



Agricultural Prices

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December Farm Prices Received Index Declined 5 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 201 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 5 points (2.4 percent) from November. The Crop Index is down 8 points (3.4 percent) and the Livestock Index remained unchanged. Producers received lower prices for milk, lettuce, turkeys, and eggs and higher prices for soybeans, broilers, cattle, and grapes. 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 movement of wheat, milk, broilers, and hay offset the decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 22 points (12 percent) from December 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 187, decreased 3 points (1.6 percent) from last month but increased 18 points (11 percent) from December 2011.

Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 217 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is down 1 point (-0.5 percent) from November but 11 points (5.3 percent) above December 2011. Lower prices in December for concentrates, complete feeds, LP gas, and gasoline more than offset higher prices for feeder pigs, feeder cattle, nitrogen, and potash & phosphate.

Prices Received, Prices Paid, and Ratio of Prices Received to Prices Paid Indexes 1990-1992 Base – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

Index	December	November	December
	2011	2012	2012
Prices received by farmers	179	206	201
Prices paid by farmers	206	218	217
Ratio of prices received to prices paid	87	94	93

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Prices Received by Farmers

The December All Farm Products Index is 201 percent of its 1990-1992 base, down 2.4 percent from the November index but 12 percent above the December 2011 index.

All crops: The December index, at 228, decreased 3.4 percent from November but is 15 percent above December 2011. Index decreases for fruits & nuts, feed grains & hay, and commercial vegetables more than offset the index increases for oilseeds and food grains.

Food grains: The December index, at 268, is 1.1 percent above the previous month and 13 percent above a year ago. The December price for all wheat, at \$8.33 per bushel, is down 13 cents from November but \$1.13 above December 2011.

Feed grains & hay: The December index, at 299, is down 1 percent from last month but 19 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$7.01 per bushel, is down 1 cent from last month but \$1.15 above December 2011. The all hay price, at \$192 per ton, is down \$1.00 from November but up \$18.00 from last December. Sorghum grain, at \$12.30 per cwt, is 10 cents below November but \$1.80 above December last year.

Cotton, Upland: The December index, at 114, is up 0.9 percent from November but 22 percent below last year. The December price, at 68.8 cents per pound, is up 0.4 cents from the previous month but 20.1 cents below last December.

Oilseeds: The December index, at 261, is up 3.6 percent from November and 23 percent higher than December 2011. The soybean price, at \$14.70 per bushel, increased 40 cents from November and is \$3.20 higher than December 2011.

Fruits & nuts: The December index, at 183, is down 9.0 percent from November but 16 percent higher than a year ago. Price decreases for oranges and lemons more than offset the increase in prices for grapes and apples.

Commercial vegetables: The December index, at 134, is down 9.5 percent from last month and 1.5 percent below December 2011. Price declines for lettuce and broccoli more than offset price increases during December for onions and tomatoes.

Potatoes & dry beans: The December index, at 139, is down 3.5 percent from last month and 17 percent below December 2011. The all potato price, at \$7.26 per cwt, is down 13 cents from November and \$1.80 lower than last December. The all dry bean price, at \$36.70 per cwt, is down \$2.50 from the previous month and \$5.30 below December 2011.

Livestock and products: The December index, at 168, is unchanged from last month but up 7.0 percent from December 2011. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for broilers, milk, cattle, and calves. Prices for eggs, turkeys, and hogs are down from last year.

Meat animals: The December index, at 161, is up 0.6 percent from last month and 3.2 percent higher than last year. The December hog price, at \$62.90 per cwt, is up \$1.80 from November but 60 cents lower than a year ago. The December beef cattle price of \$125 per cwt is up \$2.00 from last month and \$5.00 higher than December 2011.

Dairy products: The December index, at 162, is down 3.6 percent from a month ago but 7.3 percent higher than December last year. The December all milk price of \$21.10 per cwt is 90 cents less than last month but up \$1.40 from December 2011.

Poultry & eggs: The December index, at 185, is up 0.5 percent from November and 14 percent above a year ago. The December market egg price, at 95.7 cents per dozen, decreased 6.3 cents from November and is 14.3 cents less than December 2011. The December broiler price, at 60.0 cents per pound, is up 3.0 cents from November and 13.0 cents higher than a year ago. The December turkey price, at 66.9 cents per pound, is down 8.2 cents from the previous month and 4.6 cents below last year.

Prices Received Indexes – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

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

Index	1910-1914 Base				1990-1992 Base		
	1990-1992 Average	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
All products	639	1137	1310	1274	179	206	201
All crops	500	982	1169	1128	198	236	228
Food grains	325	750	839	849	237	265	268
Feed grains & hay	363	900	1077	1067	252	302	299
Cotton, Upland	517	752	579	582	147	113	114
Tobacco	1263	1559	1559	1559	103	103	103
Oilseeds	554	1164	1383	1429	212	252	261
Fruits & nuts	716	1100	1406	1278	158	201	183
Commercial vegetables	698	975	1061	959	136	148	134
Potatoes & dry beans	540	853	731	703	168	144	139
Other crops	493	648	651	651	132	132	132
Livestock and products	768	1200	1286	1284	157	168	168
Meat animals	1021	1594	1630	1639	156	160	161
Dairy products	799	1212	1354	1298	151	168	162
Poultry & eggs	282	454	515	519	162	184	185
Food commodities	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	169	190	187

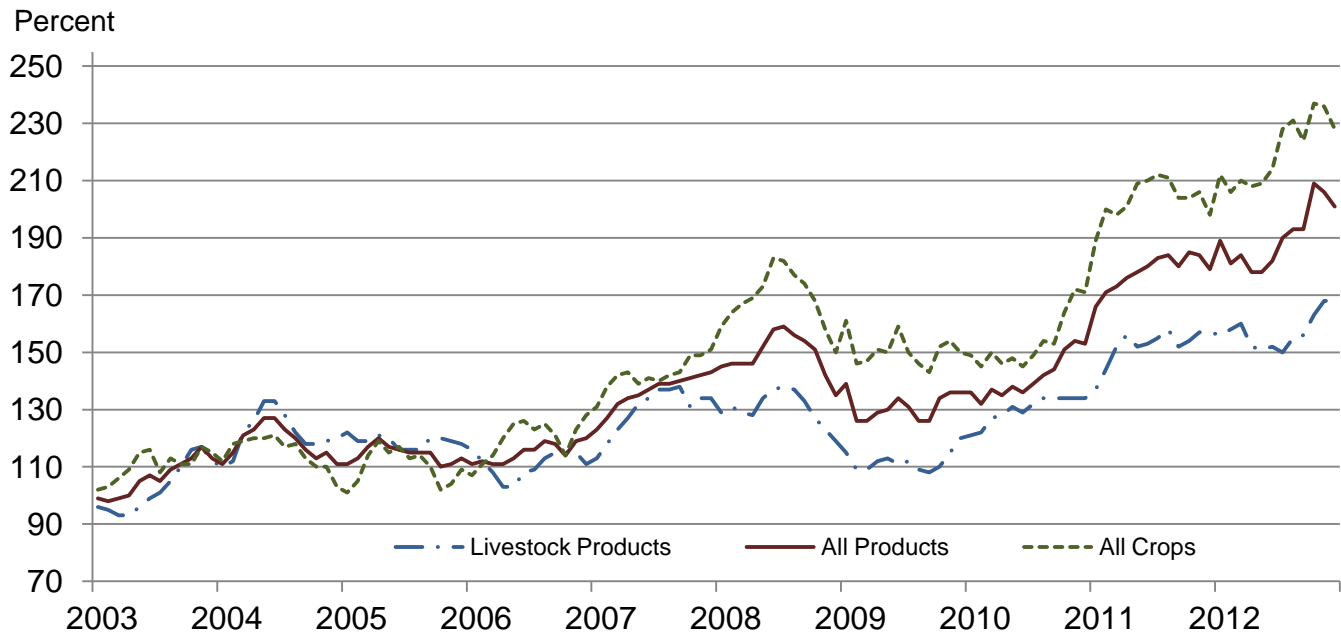
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Prices Received and Prices Paid Indexes by Month for Selected Groups – United States: 2011 and 2012, 1990-1992 Base

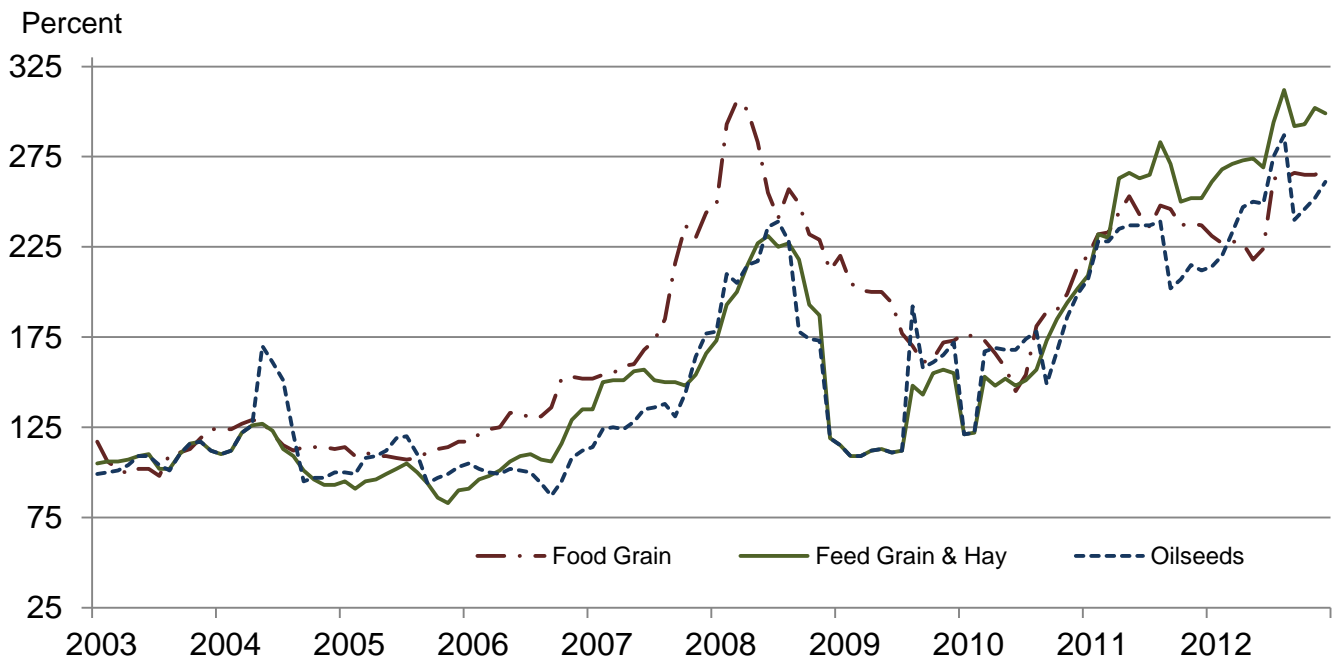
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Month	Index of prices received						Index of prices paid			
	All farm products		All crops		Livestock and products		All items		Production items	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January	166	189	189	212	137	156	195	210	204	222
February	171	181	200	206	144	158	197	211	207	223
March	173	184	198	210	152	160	201	213	212	227
April	176	178	201	208	156	152	203	215	215	228
May	178	178	209	209	152	151	204	215	216	229
June	180	182	210	214	153	152	203	214	215	228
July	183	190	212	228	155	150	204	214	217	227
August	184	193	211	231	158	155	205	216	217	231
September	180	193	204	224	152	156	205	218	218	233
October	185	209	204	237	154	163	205	218	217	233
November	184	206	206	236	157	168	206	218	219	232
December	179	201	198	228	157	168	206	217	218	231

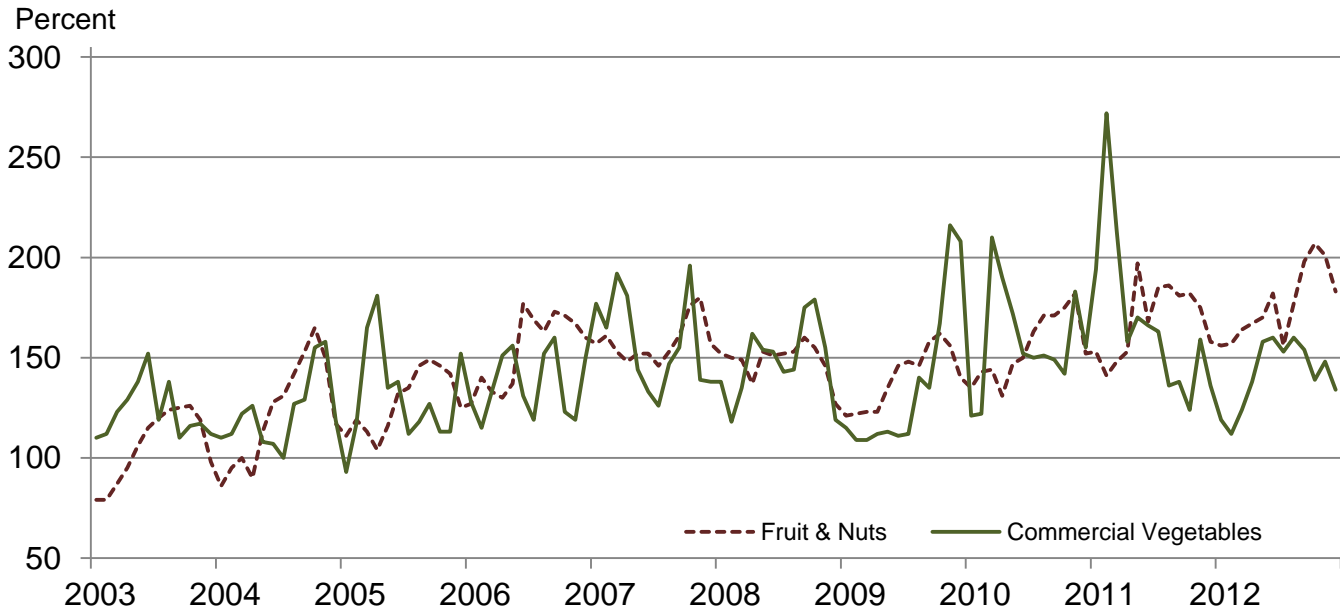
**Received Indexes by Month,
Livestock Products, All Products, and All Crops –
United States: 1990-1992=100**



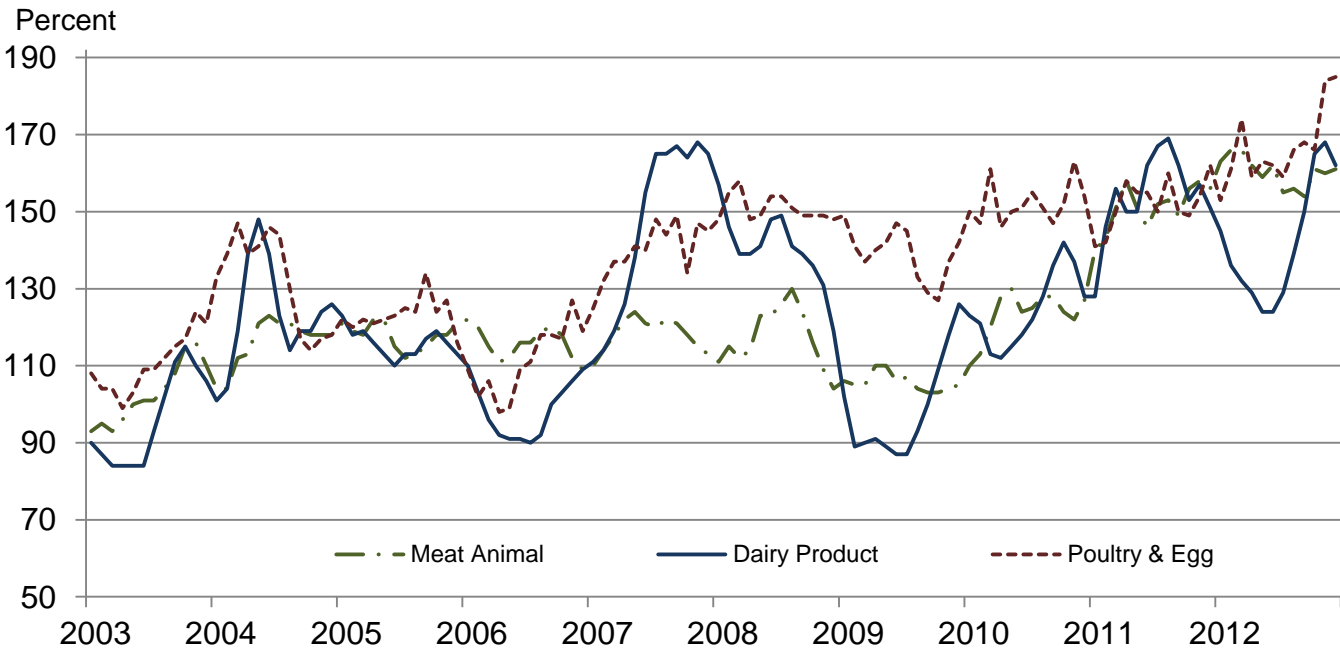
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**Received Indexes by Month,
Fruit & Nuts and Commercial Vegetables –
United States: 1990-1992=100**



**Received Indexes by Month,
Meat Animal, Dairy Product, and Poultry & Egg –
United States: 1990-1992=100**



Prices Received for Field Crops and Fruits – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Average 1990-1992	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
Field crops				
Austrian winter peas	dollars/cwt (NA)	19.10	(S)	(S)
Barley, all	dollars/bushel 2.12	5.46	6.45	6.17
Feed	dollars/bushel 1.90	4.88	5.68	5.65
Malting	dollars/bushel 2.43	5.55	6.60	6.30
Beans, dry edible	dollars/cwt 19.10	42.00	39.20	36.70
Canola	dollars/cwt (NA)	23.00	26.70	27.30
Chickpeas, all	dollars/cwt (NA)	38.30	38.10	39.10
Large	dollars/cwt (NA)	39.00	38.60	41.50
Small	dollars/cwt (NA)	30.80	30.00	27.50
Corn	dollars/bushel 2.30	5.86	7.02	7.01
Cotton, Upland	dollars/pound 0.606	0.889	0.684	0.688
Cottonseed	dollars/ton 96.00	264.00	257.00	254.00
Flaxseed	dollars/bushel 4.27	13.50	14.10	14.30
Hay, all, baled	dollars/ton 76.30	174.00	193.00	192.00
Alfalfa	dollars/ton 77.20	195.00	215.00	217.00
Other	dollars/ton 60.00	131.00	144.00	142.00
Lentils	dollars/cwt (NA)	24.30	21.20	19.60
Oats	dollars/bushel 1.22	3.57	3.92	3.78
Peanuts, in-shell	dollars/pound 0.304	0.308	0.328	0.344
Peas, dry edible	dollars/cwt (NA)	15.80	16.80	16.40
Potatoes	dollars/cwt 5.82	9.06	7.39	7.26
Rice, all	dollars/cwt 7.07	14.70	14.40	14.80
Long	dollars/cwt (NA)	13.80	14.00	14.20
Medium and short	dollars/cwt (NA)	16.60	16.00	16.10
Sorghum grain	dollars/cwt 3.75	10.50	12.40	12.30
Soybeans	dollars/bushel 5.61	11.50	14.30	14.70
Sunflowers, all	dollars/cwt 9.50	29.60	26.30	25.40
Wheat, all	dollars/bushel 2.96	7.20	8.46	8.33
Winter	dollars/bushel 2.93	6.41	8.38	8.24
Durum	dollars/bushel 2.86	10.30	8.16	8.45
Other spring	dollars/bushel 3.11	8.25	8.65	8.45
Hard red winter ¹	dollars/bushel (NA)	6.54	8.48	(NA)
Soft red winter ¹	dollars/bushel (NA)	6.58	8.34	(NA)
Hard red spring ¹	dollars/bushel (NA)	8.43	8.70	(NA)
White ¹	dollars/bushel 3.24	6.13	8.14	(NA)
Fruits				
Citrus, equivalent on-tree				
Grapefruit	dollars/box 5.77	7.18	8.49	7.44
Lemons	dollars/box 10.10	14.29	14.57	11.95
Oranges	dollars/box 5.79	7.29	8.46	6.54
Tangelos	dollars/box 5.82	6.63	8.18	6.06
Tangerines and mandarins	dollars/box 15.11	20.11	17.60	22.63
Noncitrus, fresh				
Apples ²	dollars/pound 0.212	0.302	0.479	0.474
Grapes ²	dollars/ton 506.00	1,040.00	1,500.00	1,780.00
Peaches ²	dollars/ton 432.00	(S)	(S)	(S)
Pears ²	dollars/ton 370.00	474.00	686.00	713.00
Strawberries	dollars/cwt 56.00	153.00	139.00	170.00

(NA) Not available.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

¹ Preliminary estimates not set for this item.

² Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for California, Michigan, New York (apples only), and Washington (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

Prices Received for Vegetables and Livestock – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

[Price data source for livestock and poultry commodities is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

Commodity	Average 1990-1992	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
Vegetables, fresh ¹				
Asparagusdollars/cwt	79.80	(S)	(S)	(S)
Beans, snap ²dollars/cwt	(NA)	69.10	55.80	63.50
Broccolidollars/cwt	22.50	51.60	35.40	25.00
Cantaloupes ²dollars/cwt	(NA)	(S)	21.10	(S)
Carrotsdollars/cwt	13.20	25.50	26.70	27.40
Cauliflowerdollars/cwt	26.80	66.20	47.60	39.70
Celerydollars/cwt	11.60	14.90	20.30	21.50
Corn, sweetdollars/cwt	15.70	14.90	26.70	31.90
Cucumbers ²dollars/cwt	(NA)	(S)	28.30	29.70
Lettucedollars/cwt	11.90	17.40	20.10	12.40
Onions ³dollars/cwt	12.80	9.48	12.40	16.00
Tomatoesdollars/cwt	32.30	26.50	45.10	52.70
Livestock				
Calvesdollars/cwt	94.30	157.00	161.00	162.00
Cattle, all beefdollars/cwt	72.90	120.00	123.00	125.00
Cows ⁴dollars/cwt	49.60	70.50	76.80	76.80
Steers and heifersdollars/cwt	77.10	126.00	128.00	130.00
Milk cows ⁵dollars/head	1130.00	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hogs, alldollars/cwt	47.70	63.50	61.10	62.90
Barrows and giltsdollars/cwt	48.40	63.70	61.20	63.20
Sowsdollars/cwt	39.50	55.90	58.90	55.80
Dairy and poultry				
Milk, all ⁶dollars/cwt	13.06	19.70	22.00	21.10
Fat test percent	3.66	3.83	3.83	3.86
Broilers, live ⁷dollars/pound	0.317	0.470	0.570	0.600
Eggs, all ⁸dollars/dozen	0.643	1.220	1.190	1.130
Market ^{8 9}dollars/dozen	0.546	1.100	1.020	0.957
Turkeys, live ^{8 10}dollars/pound	0.380	0.715	0.751	0.669
Adjusted for seasonal variation				
Eggs, alldollars/dozen	0.545	1.000	1.050	0.930
Seasonal factor percent	100	121	113	122
Milk, all ⁶dollars/cwt	9.71	19.10	20.80	20.50
Seasonal factor percent	100	103	106	103

(NA) Not available.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

¹ Beginning January 2006, point of first sale. FOB shipping point for prior years.

² Monthly estimates began January 1995.

³ Includes some processing.

⁴ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

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

⁶ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

⁷ Live weight equivalent price.

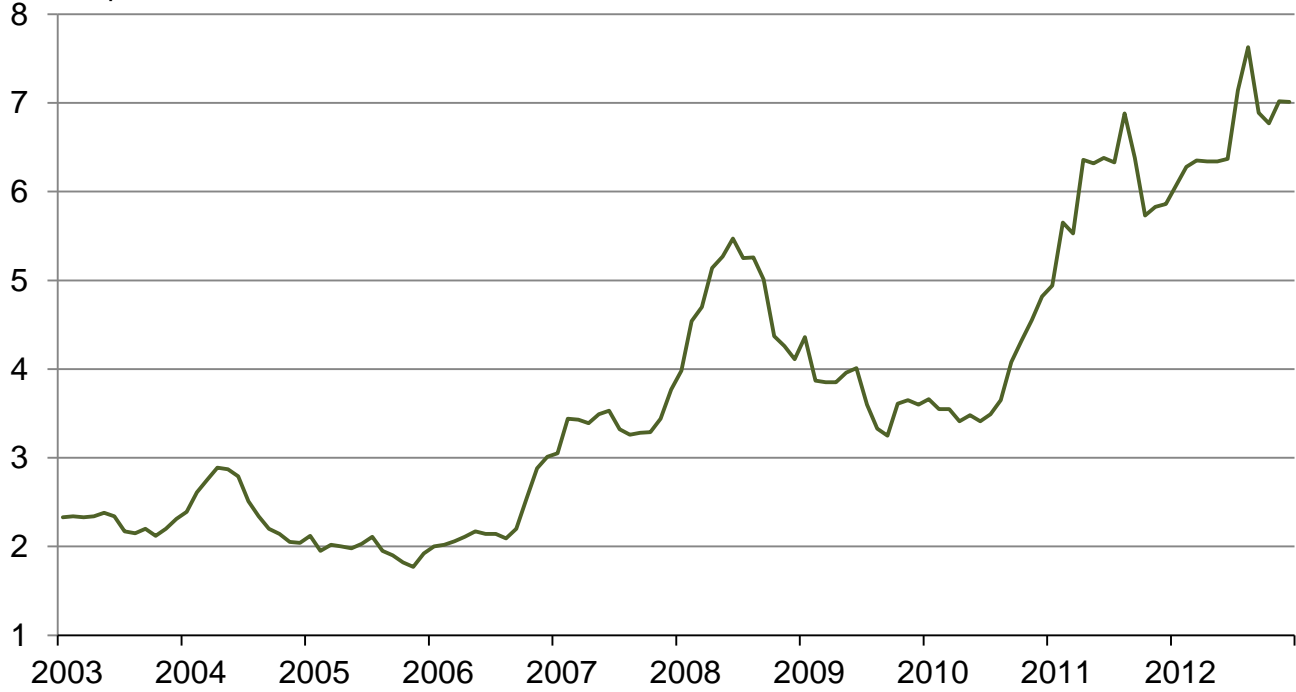
⁸ Mid-month price.

⁹ Also referred to as table eggs.

¹⁰ Live weight equivalent price is used when actual live weight price is not available. Beginning January 2011, price reflects FOB shipping point basis. Prior year price reflects delivered basis.

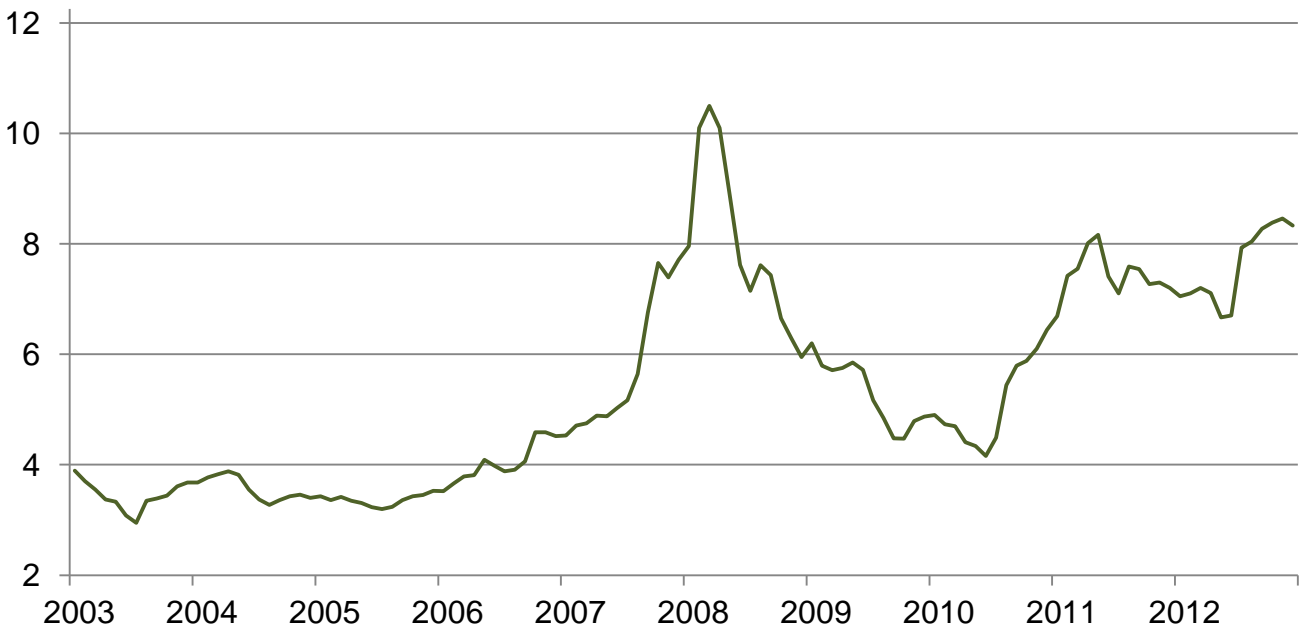
Prices Received for Corn by Month – United States

Dollars per bushel



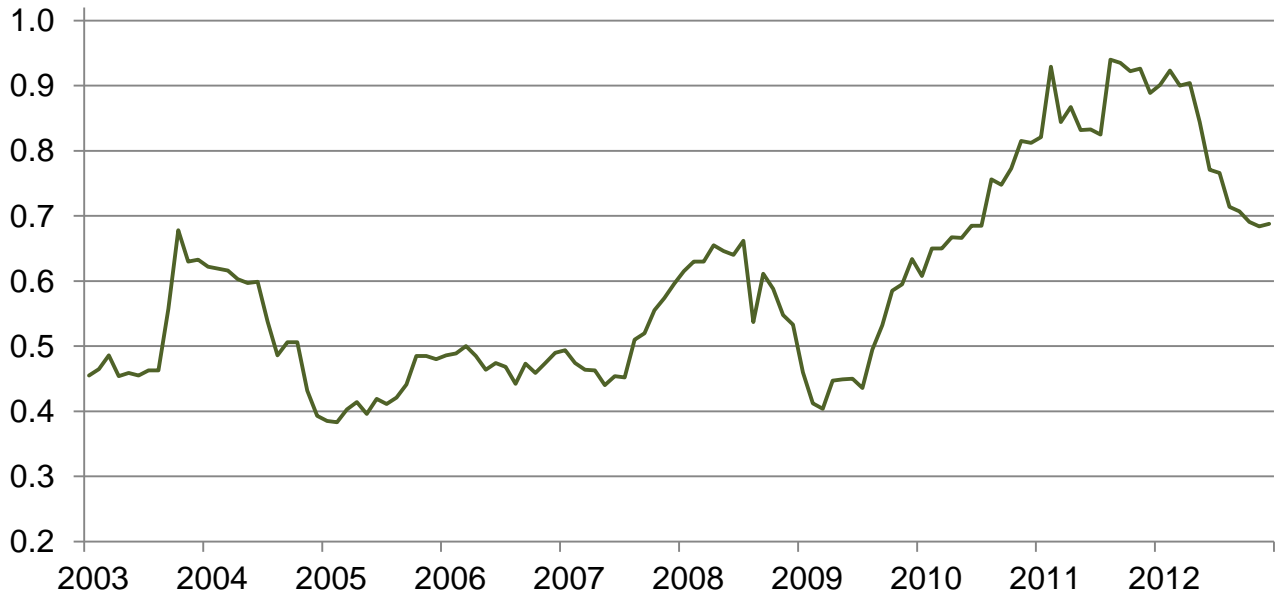
Prices Received for Wheat by Month – United States

Dollars per bushel



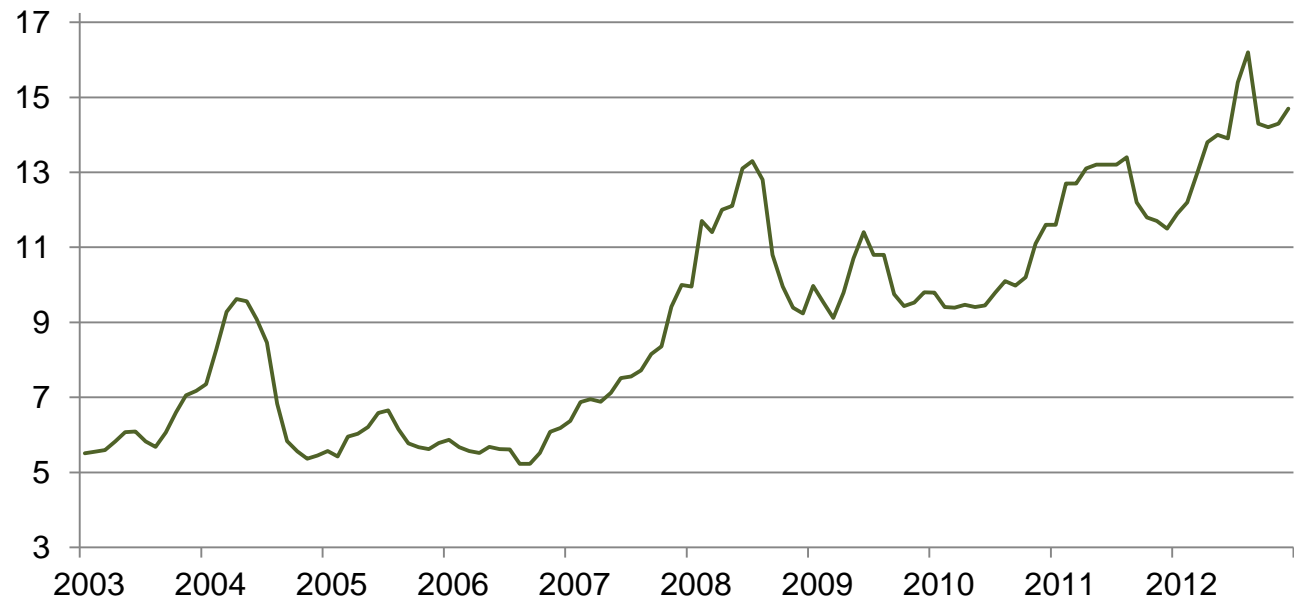
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Dollars per pound



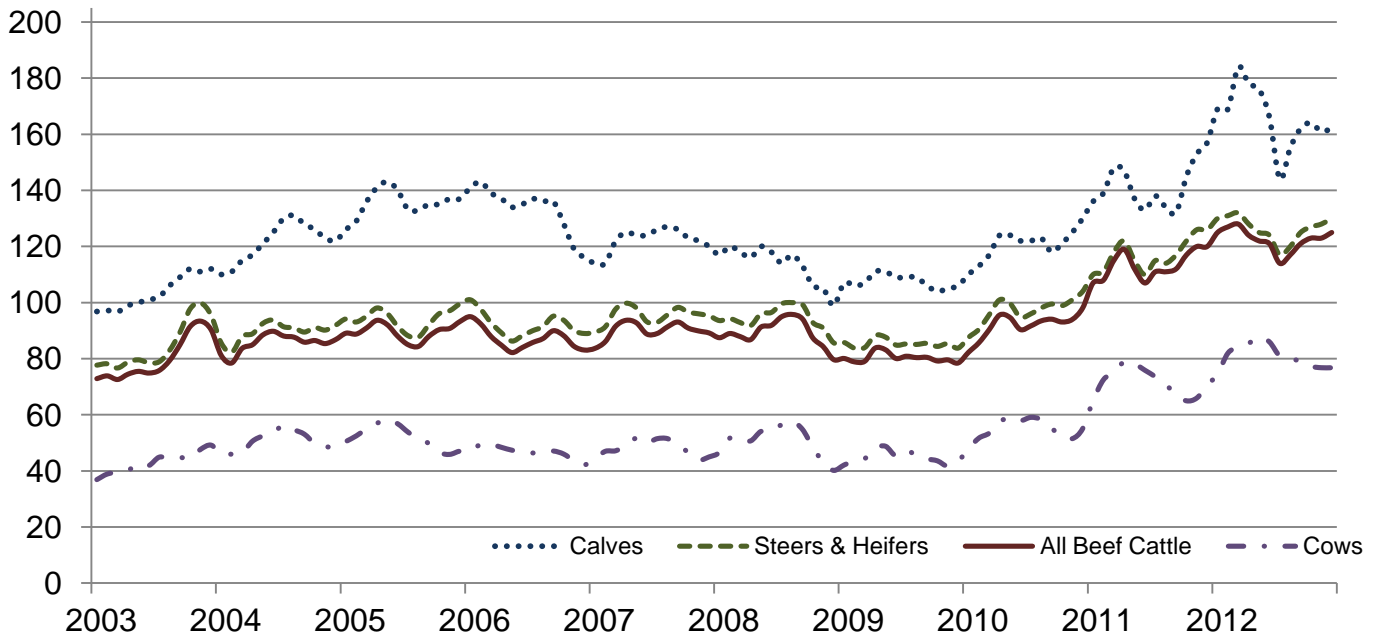
Prices Received for Soybeans by Month – United States

Dollars per bushel



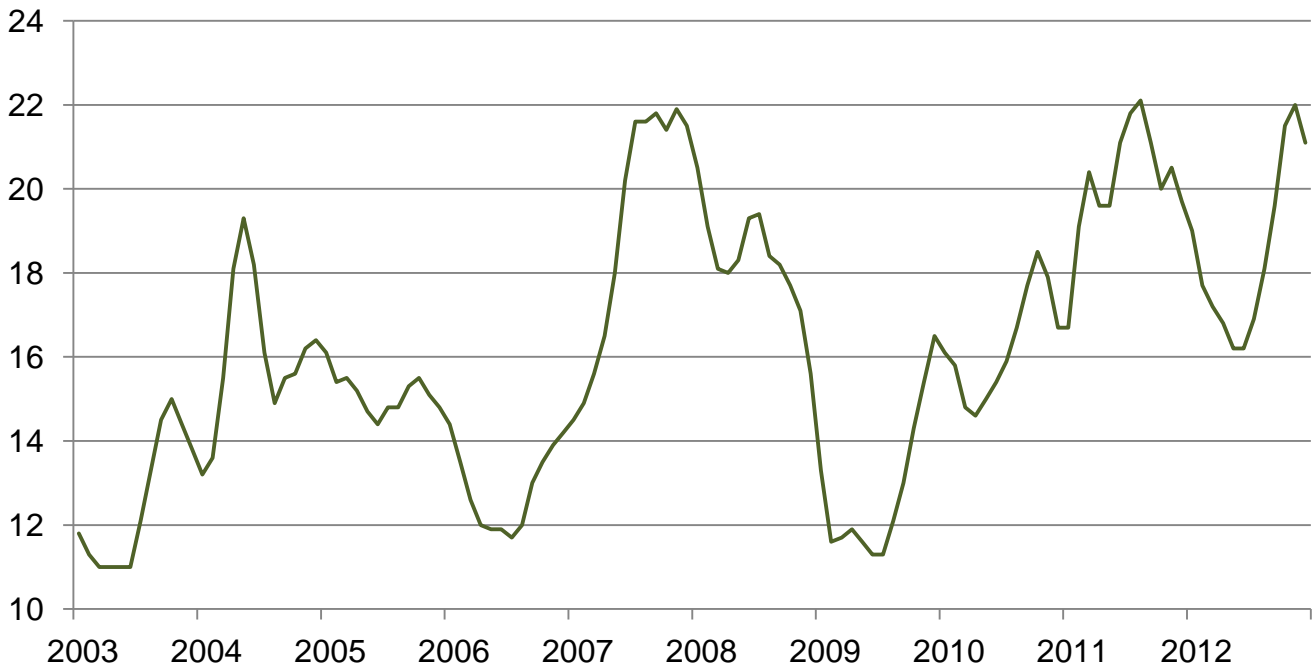
Prices Received for Cattle by Month – United States

Dollars per cwt



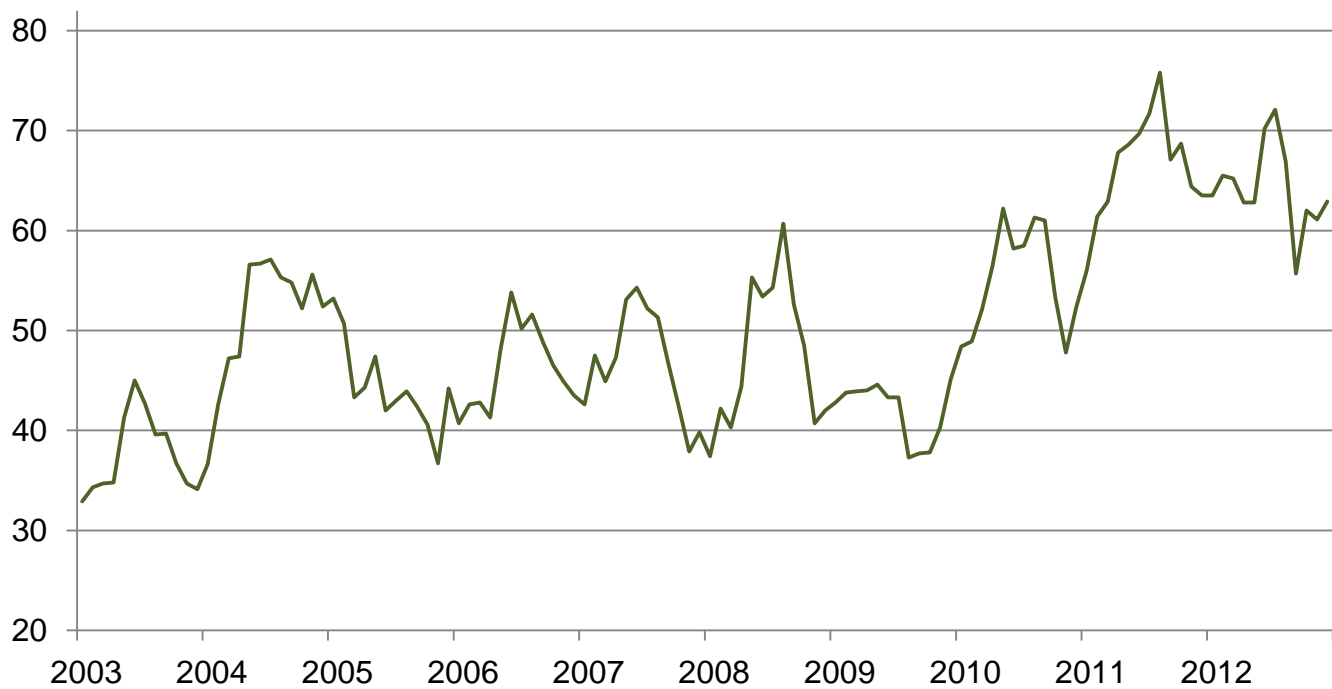
Prices Received for Milk by Month – United States

Dollars per cwt



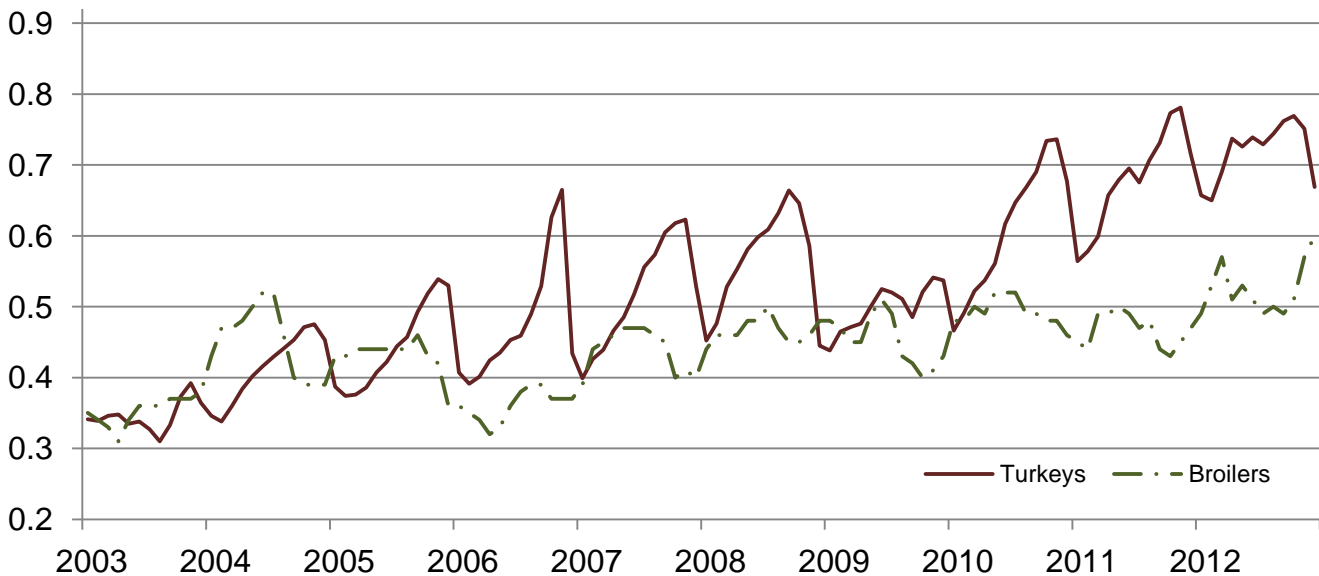
Prices Received for Hogs by Month – United States

Dollars per cwt



Prices Received for Poultry by Month – United States

Dollars per pound



Prices Received for All Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans by Month – United States: 2012 with Comparisons

[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months and years are for the entire month]

Month	All wheat			Corn			Soybeans		
	2010	2011	Preliminary 2012	2010	2011	Preliminary 2012	2010	2011	Preliminary 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
January	4.90	6.69	7.05	3.66	4.94	6.07	9.79	11.60	11.90
February	4.73	7.42	7.10	3.55	5.65	6.28	9.41	12.70	12.20
March	4.70	7.55	7.20	3.55	5.53	6.35	9.39	12.70	13.00
April	4.41	8.01	7.11	3.41	6.36	6.34	9.47	13.10	13.80
May	4.34	8.16	6.67	3.48	6.32	6.34	9.41	13.20	14.00
June	4.16	7.41	6.70	3.41	6.38	6.37	9.45	13.20	13.90
July	4.49	7.10	7.93	3.49	6.33	7.14	9.79	13.20	15.40
August	5.44	7.59	8.04	3.65	6.88	7.63	10.10	13.40	16.20
September ...	5.79	7.54	8.27	4.08	6.38	6.89	9.98	12.20	14.30
October	5.88	7.27	8.38	4.32	5.73	6.77	10.20	11.80	14.20
November	6.10	7.30	8.46	4.55	5.83	7.02	11.10	11.70	14.30
December	6.44	7.20	8.33	4.82	5.86	7.01	11.60	11.50	14.70

Prices Received for Beef Cattle and All Hogs by Month – United States: 2012 with Comparisons

[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months and years are for the entire month]

Month	Beef cattle ¹			All hogs ²		
	2010	2011	Preliminary 2012	2010	2011	Preliminary 2012
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
January	82.30	107.00	125.00	48.40	56.00	63.50
February	85.70	108.00	127.00	48.90	61.40	65.50
March	90.40	115.00	128.00	52.10	62.90	65.20
April	95.60	119.00	124.00	56.50	67.80	62.80
May	94.70	112.00	122.00	62.20	68.60	62.80
June	90.40	107.00	121.00	58.20	69.70	70.20
July	91.70	111.00	114.00	58.50	71.70	72.10
August	93.50	111.00	117.00	61.30	75.80	66.90
September	94.10	112.00	121.00	61.00	67.10	55.70
October	93.10	117.00	123.00	53.30	68.70	62.00
November	94.00	120.00	123.00	47.80	64.40	61.10
December	98.10	120.00	125.00	52.40	63.50	62.90

¹ Cows and steers & heifers.

² Barrows & gilts and sows.

Prices Received for All Wheat – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arizona	(S)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	(D)	8.36	(D)
California	(D)	8.13	(D)
Colorado	6.34	8.31	8.00
Idaho	6.63	8.34	8.50
Illinois	6.18	8.24	7.95
Indiana	6.72	8.63	7.90
Kansas	6.54	8.69	8.10
Michigan	6.12	8.28	7.65
Minnesota	8.31	8.52	8.50
Missouri	6.34	8.34	8.00
Montana	7.78	8.50	8.50
Nebraska	6.20	8.47	8.30
North Carolina	7.59	8.15	8.00
North Dakota	8.46	8.44	8.38
Ohio	6.35	8.41	7.84
Oklahoma	6.81	8.56	8.08
Oregon	6.66	8.70	8.56
South Dakota	7.85	8.56	8.34
Texas	6.12	8.04	8.55
Washington	6.36	8.33	8.35
United States	7.20	8.46	8.33

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

Prices Received for Winter Wheat – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arkansas	(D)	8.36	(D)
California	(D)	8.13	(D)
Colorado	6.40	8.32	8.00
Idaho	6.29	8.27	8.65
Illinois	6.18	8.24	7.95
Indiana	6.72	8.63	7.90
Kansas	6.54	8.69	8.10
Michigan	6.12	8.28	7.65
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(S)
Missouri	6.34	8.34	8.00
Montana	6.64	8.26	8.51
Nebraska	6.20	8.47	8.30
North Carolina	7.59	8.15	8.00
North Dakota	6.68	8.11	7.90
Ohio	6.35	8.41	7.84
Oklahoma	6.81	8.56	8.08
Oregon	6.48	8.37	8.50
South Dakota	6.83	8.38	8.25
Texas	6.12	8.04	8.55
Washington	6.08	8.22	8.25
United States	6.41	8.38	8.24

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

Prices Received for Durum Wheat – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arizona	(S)	(D)	(D)
California	(S)	(S)	(S)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	11.40	8.39	(D)
North Dakota	9.66	8.06	8.40
United States	10.30	8.16	8.45

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

Prices Received for Spring Wheat – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Colorado	5.64	(D)	(S)
Idaho	7.26	8.49	8.25
Minnesota	8.31	8.52	8.50
Montana	8.46	8.79	(D)
North Dakota	8.43	8.60	8.40
Oregon	7.72	9.26	8.78
South Dakota	8.52	8.74	8.42
Washington	7.62	8.80	8.69
United States	8.25	8.65	8.45

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Prices Received for All Barley – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
California	(S)	(S)	(S)
Colorado	4.78	6.61	(S)
Idaho	5.81	6.56	6.57
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(S)
Montana	5.33	6.42	6.18
North Dakota	5.59	6.34	5.93
Oregon	4.28	(D)	(D)
Utah	5.53	5.95	(D)
Washington	4.26	5.68	5.68
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	5.46	6.45	6.17

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

Prices Received for Malting Barley – States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Idaho	5.85	6.63	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(S)
Montana	5.36	6.52	(D)
North Dakota	5.63	6.53	6.00
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

Prices Received for Feed Barley – States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Idaho	4.39	5.79	(D)
Minnesota	4.08	(D)	(S)
Montana	4.94	5.61	(D)
North Dakota	5.35	5.43	5.50
Wyoming	(S)	(S)	(D)

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

Prices Received for Corn – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Colorado	6.09	6.69	6.79
Illinois	5.92	7.12	7.20
Indiana	6.02	7.44	7.45
Iowa	5.78	7.02	7.00
Kansas	6.07	7.09	7.25
Kentucky	6.24	7.15	7.30
Michigan	5.64	6.71	6.80
Minnesota	5.52	6.86	6.90
Missouri	6.14	7.60	7.50
Nebraska	5.81	6.90	6.80
North Carolina	6.48	7.62	7.60
North Dakota	5.40	6.64	6.60
Ohio	6.04	7.18	7.13
Pennsylvania	6.63	7.19	7.16
South Dakota	5.65	6.82	6.80
Tennessee	6.30	7.47	7.40
Texas	6.52	6.83	7.33
Wisconsin	5.73	6.90	6.95
United States	5.86	7.02	7.01

Prices Received for Soybeans – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arkansas	11.80	14.50	14.90
Illinois	11.80	14.70	15.00
Indiana	11.90	14.60	15.00
Iowa	11.30	14.30	14.60
Kansas	11.00	14.10	14.40
Kentucky	11.70	14.40	15.00
Louisiana	11.70	14.50	14.60
Michigan	11.20	13.80	14.20
Minnesota	11.20	14.10	14.50
Mississippi	12.00	14.40	14.90
Missouri	11.80	14.30	14.80
Nebraska	11.20	14.00	14.10
North Carolina	11.30	13.80	14.50
North Dakota	11.10	13.90	14.10
Ohio	11.80	14.30	14.80
South Dakota	11.10	14.20	14.40
Tennessee	12.00	14.50	14.90
Wisconsin	11.40	14.20	14.50
United States	11.50	14.30	14.70

Prices Received for Oats – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Illinois	(S)	(D)	(D)
Iowa	4.23	3.92	3.90
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3.44	3.79	3.70
Montana	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	3.81	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	2.94	3.17	(D)
Oregon	(S)	(S)	(S)
Pennsylvania	4.30	(D)	4.11
South Dakota	3.48	3.97	3.90
Texas	(S)	(S)	(S)
Wisconsin	3.90	4.26	4.25
United States	3.57	3.92	3.78

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Prices Received for Sorghum Grain – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	11.40	(S)
Kansas	10.50	12.30	12.30
Louisiana	(D)	(D)	(S)
Missouri	10.80	12.40	12.00
Nebraska	9.74	12.20	12.10
Oklahoma	10.50	12.10	11.80
Texas	11.80	12.80	12.50
United States	10.50	12.40	12.30

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Prices Received for Dry Beans – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
California	51.20	54.70	55.20
Colorado	44.10	38.50	37.00
Idaho	42.40	40.60	39.30
Michigan	49.50	38.10	37.50
Minnesota	41.80	45.80	44.00
Nebraska	43.00	37.50	37.00
North Dakota	39.40	36.90	33.70
United States	42.00	39.20	36.70

Prices Received for Peanuts (in shell) – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
Alabama	0.281	0.272	0.320
Florida	0.265	(D)	0.263
Georgia	0.302	0.327	0.338
Mississippi	0.237	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	(S)	(S)	(S)
North Carolina	0.367	0.358	0.353
Oklahoma	0.326	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	0.314	0.336	0.323
Texas	0.447	0.350	0.416
Virginia	0.303	0.349	0.324
United States	0.308	0.328	0.344

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Prices Received for Sunflower – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
Colorado	30.90	(D)	(D)
Kansas	28.30	33.40	30.90
Minnesota	30.80	31.30	(D)
North Dakota	31.00	26.20	26.70
South Dakota	28.10	23.90	(D)
United States	29.60	26.30	25.40

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Prices Received for Canola – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
Minnesota	24.30	(D)	(S)
North Dakota	22.90	26.70	27.30
United States	23.00	26.70	27.30

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Prices Received for Flaxseed – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
North Dakota	13.50	14.10	14.30
United States	13.50	14.10	14.30

Prices Received for Hops – States and United States: 2010 through 2012

State	2010	2011	2012
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
Idaho	3.89	2.93	2.69
Oregon	3.96	3.79	3.99
Washington	3.11	3.06	3.19
United States	3.28	3.14	3.27

Prices Received for Upland Cotton and Cottonseed – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

[Cottonseed marketing year August - February]

State	Cotton, Upland			Cottonseed		
	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)
Alabama	0.855	0.672	0.634	208.00	198.00	206.00
Arizona	0.941	0.772	(D)	309.00	269.00	280.00
Arkansas	0.939	0.684	(D)	239.00	246.00	(S)
California	1.180	(D)	(D)	350.00	365.00	369.00
Georgia	0.945	0.738	0.729	206.00	213.00	210.00
Louisiana	0.886	0.641	0.692	(S)	(S)	(S)
Mississippi	0.948	0.697	(D)	263.00	267.00	(S)
North Carolina	0.889	0.662	0.640	188.00	233.00	222.00
Tennessee	0.913	0.737	0.709	270.00	258.00	260.00
Texas	0.830	0.672	0.680	325.00	268.00	269.00
United States	0.889	0.684	0.688	264.00	257.00	254.00

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

Prices Received and Farm Marketings for Upland Cotton and Rice – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

Item	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
Cotton, Upland			
Average price dollars/pound	0.889	0.684	0.688
Marketings ¹ 1,000 bales	1,990	2,769	(NA)
Rice, all			
Average price dollars/cwt	14.70	14.40	14.80
Marketings ² 1,000 cwt	14,954	15,772	(NA)
Rice, long			
Average price dollars/cwt	13.80	14.00	14.20
Marketings ² 1,000 cwt	9,947	12,784	(NA)
Rice, medium and short			
Average price dollars/cwt	16.60	16.00	16.10
Marketings ² 1,000 cwt	5,007	2,988	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Marketings based on a survey of cotton buyers in the major producing States - Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

² Purchases by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped by cooperatives.

Prices Received for Hay by Type – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	All hay			Alfalfa hay			Other hay		
	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)
Arizona	248.00	196.00	191.00	250.00	195.00	190.00	200.00	215.00	210.00
California	231.00	205.00	203.00	240.00	212.00	209.00	200.00	180.00	180.00
Colorado	223.00	234.00	244.00	230.00	235.00	245.00	160.00	220.00	235.00
Idaho	224.00	197.00	198.00	228.00	200.00	200.00	150.00	140.00	140.00
Illinois	170.00	159.00	165.00	180.00	180.00	190.00	150.00	130.00	140.00
Iowa	126.00	204.00	197.00	142.00	213.00	220.00	93.00	137.00	145.00
Kansas	186.00	202.00	209.00	215.00	235.00	235.00	105.00	125.00	130.00
Kentucky	114.00	107.00	115.00	190.00	195.00	200.00	90.00	85.00	90.00
Michigan	112.00	237.00	215.00	120.00	240.00	220.00	90.00	230.00	200.00
Minnesota	126.00	216.00	224.00	140.00	225.00	245.00	80.00	130.00	155.00
Missouri	99.00	129.00	128.00	250.00	220.00	220.00	75.00	110.00	110.00
Montana	99.00	156.00	155.00	99.00	162.00	159.00	96.00	126.00	130.00
Nebraska	120.00	205.00	211.00	131.00	228.00	232.00	94.00	144.00	159.00
Nevada	226.00	209.00	204.00	230.00	210.00	205.00	160.00	185.00	174.00
New Mexico	299.00	233.00	229.00	305.00	240.00	236.00	227.00	179.00	175.00
New York	96.00	156.00	146.00	105.00	215.00	242.00	95.00	151.00	138.00
North Dakota	78.00	138.00	131.00	80.00	140.00	134.00	54.00	84.00	83.00
Ohio	138.00	224.00	213.00	183.00	279.00	262.00	85.00	187.00	181.00
Oklahoma	135.00	193.00	194.00	234.00	238.00	245.00	131.00	125.00	132.00
Oregon	213.00	213.00	202.00	250.00	222.00	222.00	175.00	200.00	177.00
Pennsylvania	138.00	179.00	188.00	194.00	221.00	238.00	130.00	157.00	154.00
South Dakota	137.00	209.00	213.00	147.00	226.00	230.00	97.00	147.00	155.00
Texas	188.00	119.00	112.00	270.00	255.00	251.00	169.00	97.00	93.00
Utah	191.00	179.00	189.00	192.00	182.00	192.00	154.00	147.00	154.00
Washington	225.00	232.00	228.00	240.00	235.00	230.00	200.00	225.00	225.00
Wisconsin	122.00	179.00	220.00	130.00	190.00	235.00	90.00	120.00	155.00
Wyoming	141.00	212.00	211.00	145.00	215.00	215.00	125.00	200.00	200.00
United States	174.00	193.00	192.00	195.00	215.00	217.00	131.00	144.00	142.00

Prices Received for Apples – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

[Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for California, Michigan, New York, and Washington. Prices at point of first sale for other States]

State	Apples, fresh use		
	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
California	(NA)	0.368	(NA)
Michigan	0.350	0.545	(NA)
New York	0.359	0.514	0.501
Ohio	0.420	0.760	0.600
Pennsylvania	0.285	0.575	0.558
Virginia	0.330	0.620	0.610
Washington	0.380	0.463	0.456
United States	0.302	0.479	0.474

(NA) Not available.

Prices Received for Citrus Fruits by Utilization – States and United States: December 2011

[Net pounds per box: grapefruit in California-80, Florida-85, Texas-80; lemons-80; oranges in California-80, Florida-90, Texas-85; tangelos-90; tangerines and mandarins in Arizona and California-80, Florida-95]

Commodity, State, and type	FOB packed fresh	Equivalent returns					
		Packinghouse door			On-tree		
		All	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process
	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)
Grapefruit							
California ¹	14.50	7.97	7.97	(D)	5.83	5.83	(D)
Florida	23.50	9.94	12.70	7.10	7.26	10.46	3.98
White	26.80	9.61	15.85	6.85	6.99	13.65	4.05
Colored	23.00	10.02	12.25	7.20	7.33	10.00	3.95
Texas	23.70	8.75	12.50	1.60	7.25	10.95	0.20
United States	22.70	9.53	12.17	6.02	7.18	10.14	3.24
Lemons							
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	36.90	20.28	25.78	(D)	14.29	19.79	(D)
United States	36.90	20.28	25.76	(D)	14.29	19.77	(D)
Oranges							
California	24.80	14.25	15.99	(D)	11.77	13.53	(D)
Navel and miscellaneous	24.80	14.25	15.99	(D)	11.77	13.53	(D)
Florida	22.80	8.88	11.65	8.74	6.37	9.05	6.24
Early and mids	22.80	8.88	11.65	8.74	6.37	9.05	6.24
United States	24.50	9.78	15.00	8.55	7.29	12.56	6.05
Tangelos							
Florida	20.50	9.41	8.85	9.75	6.63	6.10	6.95
United States	20.50	9.41	8.85	9.75	6.63	6.10	6.95
Tangerines and mandarins							
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	(NA)
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	24.30	10.45	10.90	9.55	6.61	7.35	5.15
United States	39.40	23.35	29.78	4.35	20.11	26.88	0.08

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(NA) Not available.

¹ Some processed sales included in fresh sales.

Prices Received for Citrus Fruits by Utilization – States and United States: November 2012

[Net pounds per box: grapefruit in California-80, Florida-85, Texas-80; lemons-80; oranges in California-80, Florida-90, Texas-85; tangelos-90; tangerines and mandarins in Arizona and California-80, Florida-95]

Commodity, State, and type	FOB packed fresh	Equivalent returns					
		Packinghouse door			On-tree		
		All	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process
	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)
Grapefruit							
California ¹	18.60	11.94	11.94	(D)	9.76	9.76	(D)
Florida	24.00	9.66	13.22	2.95	7.10	10.97	-0.19
White	27.80	9.44	16.85	2.95	6.92	14.65	0.15
Colored	23.50	9.70	12.75	2.95	7.14	10.50	-0.30
Texas	29.70	15.38	18.30	1.60	13.83	16.72	0.17
United States	25.00	10.84	14.29	2.80	8.49	12.20	-0.15
Lemons							
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	32.20	20.11	23.12	(D)	14.39	17.22	(D)
United States	32.30	20.29	23.26	(D)	14.57	17.36	(D)
Oranges							
California	26.70	16.09	17.71	(D)	13.57	15.20	(D)
Navel and miscellaneous	26.70	16.09	17.71	(D)	13.57	15.20	(D)
Florida	24.60	7.91	13.45	6.50	5.39	10.85	4.00
Early and mids	24.60	7.91	13.45	6.50	5.39	10.85	4.00
United States	26.10	10.99	16.55	6.15	8.46	14.01	3.64
Tangelos							
Florida	25.00	10.94	13.35	6.45	8.18	10.60	3.65
United States	25.00	10.94	13.35	6.45	8.18	10.60	3.65
Tangerines and mandarins							
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	30.90	14.00	17.50	4.75	10.22	13.95	0.35
United States	37.50	20.88	27.03	2.56	17.60	23.98	-1.44

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Some processed sales included in fresh sales.

Prices Received for Citrus Fruits by Utilization – States and United States: December 2012

[Net pounds per box: grapefruit in California-80, Florida-85, Texas-80; lemons-80; oranges in California-80, Florida-90, Texas-85; tangelos-90; tangerines and mandarins in Arizona and California-80, Florida-95]

Commodity, State, and type	FOB packed fresh	Equivalent returns					
		Packinghouse door			On-tree		
		All	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process
	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)
Grapefruit							
California ¹	11.20	4.54	4.54	(D)	2.36	2.36	(D)
Florida	23.70	9.58	12.90	3.57	7.01	10.66	0.40
White	26.60	10.23	15.65	3.90	7.75	13.45	1.10
Colored	23.30	9.48	12.55	3.50	6.89	10.30	0.25
Texas	28.90	13.61	17.50	1.60	12.07	15.92	0.17
United States	23.20	9.82	12.76	3.33	7.44	10.64	0.37
Lemons							
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	31.40	17.81	22.32	(D)	12.19	16.42	(D)
United States	31.40	17.55	22.36	(D)	11.95	16.46	(D)
Oranges							
California	24.40	14.23	15.41	(D)	11.70	12.90	(D)
Navel and miscellaneous	24.40	14.23	15.41	(D)	11.70	12.90	(D)
Florida	26.80	8.00	15.65	7.60	5.49	13.05	5.10
Early and mids	26.80	8.00	15.65	7.60	5.49	13.05	5.10
United States	24.90	9.05	15.46	7.48	6.54	12.93	4.98
Tangelos							
Florida	23.10	8.83	11.45	6.35	6.06	8.70	3.55
United States	23.10	8.83	11.45	6.35	6.06	8.70	3.55
Tangerines and mandarins							
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	(NA)
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	36.60	18.26	23.20	6.30	14.46	19.65	1.90
United States	40.20	25.65	31.04	1.48	22.63	28.21	-2.39

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

¹ Some processed sales included in fresh sales.

Prices Received for Potatoes – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

State	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
California			
Spring	(S)	(S)	(S)
Fall	8.75	6.85	6.95
All ¹	8.75	6.85	6.95
Colorado			
Fresh ²	12.00	7.00	(D)
All ¹	11.00	6.55	6.55
Florida	(S)	(S)	(S)
Idaho			
Fresh ²	7.60	4.50	(D)
Processing	7.60	7.10	(D)
All ¹	7.60	5.95	5.80
Maine	10.20	10.20	10.60
Michigan	11.90	11.50	11.90
Minnesota	8.50	6.30	(D)
New York	13.40	13.00	12.70
North Carolina	(S)	(S)	(S)
North Dakota			
Fresh ²	18.40	9.40	(D)
Processing	7.00	9.15	(D)
All ¹	9.40	9.30	(D)
Oregon	8.20	6.80	6.80
Texas	(S)	(S)	(S)
Virginia	(S)	(S)	(S)
Washington			
Processing	8.10	6.85	6.95
All ¹	8.85	7.00	7.05
Wisconsin			
Fresh ²	10.90	7.05	(D)
Processing	9.05	9.65	(D)
All ¹	9.95	8.45	(D)
United States			
Fresh ²	10.86	6.63	(D)
Processing	8.10	7.83	(D)
All ¹	9.06	7.39	7.26

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

¹ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed.

² Fresh market prices only. Includes table stock prices.

Prices Received for All Milk – States and United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

[Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies]

State	December 2011		November 2012		Preliminary December 2012	
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test
	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)
Arizona	19.10	3.68	21.00	3.63	20.70	3.67
California	17.40	3.84	19.82	3.78	18.80	3.84
Colorado	19.10	3.69	22.20	3.70	21.50	3.72
Florida	23.20	3.69	25.70	3.76	26.40	3.75
Idaho	18.40	3.78	21.20	3.83	19.50	3.85
Illinois	20.70	3.94	23.50	3.89	23.10	3.94
Indiana	20.40	3.81	22.50	3.84	22.10	3.87
Iowa	20.40	3.85	23.10	3.91	22.90	3.92
Kansas	20.40	3.94	22.70	3.84	22.50	3.91
Michigan	20.60	3.76	22.40	3.80	22.20	3.81
Minnesota	21.00	3.90	23.30	3.93	21.70	3.94
Missouri	20.50	3.83	22.80	3.86	22.70	3.88
New Mexico	18.80	3.71	20.70	3.73	20.70	3.75
New York	20.70	3.82	22.80	3.85	22.20	3.85
Ohio	21.10	3.85	23.10	3.89	22.70	3.95
Oregon	21.50	3.89	23.80	3.92	23.00	3.93
Pennsylvania	21.40	3.80	23.60	3.85	23.10	3.85
Texas	20.00	3.93	22.00	3.93	22.00	3.95
Utah	19.00	3.86	21.80	3.84	21.00	3.88
Vermont	21.20	3.88	23.10	3.88	22.60	3.89
Virginia	22.10	3.85	24.70	3.87	24.40	3.84
Washington	19.90	3.89	22.00	3.92	21.10	3.93
Wisconsin	20.90	3.84	23.20	3.88	21.40	3.88
United States	19.70	3.83	22.00	3.83	21.10	3.86

Prices Received for Milk Cows – States and United States: October 2012 with Comparisons

[Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices estimated in January, April, July, and October]

State	October 2011 (dollars per head)	July 2012 (dollars per head)	October 2012 (dollars per head)
Arizona	1,550	1,450	1,450
California	1,400	1,300	1,300
Colorado	1,550	1,430	1,430
Florida	1,620	1,440	1,470
Idaho	1,450	1,400	1,400
Illinois	1,460	1,490	1,420
Indiana	1,550	1,400	1,350
Iowa	1,450	1,470	1,410
Kansas	1,400	1,400	1,300
Michigan	1,600	1,600	1,500
Minnesota	1,440	1,410	1,350
Missouri	1,270	1,200	1,100
New Mexico	1,480	1,350	1,400
New York	1,450	1,460	1,410
Ohio	1,510	1,460	1,380
Oregon	1,430	1,420	1,360
Pennsylvania	1,550	1,460	1,430
Texas	1,400	1,400	1,370
Utah	1,380	1,290	1,240
Vermont	1,650	1,550	1,550
Virginia	1,490	1,500	1,470
Washington	1,450	1,300	1,300
Wisconsin	1,560	1,560	1,460
United States	1,480	1,420	1,390

Commodity Parity Prices and Price as Percent of Parity Price – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

[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. Parity data not available for blank cells. Primary source of data for livestock and milk prices is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

Commodity and unit	Adjusted base price	Parity price			Price as percent of parity			
		December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Basic commodities								
All wheat	bushel	0.634	16.60	18.30	18.30	43	46	46
Rice	cwt	1.46	44.60	42.20	42.20	33	34	35
Corn	bushel	0.414	10.50	12.00	12.00	56	59	58
Cotton								
Upland	pound	0.072	1.94	2.08	2.08	46	33	33
American Pima	pound	0.141	3.53	4.08	4.07	51	36	36
Peanuts	pound	0.026	0.739	0.752	0.751	42	44	46
Designated nonbasic								
All milk, to plants ¹	cwt	1.80	49.80	52.10	52.00	38	40	39
Honey, extracted ²	pound	0.139	3.67	4.02	4.01	47	43	43
Wool and mohair								
Wool	pound	0.104	2.52	3.01	3.00	46	55	56
Mohair	pound	0.333	8.86	9.63	9.62	39	43	43
Other nonbasic								
Apples, fresh ³	pound	0.033	0.903	0.955	0.953	33	50	50
Barley	bushel	0.436	11.60	12.60	12.60	47	51	49
Canola	cwt	1.820	47.60	52.70	52.60	48	51	52
Cottonseed	ton	17.40	421.00	503.00	503.00	63	51	50
Dry edible beans	cwt	3.01	79.90	87.10	86.90	53	45	42
Flaxseed	bushel	1.100	27.90	31.80	31.80	48	44	45
Oats	bushel	0.263	6.84	7.61	7.60	52	52	50
Potatoes	cwt	0.855	22.80	24.70	24.70	40	30	29
Sorghum grain	cwt	0.729	18.50	21.10	21.10	57	59	58
Soybeans	bushel	1.000	25.90	28.90	28.90	44	49	51
Sunflower, all	cwt	2.06	52.30	59.60	59.50	57	44	43
Citrus (equivalent on-tree)								
Grapefruit	box	0.690	18.10	20.00	19.90	40	42	37
Lemons	box	1.37	37.20	39.60	39.60	38	37	30
Oranges	box	0.698	18.80	20.20	20.20	39	42	32
Tangerines	box	1.49	39.10	43.10	43.00	51	41	53
Livestock and poultry								
Beef cattle	cwt	10.10	276.00	292.00	292.00	43	42	43
Calves	cwt	13.90	386.00	402.00	401.00	41	40	40
Hogs	cwt	5.53	151.00	160.00	160.00	42	38	39
Eggs ¹	dozen	0.091	2.49	2.63	2.63	40	40	35
Turkeys, live	pound	0.057	1.530	1.650	1.650	47	46	41

¹ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

² 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.

³ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for California, New York, Oregon, and Washington. Price at point of first sale for other states.

Commodity Parity Prices – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

[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]

Commodity and unit	Adjusted base price	Parity price			
		December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	
Field crops and miscellaneous					
Hops	pound	0.306	8.40	8.85	8.84
Mustard seed	cwt	2.82	72.80	81.60	81.40
Rapeseed	cwt	2.23	58.60	64.50	64.40
Rye	bushel	0.525	13.50	15.20	15.20
Safflower	cwt	2.02	53.10	58.40	58.30
Spearmint oil	pound	1.50	39.40	43.40	43.30
Sweet potatoes	cwt	2.21	62.10	63.90	63.80
Tobacco					
Flue-cured, 11-14	pound	0.196	5.69	5.67	5.66
Fire-cured, 21-23	pound	0.283	8.02	8.19	8.17
Burley, 31	pound	0.202	5.86	5.84	5.83
Maryland, 32	pound	0.174	5.01	5.03	5.03
Dark air-cured, 35-37	pound	0.256	7.14	7.41	7.39
Pennsylvania seedleaf, 41	pound	0.184	5.23	5.32	5.31
Cigar binder, 51	pound	0.642	18.50	18.60	18.50
Noncitrus fruit					
Apples, processing ¹	ton	16.50	440.00	477.00	477.00
Apricots					
Fresh ²	ton	123.00	3,120.00	3,560.00	3,550.00
Dried (California)	ton	259.00	7,170.00	7,490.00	7,480.00
Avocados ²	ton	204.00	5,420.00	5,900.00	5,890.00
Cherries					
Sweet	ton	215.00	5,750.00	6,220.00	6,210.00
Tart	pound	0.034	0.930	0.984	0.982
Cranberry ³	barrel	4.84	134.00	140.00	140.00
Dates (California) ²	ton	177.00	5,010.00	5,120.00	5,110.00
Grapes					
Raisin variety	ton	125.00	3,200.00	3,620.00	3,610.00
Other dried	ton	56.10	1,790.00	1,620.00	1,620.00
Kiwifruit	ton	94.10	2,580.00	2,720.00	2,720.00
Nectarines, fresh (California) ²	ton	54.10	1,510.00	1,570.00	1,560.00
Olives, canning (California) ³	ton	89.50	2,390.00	2,590.00	2,580.00

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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Commodity Parity Prices – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons (continued)

[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]

Commodity and unit	Adjusted base price	Parity price			
		December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	
Noncitrus fruit - continued					
Papayas (Hawaii) ⁹	pound	0.044	1.26	1.27	1.27
Peaches					
Fresh ^{4 9}	ton	81.90	2,270.00	2,370.00	2,370.00
Dried (California) ⁹	ton	53.70	1,570.00	1,550.00	1,550.00
Processing, excludes dried					
Clingstone (California) ^{3 9}	ton	33.30	922.00	963.00	962.00
Pears					
Fresh ^{4 9}	ton	55.50	1,520.00	1,610.00	1,600.00
Dried (California) ^{1 9}	ton	171.00	4,870.00	4,950.00	4,940.00
Plums (California)					
Fresh, equivalent on-tree ⁹	ton	58.70	1,650.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Prunes, dried (California) ^{1 9}	ton	148.00	4,020.00	4,280.00	4,270.00
Prunes and plums					
Fresh, excludes California ^{5 9}	ton	62.40	1,750.00	1,810.00	1,800.00
Processing, excludes dried ^{1 9}	ton	25.20	703.00	729.00	728.00
Tree nuts ^{6 9}					
Almonds	pound	0.213	5.72	6.16	6.15
Hazelnuts	ton	196.00	5,010.00	5,670.00	5,660.00
Pistachios	pound	0.196	5.31	5.67	5.66
Walnuts	ton	179.00	4,840.00	5,180.00	5,170.00
Vegetables, fresh ⁷					
Carrots ⁸	cwt	2.69	71.40	77.80	77.70
Cauliflower ⁸	cwt	4.31	117.00	125.00	124.00
Celery ⁸	cwt	2.01	56.10	58.10	58.00
Honeydew melons	cwt	2.09	59.40	60.50	60.40
Lettuce	cwt	2.29	64.30	66.20	66.10
Onions ⁸	cwt	1.49	43.00	43.10	43.00
Tomatoes	cwt	4.68	130.00	135.00	135.00

¹ Equivalent returns at processing plant door.

² Equivalent returns at packinghouse door.

³ Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point.

⁴ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for California, New York (apples only), Oregon (except peaches), and Washington. Price at point of first sale for other states.

⁵ Based on "as sold" prices for fresh fruit in all states.

⁶ Prices In-Shell basis except almonds which are shelled basis.

⁷ FOB shipping point prices.

⁸ Includes some processing.

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 1900 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 United States 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 United States 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: United States 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 United States relative sampling errors at around five percent. Any nonsampling errors are attributed to such things as the inability to obtain correct information, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, mistakes in coding or processing the data, etc. Efforts are made at each step in the survey process to minimize these nonsampling errors.

Prices Paid by Farmers

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) at 217 (1990-1992=100) is down 0.5 percent from November 2012 but up 5.3 percent from December 2011.

Production index: The December index, at 231, decreased 0.4 percent from last month but increased 6.0 percent from last year. Lower prices in December for concentrates, complete feeds, LP gas, and gasoline more than offset higher prices for feeder pigs, feeder cattle, nitrogen, and potash & phosphate.

Feed: The December index, at 276, decreased 1.8 percent from November but increased 23 percent from last December. Since November, lower prices for concentrates, complete feeds, supplements, and feed grains offset higher prices for hay & forages.

Livestock and poultry: The December index, at 170, increased 2.4 percent from last month and increased 1.2 percent from last year. Since November, prices for feeder pigs and feeder cattle are higher. The December feeder cattle price, at \$148.50 per cwt, is up \$1.00 per cwt from the November price. December feeder pigs averaged \$158.00 per cwt, up \$31.00 per cwt from November.

Fertilizer: The December index, at 332, is up 0.3 percent from November but 4.0 percent below December a year ago. Since November, higher prices for nitrogen and potash & phosphate more than offset lower prices for mixed fertilizer.

Chemicals: The December index, at 157, increased 1.3 percent from November and increased 6.1 percent from last December. Compared with last month, prices for herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides/other are higher.

Fuels: The December index, at 345, is down 2.3 percent from a month earlier and 3.9 percent below December 2011. Compared with last month, prices for LP gas, gasoline, and diesel are lower.

Machinery: The December index, at 259, was unchanged from November but is 3.2 percent above last December. Compared with last month, prices are higher for tractors and self-propelled machinery but lower for other machinery.

Consumer price index: The November 2012 Consumer Price Index, as issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for all urban consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.5 percent before seasonal adjustment to a level of 230.221 (1982-1984=100). The October index is 231.317. For the 12 month period ending in November, the overall index increased 1.8 percent.

Prices Paid Indexes and Related Parity Ratios – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

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

Indexes and ratios	1910-1914 Base			1990-1992 Base		
	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Prices paid by farmers for commodities, services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (PPITW)	2738	2897	2888	206	218	217
Production	2117	2250	2242	218	232	231
Feed	1096	1373	1345	225	281	276
Livestock and poultry	2152	2125	2171	168	166	170
Seeds	3327	3581	3581	336	362	362
Fertilizer	1270	1212	1217	346	331	332
Chemicals	918	959	971	148	155	157
Fuels	2769	2723	2661	359	353	345
Supplies and repairs	1198	1219	1219	169	172	172
Autos and trucks	3090	3142	3155	116	118	119
Machinery	6287	6492	6506	251	259	259
Building materials	2341	2398	2400	172	177	177
Services and rent	2120	2185	2184	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Services	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	164	168	167
Rent	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	205	212	212
Interest ¹	3381	3635	3635	135	145	145
Taxes ²	5935	6225	6225	222	232	232
Wage rates	7205	7599	7599	193	203	203
Production, interest, taxes, and wage rates (PITW)	2856	3036	3027	213	226	225
Family living-CPI ³	2143	2187	2176	167	171	170
Ratio (received/paid)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	87	94	93
Parity ratio ⁴	42	45	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Parity ratio adjusted ⁵	43	47	45	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
PPITW adjusted for productivity ⁶	1469	1519	1516	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Crop sector (PPITW)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	215	222	222
Livestock sector (PPITW)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	196	213	212
Farm sector (production)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	224	257	255
Non-farm sector (production)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	215	218	218

(NA) Not available.

¹ Interest per acre on farm real estate debt and interest rate on farm non-real estate debt.

² Farm real estate taxes payable per acre.

³ Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), for the previous month converted by the USDA.

⁴ Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-1914=100).

⁵ Based on estimated cash receipts, from marketings and government payments, the preliminary adjustment factor is 1.044 for 2012 and the revised factor is 1.041 for 2011.

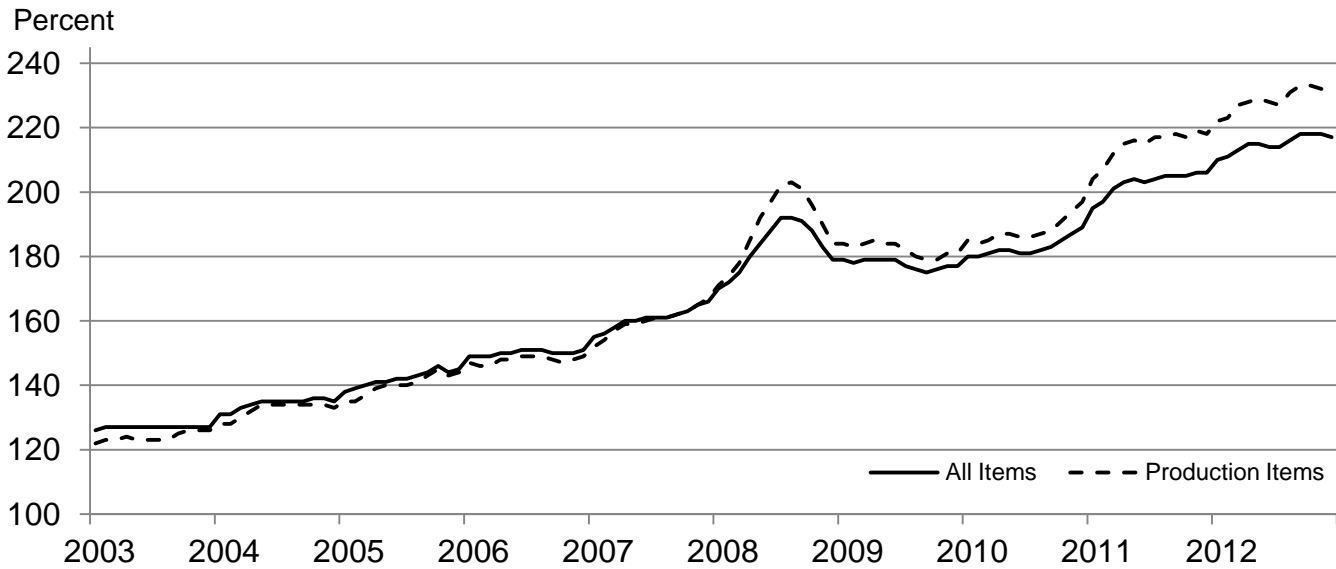
⁶ PPITW is adjusted based on productivity trend for the prior 15 years.

Prices Paid Indexes and Annual Weights for Input Components and Sub-components – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

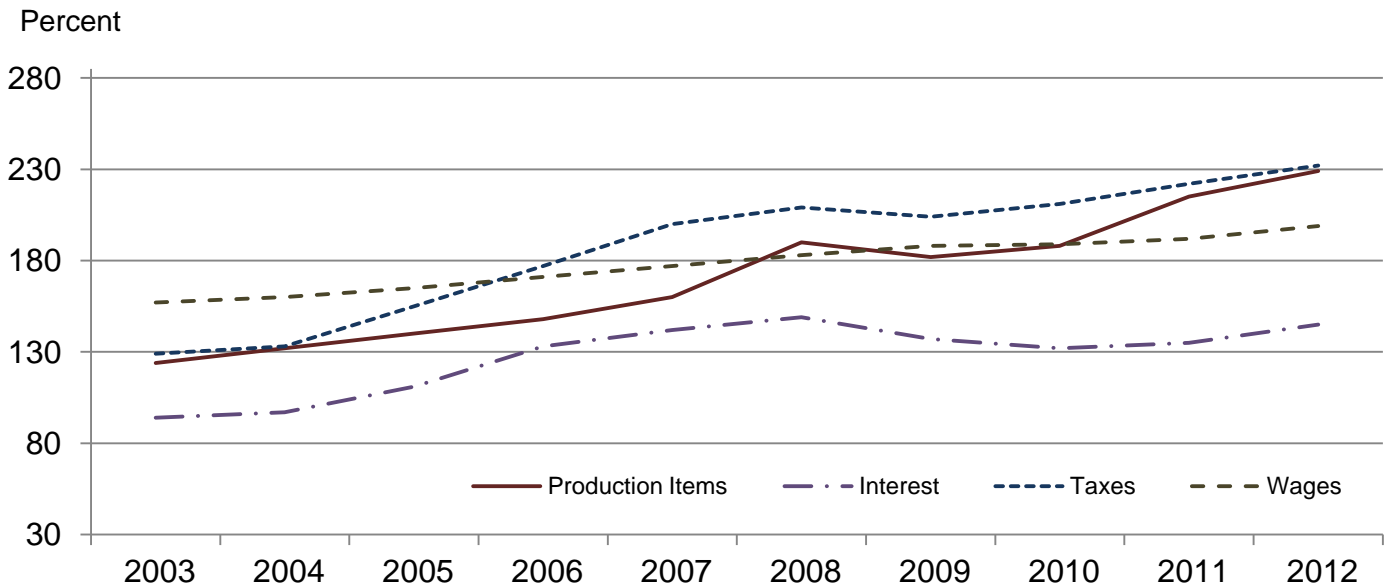
[Revised historical price indexes for months not shown are available at www.nass.usda.gov. Relative weights are a five year moving average]

	Relative weights		Indexes (1990-1992=100)		
	2011	2012	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Production items	70.6	71.1	218	232	231
Feed	12.2	12.7	225	281	276
Feed grains	1.7	1.8	253	302	301
Complete feeds	6.0	6.2	224	292	287
Hay and forages	1.5	1.6	225	248	248
Concentrates	1.9	2.0	184	254	237
Supplements	1.0	1.1	251	286	279
Livestock and poultry	8.5	8.3	168	166	170
Feeder cattle	6.6	6.5	173	174	175
Feeder pigs	0.7	0.7	172	138	172
Milk cow replacements	0.7	0.7	131	123	123
Poultry	0.5	0.5	158	158	158
Seeds	4.1	4.3	336	362	362
Field crops	3.7	3.9	356	381	381
Grasses and legumes	0.4	0.4	145	178	178
Fertilizer	5.5	5.7	346	331	332
Mixed fertilizer	2.4	2.5	319	296	295
Nitrogen	2.3	2.4	355	348	351
Potash and phosphate	0.8	0.8	407	385	392
Chemicals	3.3	3.2	148	155	157
Herbicides	2.1	2.0	133	139	141
Insecticides	0.7	0.7	172	175	178
Fungicides and other	0.5	0.5	178	193	195
Fuels	4.0	4.0	359	353	345
Diesel	2.5	2.5	397	410	409
Gasoline	0.8	0.8	284	300	290
LP gas	0.7	0.7	313	206	176
Supplies and repairs	4.6	4.6	169	172	172
Supplies	1.5	1.5	164	167	167
Repairs	3.0	3.0	171	174	174
Autos and trucks	1.4	1.2	116	118	119
Autos	0.2	0.2	115	116	117
Trucks	1.2	1.1	116	119	119
Machinery	4.3	4.3	251	259	259
Tractors	0.9	0.9	209	211	213
Self-propelled	1.7	1.7	266	276	276
Other machinery	1.6	1.6	259	268	268
Building materials	4.4	4.2	172	177	177
Services	12.1	12.0	164	168	167
Custom rates	1.2	1.2	148	157	157
Other services	10.9	10.7	165	169	169
Rent	6.3	6.6	205	212	212
Cash	3.4	3.5	262	270	270
Share	2.9	3.0	139	145	145
Interest	3.5	3.4	135	145	145
Taxes	3.1	3.1	222	232	232
Wage rates	7.4	7.2	193	203	203
Family living-CPI	15.4	15.3	167	171	170

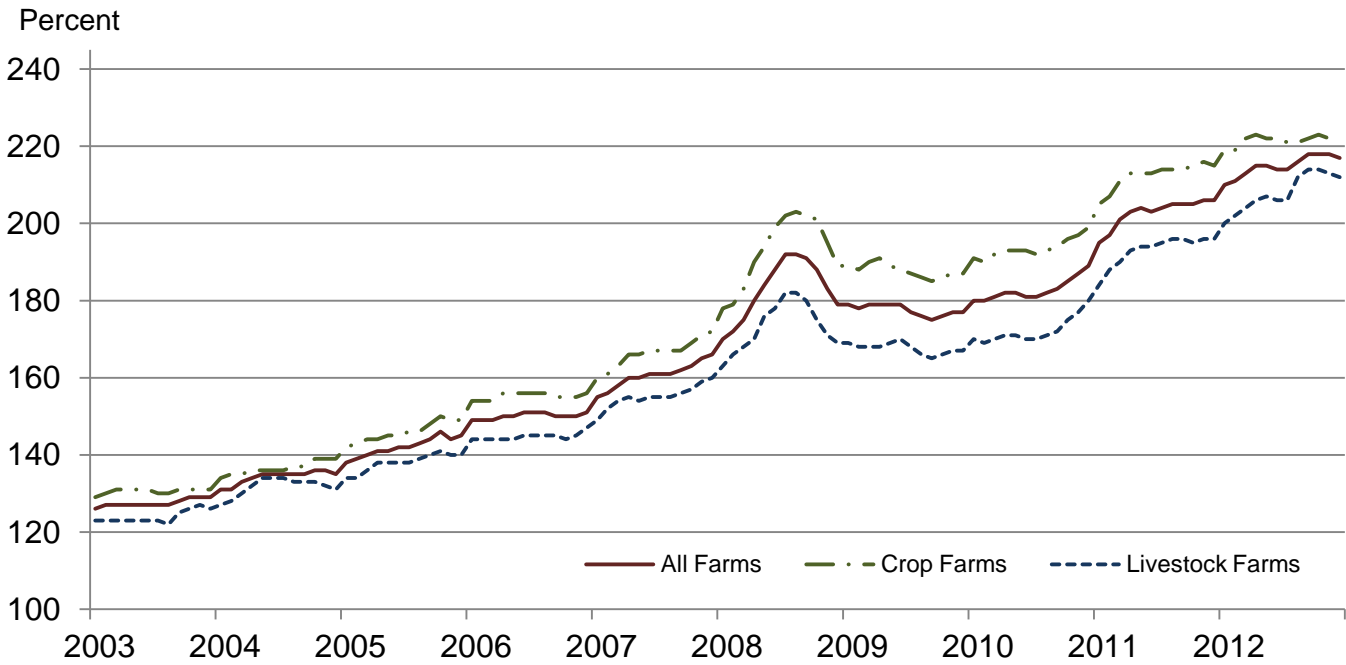
Paid Indexes by Month, All Items and Production Items – United States: 1990-1992=100



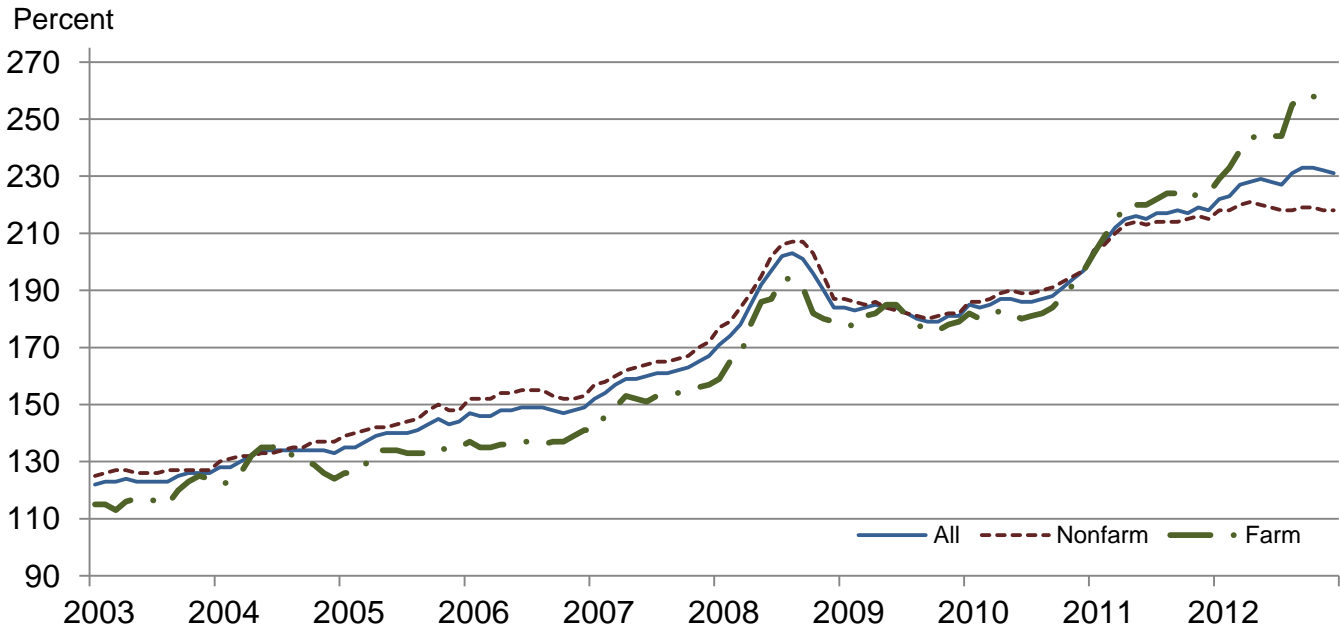
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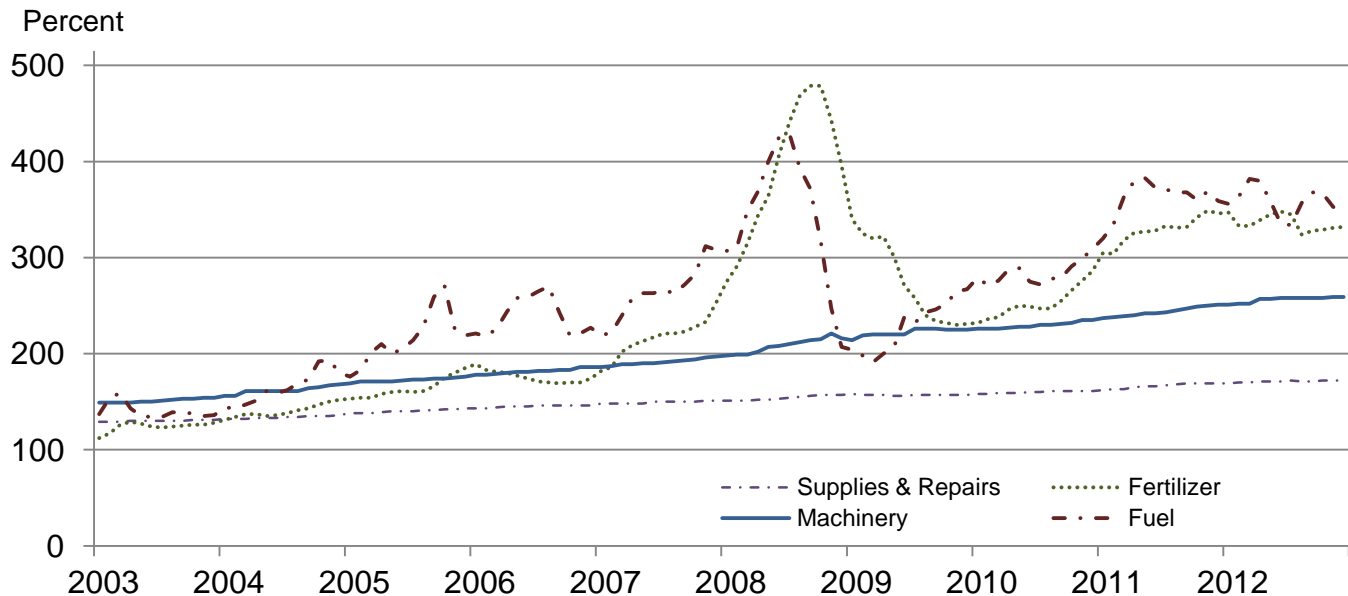
Paid Indexes by Farm Type and Month, All Items – United States: 1990-1992=100



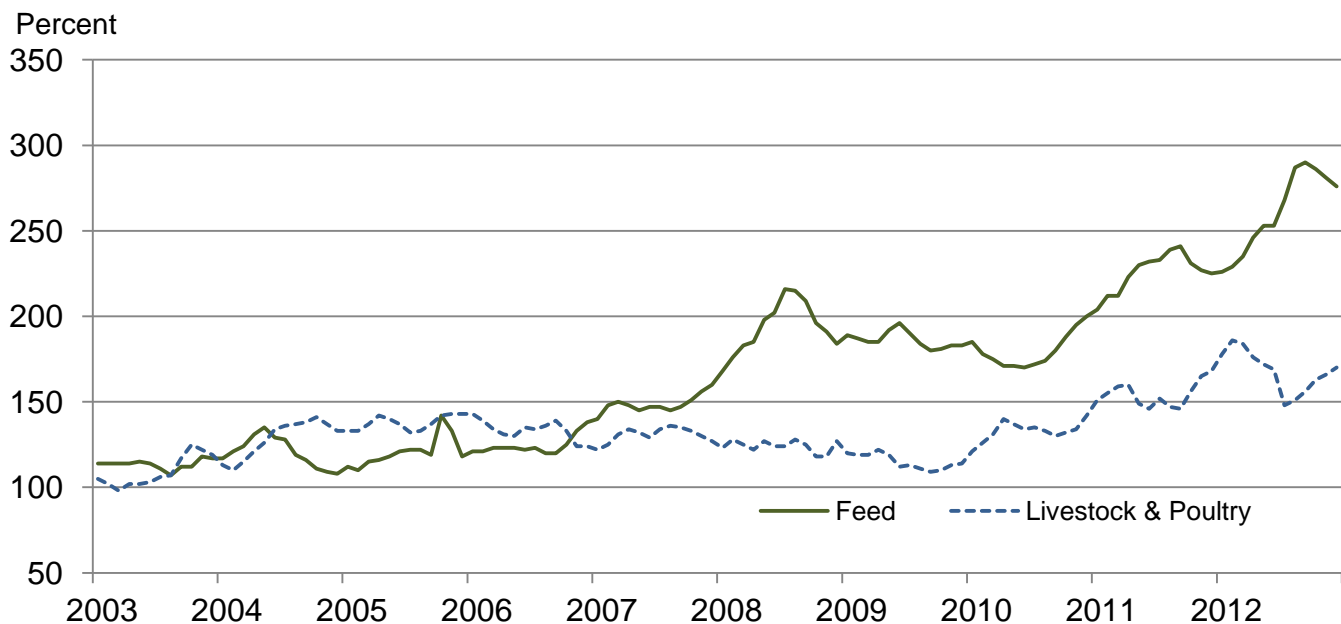
Paid Indexes by Origin and Month, All Production Items – United States: 1990-1992=100



Paid Indexes by Non-Farm Sector and Month, Supplies & Repairs, Fertilizer, Machinery, and Fuel – United States: 1990-1992=100



Paid Indexes by Month, Feed and Livestock & Poultry – United States: 1990-1992=100



Feed Price Ratios – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

Feed price ratio ¹	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
Broiler-feed: pounds of broiler grower feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight ²	3.3	3.3	3.4
Market egg feed: pounds of laying feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs ³	8.7	6.6	6.2
Hog-corn: bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight	10.8	8.7	9.0
Milk-feed: pounds of 16% mixed dairy feed equal in value to 1 pound of whole milk ⁴	1.81	1.73	1.65
Steer and heifer-corn: bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of steer & heifers, live weight	21.5	18.2	18.5
Turkey-feed: pounds of turkey grower equal in value to 1 pound of turkey, live weight ⁵	5.4	4.7	4.1

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

² The price of commercial prepared broiler feed is based on current United States 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 United States 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 United States prices received for corn, soybeans, and alfalfa hay. The modeled feed uses 51 percent corn, 41 percent alfalfa hay, and 8 percent soybeans.

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

Prices Received Used to Calculate Feed Price Ratios – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

[Price data source for livestock and poultry commodities is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

Item	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Broilers, livepound	0.470	0.570	0.600
Eggs, marketdozen	1.100	1.020	0.957
Hogs, allcwt	63.50	61.10	62.90
Milk, allcwt	19.70	22.00	21.10
Steers and heiferscwt	126.00	128.00	130.00
Turkeys, livepound	0.715	0.751	0.669
Cornbushel	5.86	7.02	7.01
Hay, alfalfaton	195.00	215.00	217.00
Soybeansbushel	11.50	14.30	14.70
Wheat, allbushel	7.20	8.46	8.33

Prices Paid for Feeder Livestock – United States: December 2012 with Comparisons

[Price data source is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

Item	December 2011	November 2012	Preliminary December 2012
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Feeder cattle and calvescwt	146.20	147.50	148.50
Feeder pigscwt	158.00	127.00	158.00

Prices Paid for Feed – United States: 2007-2012

[April survey for years 2005-2008. March survey began 2009]

Item	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Alfalfa mealcwt	18.20	21.10	23.90	23.80	24.00	26.60
Alfalfa pelletscwt	18.70	21.30	24.10	23.20	24.10	27.10
Brancwt	17.40	19.10	23.20	22.70	24.70	26.40
Beef cattle concentrate, 32-36% protein ton	370	433	488	413	498	525
Corn mealcwt	12.30	13.70	13.40	12.80	17.10	20.40
Cottonseed meal, 41%cwt	20.00	23.00	25.60	25.40	26.60	27.80
Dairy feed						
14% protein ¹ ton	239	301	285	264	333	437
16% protein ¹ ton	249	313	293	274	369	442
18% protein ¹ ton	267	324	297	284	365	431
20% protein ¹ ton	258	320	295	274	356	407
32-38% protein concentrate ton	378	469	458	419	522	550
Hog feed						
14-18% protein ^{1 2} ton	305	345	328	303	385	475
38-42% protein concentrate ton	398	490	493	446	563	592
Molasses, liquidcwt	19.20	17.50	22.20	21.30	22.30	23.20
Poultry feed						
Broiler grower ¹ ton	306	387	464	456	502	591
Chick starter ¹ ton	327	416	501	485	541	597
Laying feed ¹ ton	278	371	391	374	450	527
Turkey grower ¹ ton	337	434	466	434	495	589
Soybean meal, 44%cwt	18.20	23.40	23.20	23.80	26.80	26.50
Soybean meal, over 44%cwt	16.90	22.40	22.00	21.20	24.80	24.10
Stock salt 50 pound	5.02	5.45	5.93	5.92	6.18	6.33
Trace mineral blocks 50 pound	6.15	6.60	7.09	8.02	8.16	7.59
	Index (1990-92=100)					
Feed Prices paid index ³ percent	149	194	186	180	226	261

¹ Complete ration feed, fed without mixing or supplementation.

² Excluding pig starter.

³ Annual average for all years.

Annual Average Prices Paid for Feeder Livestock – United States: 2007-2012

Item	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Broiler chicks100	25.60	26.30	26.60	27.00	28.20	(¹)
Egg-type chicks100	69.40	75.60	81.20	83.00	86.70	(¹)
Feeders and stockers						
Cattle and calves cwt	107.40	101.46	95.20	109.40	132.80	149.50
Feeder pigs cwt	120.00	93.00	100.40	155.90	144.60	126.10
Turkey poults each	1.32	1.44	1.32	1.43	1.47	(¹)
	Index (1990-92=100)					
Livestock and poultry Prices paid index ² percent	131	124	115	133	155	168

¹ Annual average data are published in April 2013.

² Annual average.

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

2012 Prices Paid Index for Beef Cattle Production (1964-68=100): 980

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers and Ranchers for Beef Cattle Production input items is for the period of November 2011 through October 2012. The components of this index include the production indexes of Fuels, Supplies & Repairs, Autos & Trucks, Tractors & Self Propelled Machinery, Other Machinery, Building Materials, Interest, Wage Rates, and Farm Services & Rent. These components are weighted to the overall index value by their importance in the cost of producing beef cattle. The weights are prescribed by Federal Regulation Title 43, Subpart 4100.

Prices Received for Beef Cattle – Selected United States Regions: 2012

[Average for November 2011 through October 2012]

State	Beef cattle
	(dollars per cwt)
17 Western States ¹	124.45
16 Western States ²	126.03
11 Western States ³	122.48
9 Great Plains States ⁴	125.21

¹ 17 Western States: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

² 16 Western States: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

³ 11 Western States: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

⁴ 9 Great Plain States: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming.

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 five 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 United States 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 United States 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 United States 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 1990-1992 reference and base period replaced the 1977 reference and 1971-1973 base weight period. Five-year moving average weights replaced the current fixed 1971-1973 base period weights. The 1910-1914=100 price indexes, required by statute for computing parity prices, were linked forward based on the changes in the new 1990-1992=100 indexes. The new indexes were constructed by multiplying the ratios of the current prices to the base period prices by the moving average weights (adjusted for seasonal marketing patterns for the prices received indexes).

Calendar of Prices Received Features in the 2012 Agricultural Price Reports

Annual or Marketing Year Average Prices	Month Published
Austrian Winter Peas, United States	September
Barley, United States.....	June
by State and United States	August
Broilers, by State and United States.....	April
Canola, by State and United States	November
Cattle, by State and United States	February
Chickens, Other by State and United States.....	April
Chickpeas, by State and United States	November
Corn, United States	September
by State and United States	November
Cotton, by Type, State and United States.....	October
Cottonseed, by State and United States.....	October
Dry Beans, by State and United States.....	November
Dry Edible Peas, United States	September
Eggs, by State and United States.....	April
Flaxseed, by State and United States.....	November
Goats, by State and United States	February
Hay, by State and United States	August
Other Hay, 3-year Average by Region	February
Hogs, by State and United States	February
Hops, by State and United States	December
Lentils, United States	September
Milk, Sold to Plants, for All Milk, Price and Fat Test, by State and United States	April
Mohair, by State and United States	February
Mustard Seed, United States	November
Oats, United States	June
by State and United States	August
Peanuts, by State and United States	August
Potatoes, by State and United States, Preliminary	February
Proso Millet, by State and United States	November
Rapeseed, United States	November
Rice, United States (year-to-date)	August
by State and United States, by Length of Grain	January
Safflower, United States	November
Sheep and Lambs, by State and United States	February
Sorghum, by State and United States	September
Soybeans, by State and United States	September
Sweetpotatoes, by State and United States, Preliminary	January
Final and Revised	June
Sugarbeets, United States	July
Sugarcane, United States.....	July
Sunflower, by State and United States	November
Turkeys, by State and United States.....	April
Wheat, by Class, United States	June
by State and United States	August
Wool, by State and United States.....	February

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Monthly Prices Received – Revised	Month Published
Austrian Winter Peas, United States	September
Barley, by State and United States	August
Broilers, United States	April
Cattle, by State and United States	February
Chickens, by State and United States	April
Chickpeas, by State and United States	November
Corn, by State and United States	November
Cotton, by Type, State and United States	October
Cottonseed, by State and United States	October
Dry Beans, by State and United States.....	November
Dry Edible Peas, United States	September
Eggs, by State and United States	April
Flaxseed, by State and United States	November
Hay, by State and United States	August
Hogs, by State and United States	February
Hops, by State and United States	December
Lentils, United States	September
Milk, Sold to Plants, by Grade, Price and Fat Test by State and United States	April
Milk Cows, by Quarter, by State and United States	February
Oats, by State and United States	August
Peanuts, by State and United States	August
Potatoes, by State and United States, Preliminary	February
Rice, United States (year-to-date)	August
by State and United States, by Length of Grain	January
Sheep and Lambs, by State and United States	February
Sorghum, by State and United States	September
Soybeans, by State and United States	September
Sunflower, by State and United States	November
Wheat, by State and United States	August

Calendar of Prices Received Features in the 2012 Agricultural Price Reports (continued)

Monthly Marketing Percents	Month Published
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Barley, United States.....	June
by State and United States	August
Chickpeas, by State and United States	November
Corn, United States	September
by State and United States	November
Cotton, Upland, by State and United States	October
Dry Beans, by State and United States.....	November
Dry Edible Peas, United States	September
Flaxseed, by State and United States.....	November

Hay, by State and United States	August
Lentils, United States	September
Oats, United States	June
by State and United States	August
Peanuts, by State and United States	August
Rice, United States (year-to-date)	August
Final	January
Sorghum, by State and United States	September
Soybeans, by State and United States	September
Sunflower, by State and United States	November
Wheat, United States	June
by State and United States	August

Prices Received Index Numbers - Revised

Index of Prices Received by Farmers, United States, by Month and Year	January, April, July, October
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Seasonal Adjustment Factors, United States, program change	July

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Manufacturing Milk: Method of Computing Parity Price Equivalent	January
Average Price Received, United States.....	January

Calendar of Prices Paid Features in the 2012 Agricultural Price Reports

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Month Published

PPITW, PITW, Production Items, Component Items, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates, Family Living, Farm and Non-Farm Origin, Crop and Livestock Sectors, Adjusted for Productivity, Ratio, Parity Ratio and Adjusted Parity Ratio

Annual Average (2007-2011) January, April, July, October

By Month (2007-2011) January, April, July, October

United States Current Month, Previous Month, Previous Year Monthly

Indexes (1990-1992=100)

Month Published

PPITW, PITW, Production Items, Component and Subcomponent Items, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates, Family Living Farm and Non-Farm Origin, Crop and Livestock Sectors, Adjusted for Productivity, Ratio, Parity Ratio and Adjusted Parity Ratio

Annual Average (2007-2011) January, April, July, October

By Month (2007-2011) January, April, July, October

United States Current Month, Previous Month, Previous Year Monthly

Feed and Feeder Livestock & Poultry Annual Average, United States (2006-2011) December

Prices Paid

Month Published

Farm Machinery, United States April

Feed, by Region and United States April

Feed, United States (2006-2011) December

Feeder Livestock, United States Monthly

Poultry, Chicks and Poults, Annual Average April

Fertilizer Materials, Mixed Fertilizer and Agricultural Limestone, by Region and United States April

Field Seeds, Retail United States April

Fuels, by Region and United States April

Agricultural Chemicals, United States April

Feed-Price Ratios

Month Published

United States by Months and Annual Average, (January 2008- May 2011) May

United States Current Month, Previous Month, Previous Year Monthly

Prices Paid Program Overview

Month Published

Prices Paid Survey Months, Month Published and Geographic Levels of Estimates January

Prices Paid Regions, and States Included April

Private Grazing Fee Rates and Components of Federal Fees

Month Published

Private Non-Irrigated Grazing Fee Rates, by State and Region

(Data for 2009-2011) January

Prices Paid Index for Beef Cattle Production (1964-68=100) December

Beef Cattle Prices Received, Selected Regions (November-October) December

Other Hay Prices Received, Selected Eastern Regions February

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