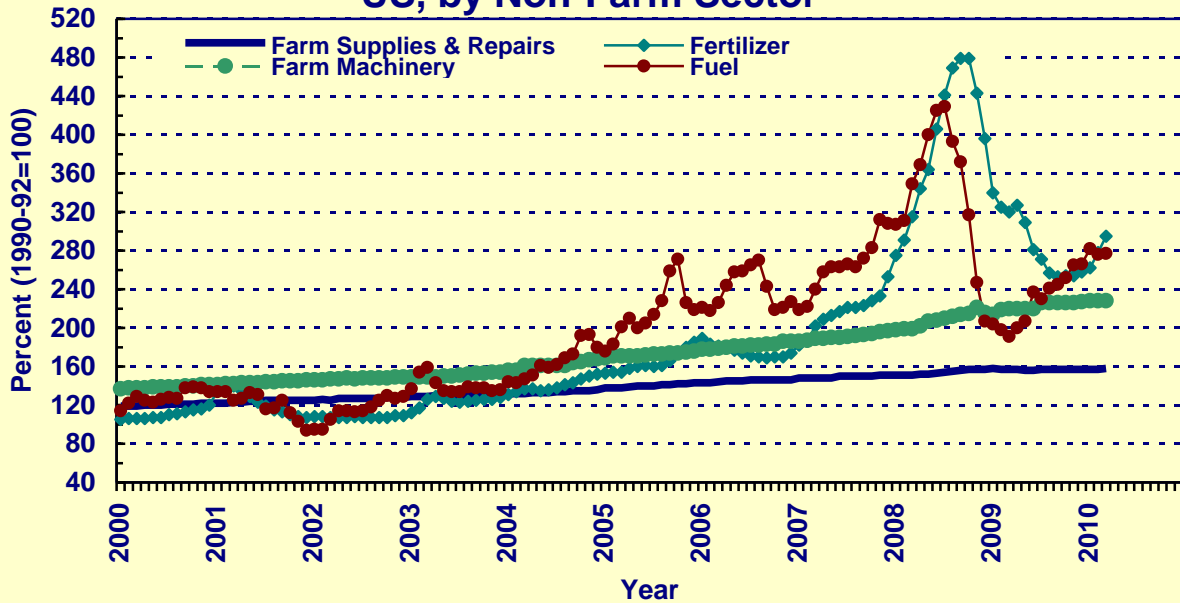
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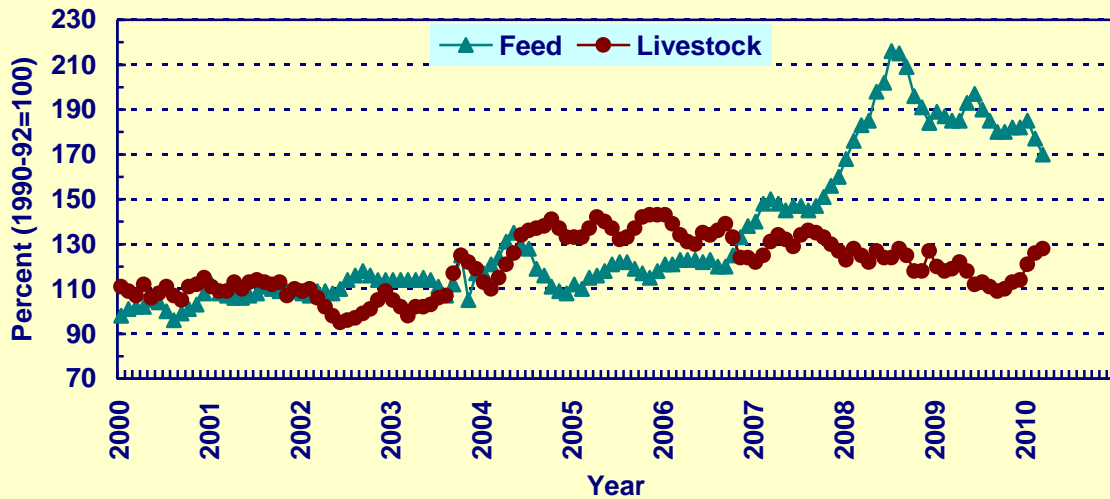
Prices Paid by Farmers, Indexes, All Production Items US, by Sector Origin



Prices Paid by Farmers, 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 2010 with Comparisons

Feed Price Ratio ¹	2009	2010	
	Mar	Feb	Mar
Broiler-Feed: Pounds of Broiler Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight ²	4.3	4.6	4.9
Market Egg Feed: Pounds of Laying Feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs ³	7.2	*8.9	12.5
Hog-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight	11.4	*13.7	15.1
Milk-Feed: Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to 1 pound of Whole Milk ⁴	1.56	*2.35	2.26
Steer & Heifer-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steer & Heifers, live weight	21.8	*25.5	26.9
Turkey-Feed: Pounds of Turkey Grower equal in value to 1 pound of Turkey, live weight ⁵	4.8	5.3	5.8

* 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 2010 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Broilers, Live	Lb	0.450	0.470	0.490
Eggs, Market	Doz	0.643	0.775	1.060
Hogs, All	Cwt	43.90	48.80	52.80
Milk, All	Cwt	11.80	15.90	15.10
Steers and Heifers	Cwt	84.00	90.50	93.90
Turkeys, Live	Lb	0.471	0.491	0.522
Corn	Bu	3.85	3.55	3.49
Hay, Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	138.00	111.00	111.00
Soybeans	Bu	9.12	9.41	9.16
Wheat, All	Bu	5.71	4.73	4.63

**Feeder Livestock: Prices Paid, United States
March 2010 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	2009	2010	
		Mar	Feb	Mar
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Feeders and Stockers Cattle and Calves	Cwt	92.60	*101.50	103.10
Feeder Pigs	Cwt	149.00	*160.00	172.00

* 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 March 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 March 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 for March when separate prices paid surveys are conducted, in lieu of BLS indexes, by the USDA to measure price change.

Reliability: Current methods of summarization for the March data 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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