



Agricultural Prices

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May Farm Prices Received Index Up 3.9 percent

The May Prices Received Index (Agricultural Production), at 107, increased 3.9 percent from April. At 90, the Crop Production Index advanced 1.1 percent. The Livestock Production Index increased 5.2 percent to 122. Producers received higher prices for eggs, hogs, and broilers. Lower prices were realized for cattle, corn, and tomatoes. In addition to prices, the indexes are impacted by the five-year average monthly mix of commodities producers market. Increased monthly movement of cattle, hay, sweet corn, and broilers offset the decreased marketing of soybeans, calves, hogs, and apples.

The Prices Received Index is down 7.0 percent from the previous year. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, is up 3.6 percent from the previous month but is 8.0 percent lower than May 2014.

May Prices Paid Index Down 0.9 Percent

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW), at 109, is down 0.9 percent from April and 3.5 percent below May 2014. Lower prices in May for complete feeds, concentrates, LP gas, and supplements more than offset higher prices for nitrogen, diesel, gasoline, and mixed fertilizer.

Prices Received, Prices Paid, and Ratio of Prices Received to Prices Paid Indexes 2011 Base – United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

Index Group	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
Prices received by farmers	115	103	107
Prices paid by farmers	113	110	109
Ratio of prices received to prices paid	102	94	98

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May Prices Received by Farmers

The May Prices Received Index for agricultural production at 107 percent of its 2011 base is up 3.9 percent from the April index but is 7.0 percent below the May 2014 index.

Crop Production: The May index, at 90, increased 1.1 percent from April but is 10 percent lower than May 2014. Index increases for fruit & tree nut production more than offset the index decrease for oilseed & grain production.

Feed grain: The May index, at 61, is down 3.2 percent from last month and is 23 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.62 per bushel, is down 13 cents from last month and \$1.09 from May 2014. At \$7.57 per cwt, sorghum grain is 33 cents less than April and 65 cents below May a year earlier.

Food grain: At 79, the index for May is 2.5 percent lower than the previous month and 23 percent below a year earlier. The May price for all wheat, at \$5.33 per bushel, is down 23 cents from April and is \$1.75 below May 2014.

Oilseed: At 77, the index for May is down 1.3 percent from April and is 32 percent lower than May 2014. The soybean price, at \$9.60 per bushel, decreased 10 cents from April and is \$4.80 below May a year earlier.

Fruit and tree nut: The May index, at 134, is up 6.3 percent from April and is 5.5 percent higher than a year earlier. Price increases for lemons and grapefruit more than offset price decreases during May for apples and oranges.

Vegetable and melon: At 102, the index for May is down 2.9 percent from the previous month and 3.8 percent below May 2014. Lower prices for tomatoes and potatoes during May more than offset higher prices for lettuce and celery.

Other crop: The May index, at 91, is up 5.8 percent from the previous month but is down 11 percent from May 2014. The all hay price, at \$175 per ton, is up \$2.00 from April but is \$27.00 lower than May 2014. At 64.1 cents per pound, the price for upland cotton is up 1.7 cents from April but is 17.6 cents below May 2014.

Livestock Production: The index for May, at 122, is 5.2 percent above the previous month but is down 6.2 percent from May a year earlier. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, market eggs, calves, and turkeys. Prices for milk, hogs, and broilers are down from a year earlier.

Meat animal: At 130, the May index is up 2.4 percent from the previous month and 1.6 percent higher than a year earlier. At \$58.90 per cwt, the May hog price is up \$9.90 from April but is \$23.90 lower than a year earlier. The May beef cattle price of \$160 per cwt is down \$2.00 from the previous month but is \$14.00 higher than May 2014.

Dairy: The index for May, at 83, is up 1.2 percent from the previous month but is 31 percent lower than May a year earlier. The May all milk price of \$16.70 per cwt is up 20 cents from April but is down \$7.50 from May 2014.

Poultry and egg: At 146, the May index is up 13 percent from April and 0.7 percent above 2014. The May market egg price, at \$1.61 per dozen, increased 73.8 cents from April and is 63.9 cents above May 2014. The May broiler price, at 65.0 cents per pound, is up 1.0 cent from April but is 8.0 cents below a year earlier. At 75.9 cents per pound, the May turkey price is up 5.7 cents from the previous month and 3.3 cents from 2014.

Prices Received Indexes, 2011 Base – United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

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

Index Group	2011 Base		
	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Agricultural Production	115	103	107
Crop Production	100	89	90
Grain and oilseed	91	71	69
Feed grain	79	63	61
Food grain	102	81	79
Oilseed	113	78	77
Fruit and tree nut	127	126	134
Vegetable and melon	106	105	102
Other crop	102	86	91
Livestock Production	130	116	122
Meat animal	128	127	130
Cattle	129	146	143
Hog	125	74	89
Dairy	120	82	83
Poultry and egg	145	129	146
Food Commodity	125	111	115

Prices Received Indexes, 1910-1914 Base – United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

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Index Group	1910 - 1914 Base		
	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Agricultural Production	1185	1068	1104
Crop Production	873	775	785
Livestock Production	1505	1352	1414

Prices Received Indexes, 2011 Base by Month for Selected Groups – United States: 2014 and 2015

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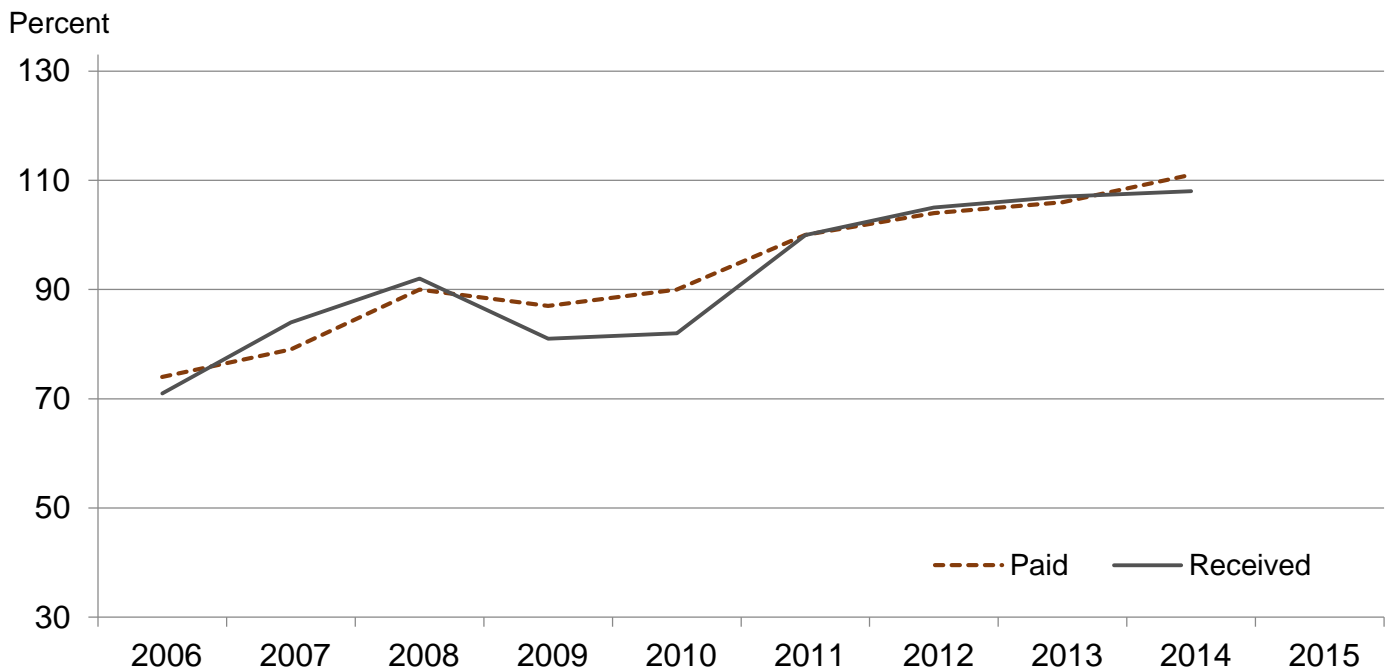
Month	2011 Base							
	Agricultural Production		Crop Production		Livestock Production		Food Commodities	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January	100	97	91	83	116	120	111	109
February	107	99	95	85	121	114	117	107
March	111	102	95	86	128	117	122	110
April	115	103	99	89	131	116	125	111
May	115	107	100	90	130	122	125	115
June	113		99		128		122	
July	110		93		133		120	
August	110		92		130		121	
September	108		88		132		120	
October	100		81		135		113	
November	102		82		134		120	
December	101		83		127		115	

Prices Paid Indexes, 2011 Base by Month for Selected Groups – United States: 2014 and 2015

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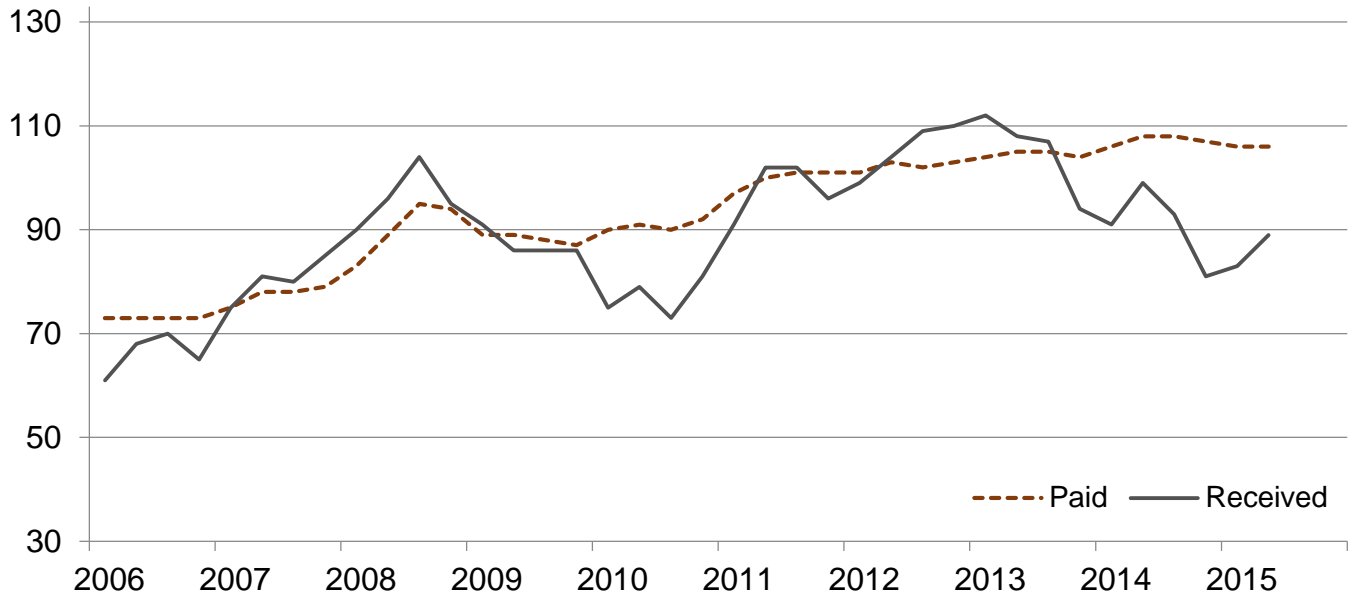
Month	2011 Base							
	All Items (PPITW)		Production		Crop Sector		Livestock Sector	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January	108	110	110	111	106	106	111	114
February	109	110	110	111	107	106	112	113
March	110	110	112	111	107	106	113	114
April	112	110	114	111	108	106	116	113
May	113	109	115	111	108	106	117	113
June	113		116		108		119	
July	113		115		108		118	
August	112		114		107		117	
September	112		115		107		118	
October	112		114		107		117	
November	112		114		107		117	
December	111		114		106		117	

Received and Paid Indexes, Annual Average – United States: 2011=100



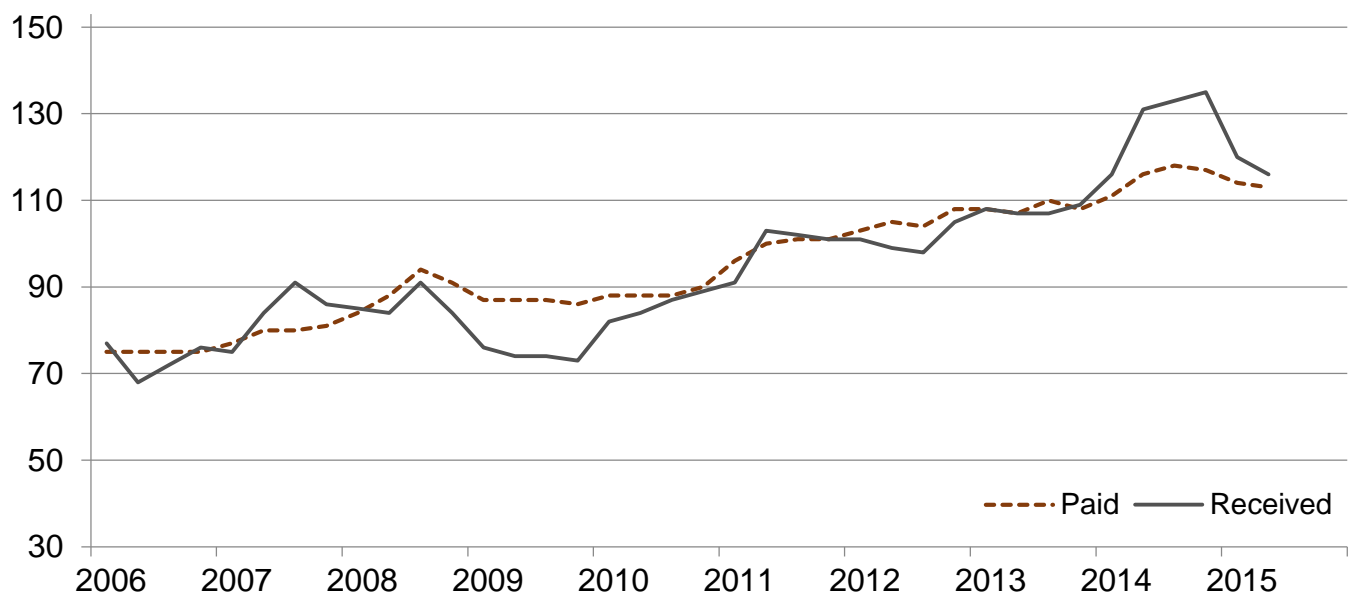
Crop Farm Received and Paid Indexes, All Items by Quarter – United States: 2011=100

Percent

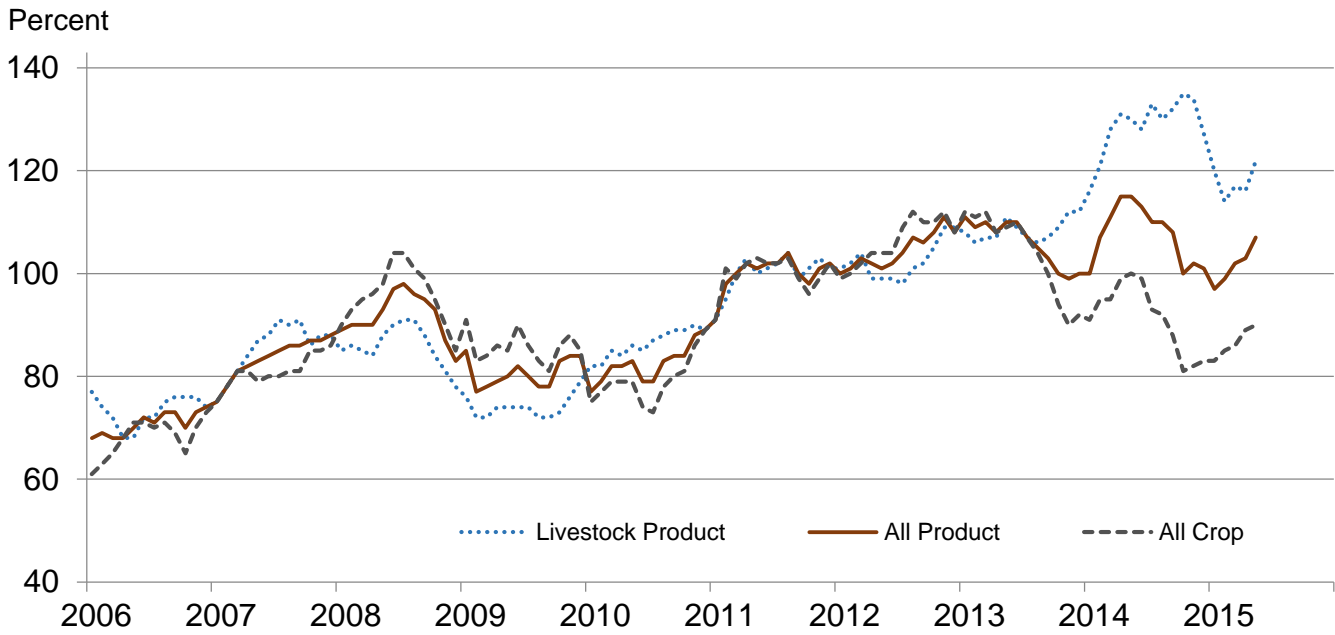


Livestock Farm Received and Paid Indexes, All Items by Quarter – United States: 2011=100

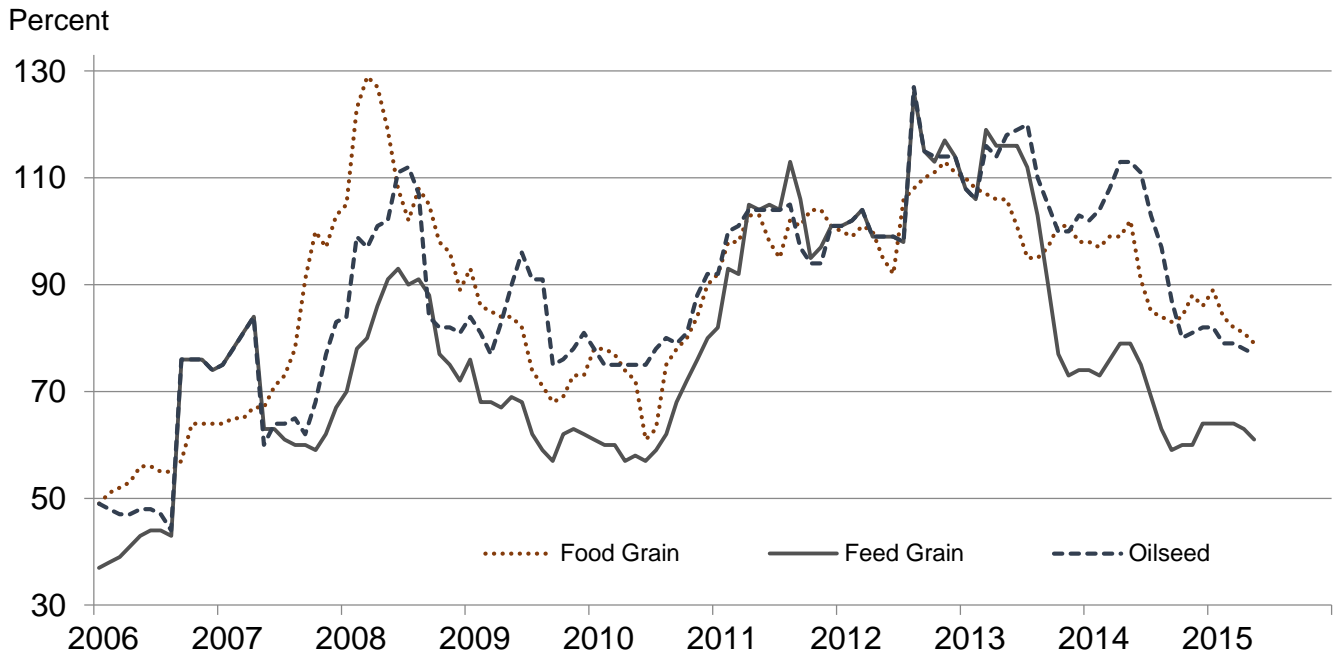
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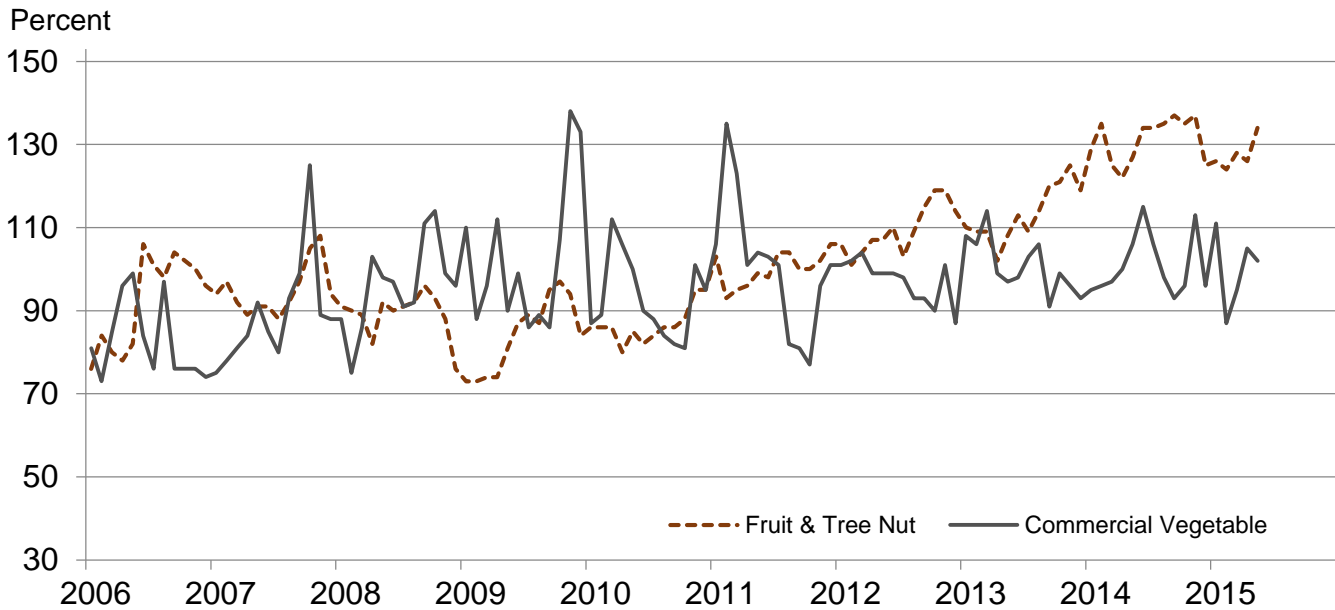
**Received Indexes by Month,
Livestock Product, All Product, and All Crop –
United States: 2011=100**



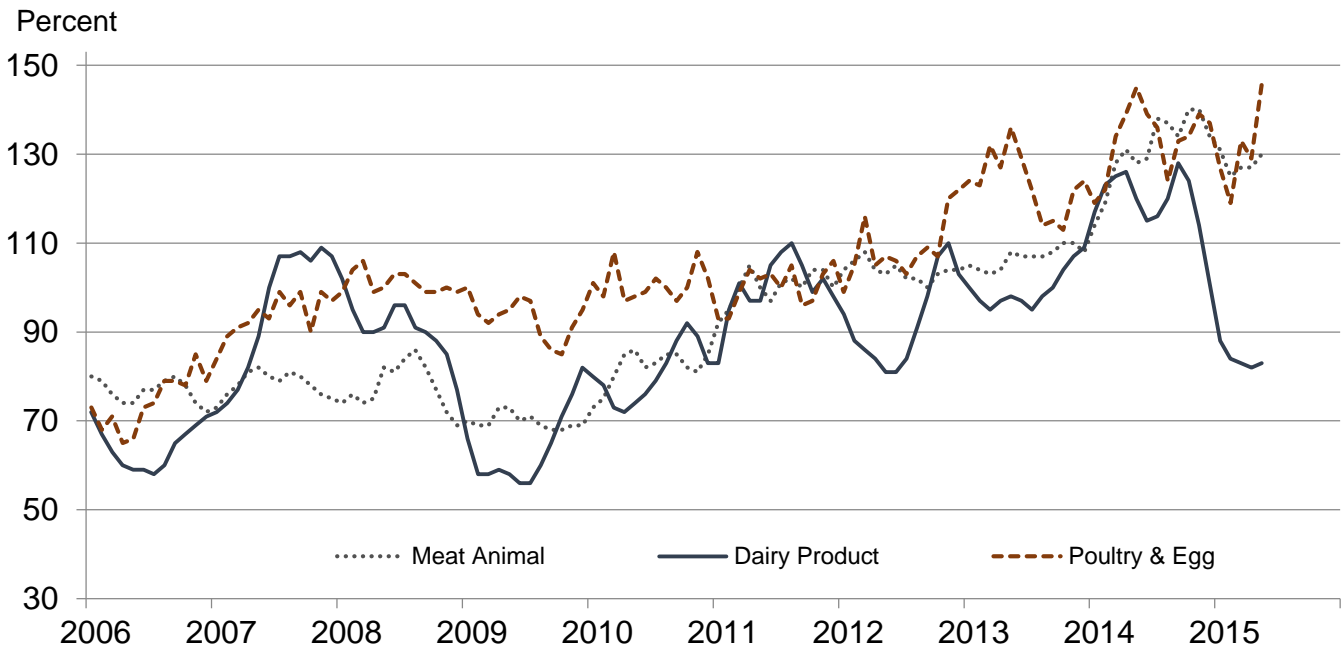
**Received Indexes by Month,
Food Grain, Feed Grain, and Oilseed –
United States: 2011=100**



**Received Indexes by Month,
Fruit & Tree Nut and Commercial Vegetable –
United States: 2011=100**



**Received Indexes by Month,
Meat Animal, Dairy Product, and Poultry & Egg –
United States: 2011=100**



Prices Received for Field Crops and Fruits – United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

Commodity	2011 Base Price	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	
Field crops					
Austrian winter peas	dollars/cwt	19.50	(S)	(D)	(S)
Barley, all	dollars/bushel	4.79	5.94	4.94	4.75
Feed	dollars/bushel	4.59	4.15	3.05	2.90
Malting	dollars/bushel	4.83	6.37	5.75	5.62
Beans, dry edible	dollars/cwt	34.60	38.10	32.20	35.70
Canola	dollars/cwt	23.10	21.70	16.30	16.80
Chickpeas, all	dollars/cwt	35.70	27.50	23.10	26.90
Large	dollars/cwt	39.20	29.80	25.20	27.50
Small	dollars/cwt	23.40	(D)	19.20	(D)
Corn	dollars/bushel	6.02	4.71	3.75	3.62
Cotton, Upland	dollars/pound	0.880	0.817	0.624	0.641
Cottonseed	dollars/ton	131.00	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Flaxseed	dollars/bushel	14.20	14.90	12.00	12.10
Hay, all, baled	dollars/ton	159.00	202.00	173.00	175.00
Alfalfa	dollars/ton	176.00	225.00	184.00	192.00
Other	dollars/ton	119.00	151.00	142.00	134.00
Lentils	dollars/cwt	27.50	18.50	27.20	29.90
Oats	dollars/bushel	3.42	3.98	2.82	2.90
Peanuts, in-shell	dollars/pound	0.252	0.237	0.221	0.225
Peas, dry edible	dollars/cwt	13.60	13.10	13.70	13.70
Potatoes	dollars/cwt	9.78	9.53	9.82	9.40
Rice, all	dollars/cwt	13.70	16.20	12.50	12.50
Long	dollars/cwt	12.30	15.50	11.00	11.00
Medium and short	dollars/cwt	18.40	18.70	17.50	17.20
Sorghum grain	dollars/cwt	10.70	8.22	7.90	7.57
Soybeans	dollars/bushel	12.50	14.40	9.70	9.60
Sunflowers, all	dollars/cwt	29.00	24.10	23.20	26.40
Wheat, all	dollars/bushel	7.44	7.08	5.56	5.33
Winter	dollars/bushel	6.93	7.26	5.50	5.19
Durum	dollars/bushel	9.22	7.21	7.79	8.02
Other spring	dollars/bushel	8.33	6.85	5.51	5.29
Hard red winter	dollars/bushel	7.07	7.39	5.36	5.08
Soft red winter	dollars/bushel	6.77	6.73	4.94	5.04
Hard red spring	dollars/bushel	8.38	6.85	5.50	5.28
White	dollars/bushel	6.58	7.12	6.26	5.77
Fruits					
Citrus, equivalent on-tree					
Grapefruit	dollars/box	7.47	7.89	5.32	6.68
Lemons	dollars/box	12.30	24.54	22.76	32.59
Oranges	dollars/box	8.16	10.27	9.85	9.70
Tangelos	dollars/box	3.50	(S)	(S)	(S)
Tangerines and mandarins	dollars/box	15.30	(S)	(D)	(S)
Noncitrus, fresh					
Apples ¹	dollars/pound	0.325	0.390	0.261	0.243
Grapes ¹	dollars/ton	628.00	(S)	(S)	2,330.00
Peaches ¹	dollars/ton	507.00	(S)	(S)	1,480.00
Pears ¹	dollars/ton	559.00	686.00	607.00	619.00
Strawberries	dollars/cwt	104.00	96.10	76.80	72.60

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

(NA) Not available.

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

¹ 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: May 2015 with Comparisons

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

Commodity	2011 Base Price	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
Vegetables, fresh ¹				
Asparagusdollars/cwt	37.50	131.00	143.00	133.00
Beans, snap ²dollars/cwt	69.00	74.20	54.80	85.30
Broccolidollars/cwt	41.60	48.00	50.60	54.50
Cantaloupes ²dollars/cwt	16.50	20.50	(NA)	17.30
Carrotsdollars/cwt	30.80	27.20	31.80	31.40
Cauliflowerdollars/cwt	47.00	79.10	87.80	108.00
Celerydollars/cwt	22.50	15.80	18.60	26.80
Corn, sweetdollars/cwt	30.70	25.40	29.60	26.80
Cucumbers ²dollars/cwt	18.70	40.00	24.00	23.40
Lettucedollars/cwt	24.30	26.10	23.10	25.10
Onions ³dollars/cwt	11.90	27.20	18.90	19.30
Tomatoesdollars/cwt	51.20	39.10	45.20	24.00
Livestock				
Calvesdollars/cwt	142.00	229.00	288.00	288.00
Cattle, all beefdollars/cwt	115.00	146.00	162.00	160.00
Cows ⁴dollars/cwt	71.60	104.00	113.00	114.00
Steers and heifersdollars/cwt	117.00	147.00	164.00	161.00
Milk cows ^{5 6}dollars/head	1420.00	1810.00	1990.00	1970.00
Hogs, alldollars/cwt	66.50	82.80	49.00	58.90
Barrows and giltsdollars/cwt	66.80	82.60	49.40	60.00
Sowsdollars/cwt	57.90	89.30	38.50	31.40
Dairy and poultry				
Milk, all ⁷dollars/cwt	20.10	24.20	16.50	16.70
Fat test percent	3.71	3.66	3.72	3.67
Broilers, live ⁸dollars/pound	0.459	0.730	0.640	0.650
Eggs, all ⁹dollars/dozen	0.969	1.17	1.08	1.73
Market ^{9 10}dollars/dozen	0.796	0.971	0.872	1.61
Turkeys, live ¹¹dollars/pound	0.680	0.726	0.702	0.759
Adjusted for seasonal variation				
Eggs, alldollars/dozen	0.979	1.28	1.20	1.87
Seasonal factor percent	101	91	90	93
Milk, all ⁷dollars/cwt	20.20	25.00	16.80	17.20
Seasonal factor percent	100	97	98	97

(NA) Not available.

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 Milk cow prices are for April 2014, January 2015, and April 2015.

⁷ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

⁸ Live weight equivalent price.

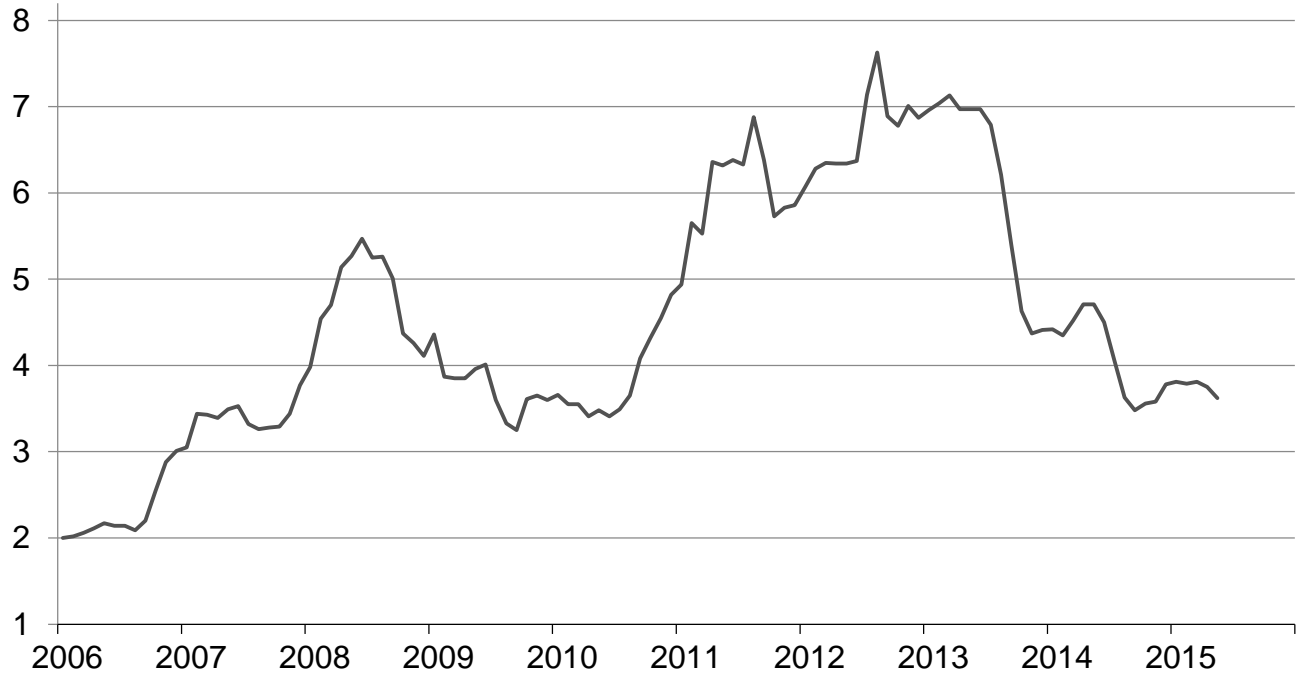
⁹ Mid-month price.

¹⁰ Also referred to as table eggs.

¹¹ 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.

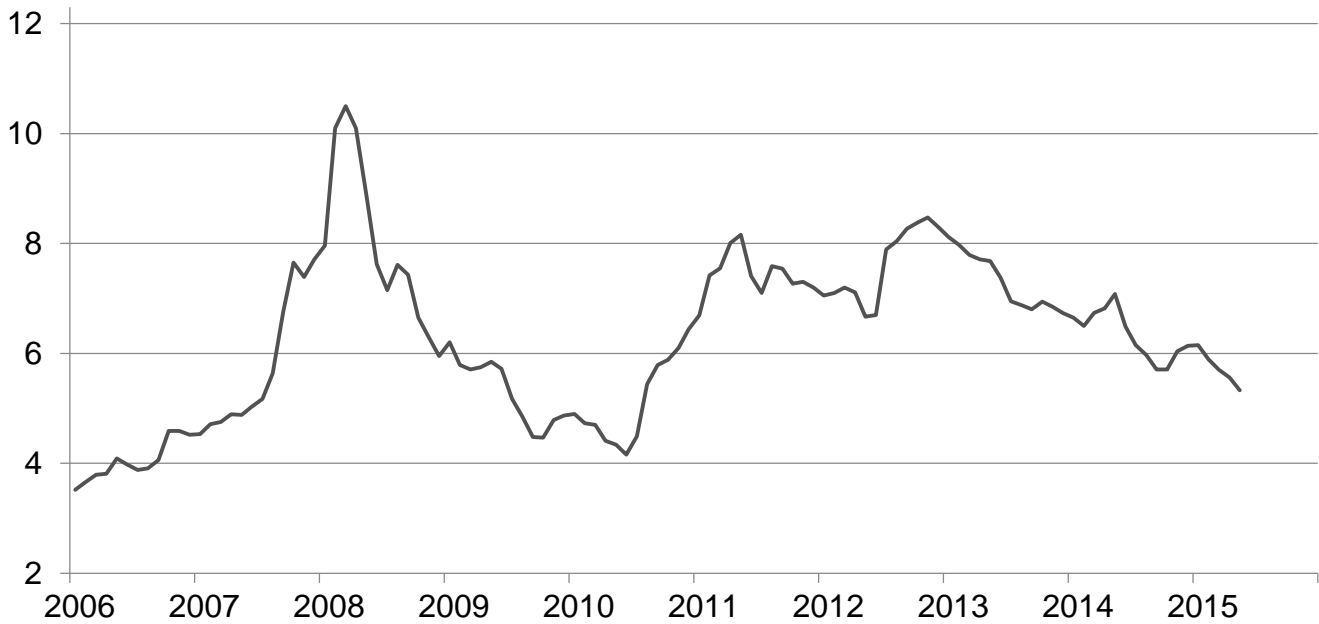
Prices Received for Corn by Month – United States

Dollars per bushel



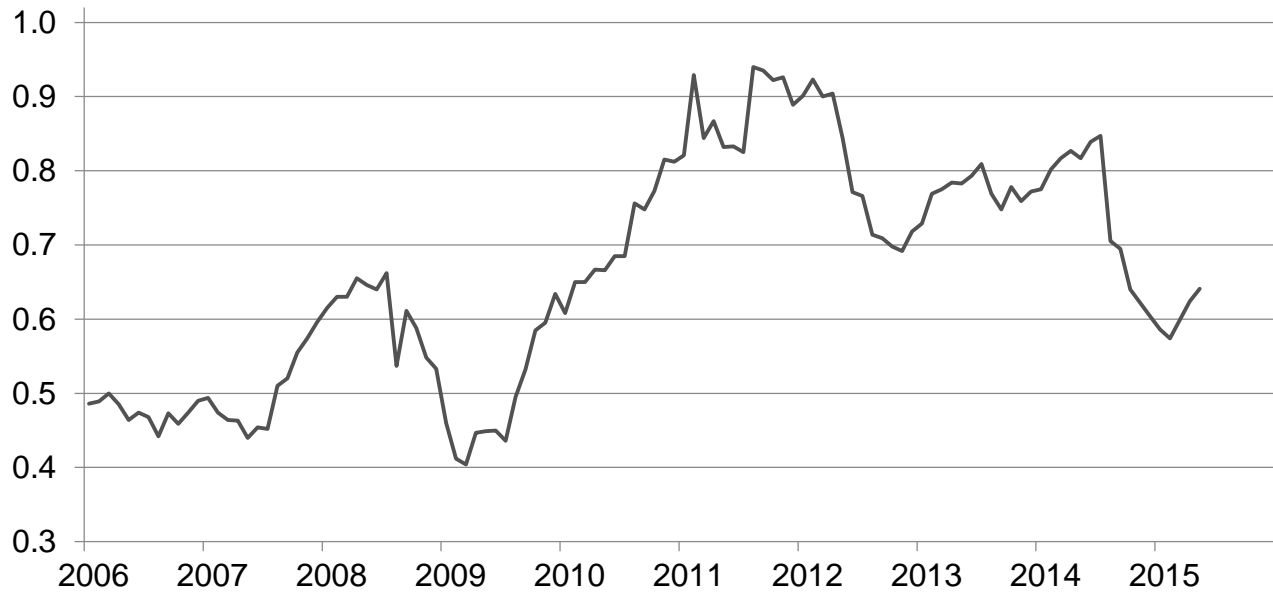
Prices Received for Wheat by Month – United States

Dollars per bushel



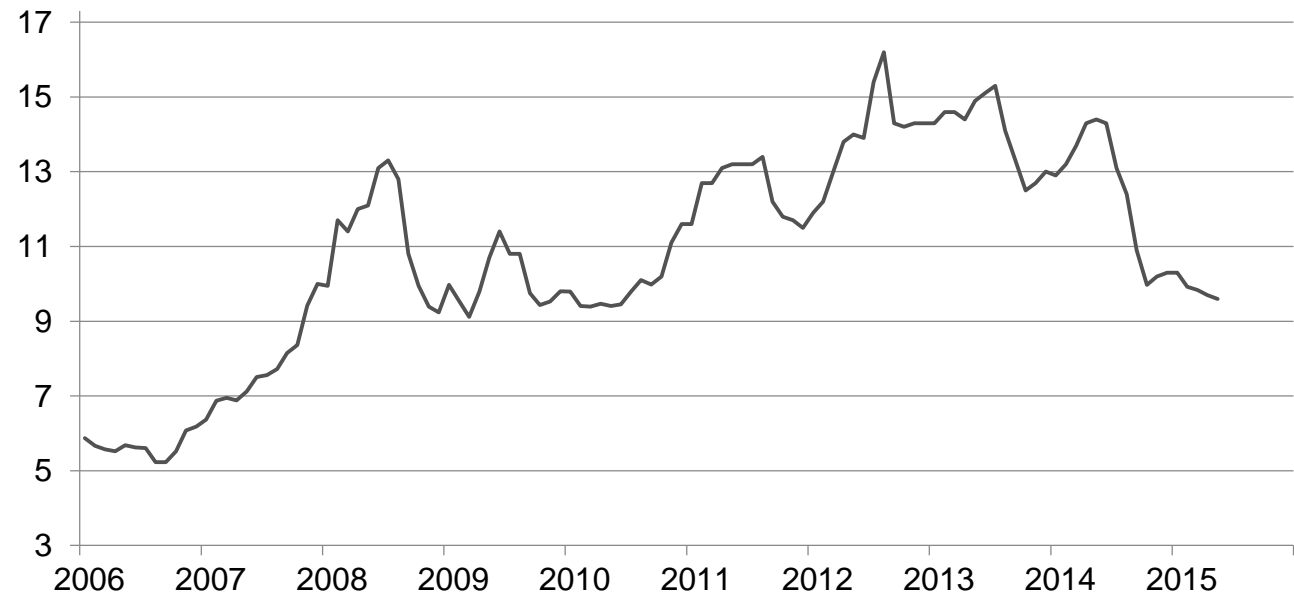
Prices Received for Upland Cotton by Month – United States

Dollars per pound



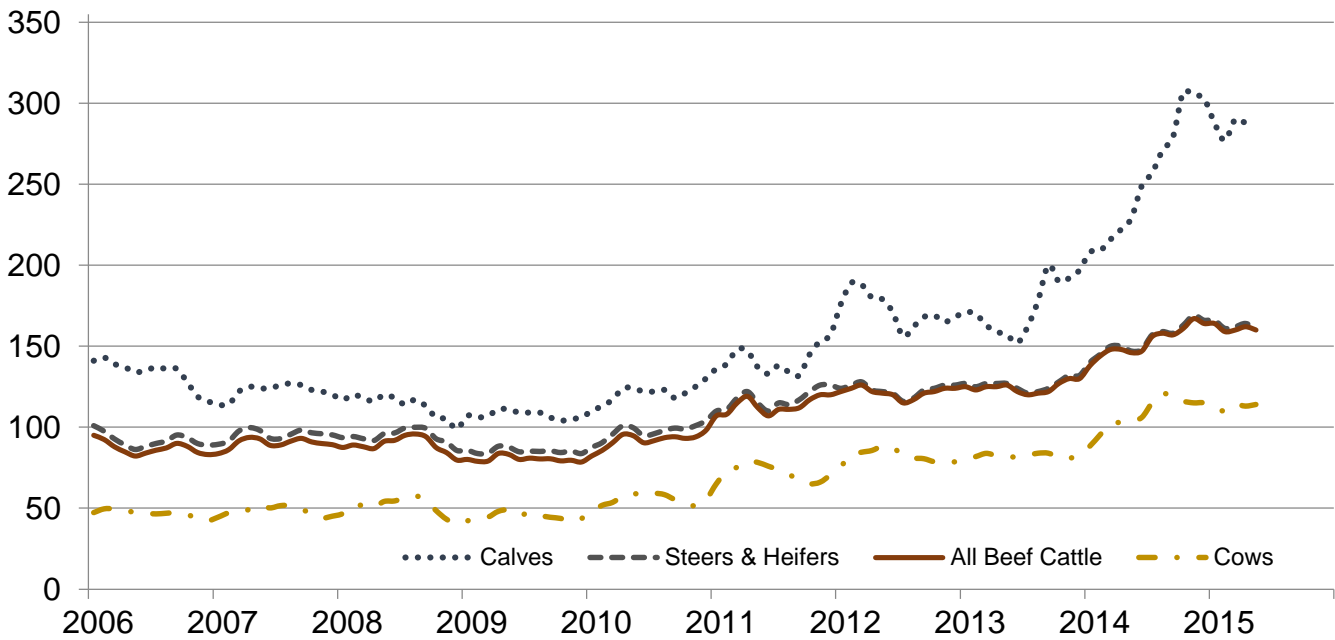
Prices Received for Soybeans by Month – United States

Dollars per bushel



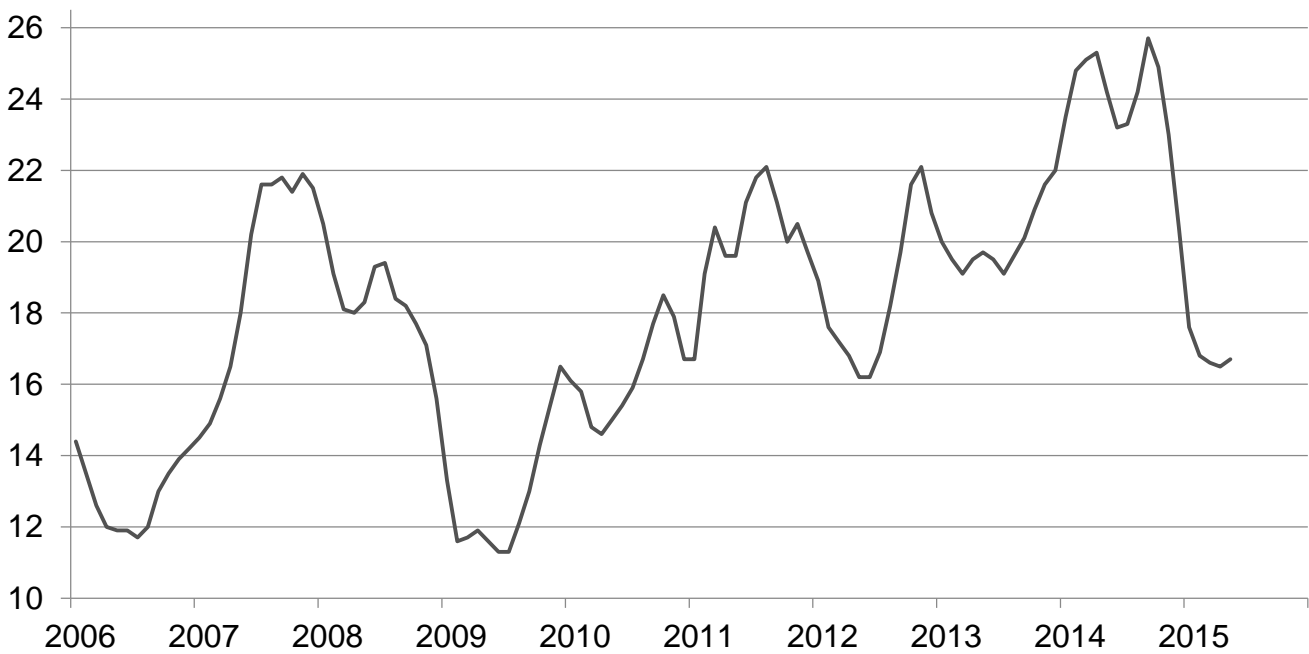
Prices Received for Cattle by Month – United States

Dollars per cwt



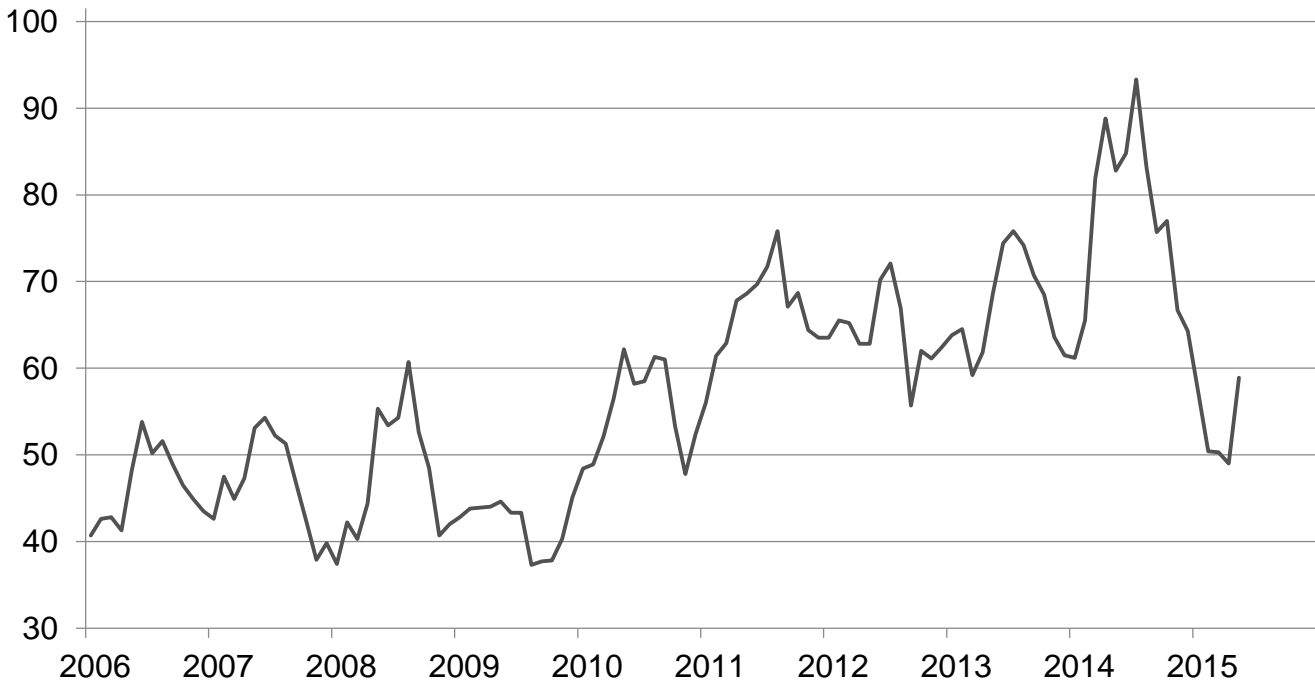
Prices Received for Milk by Month – United States

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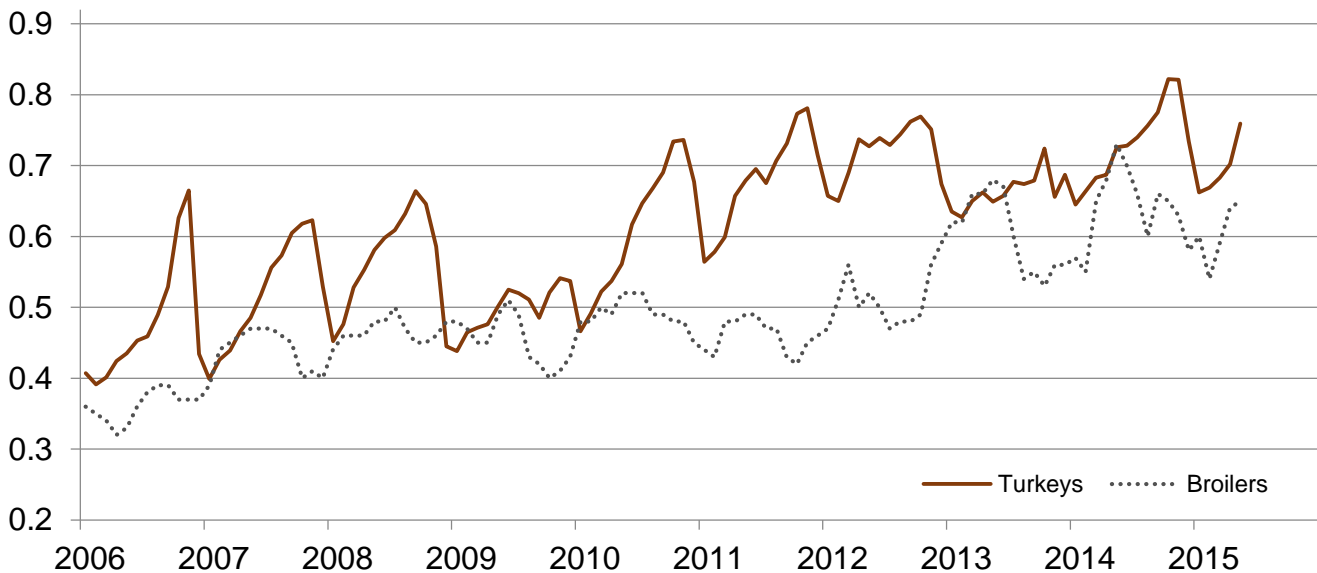
Prices Received for Hogs by Month – United States

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: 2015 with Comparisons

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	All wheat			Corn			Soybeans		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
	(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	8.12	6.65	6.15	6.96	4.42	3.81	14.30	12.90	10.30
February	7.97	6.50	5.89	7.04	4.35	3.79	14.60	13.20	9.92
March	7.79	6.74	5.70	7.13	4.52	3.81	14.60	13.70	9.84
April	7.71	6.82	5.56	6.97	4.71	3.75	14.40	14.30	9.70
May	7.68	7.08	5.33	6.97	4.71	3.62	14.90	14.40	9.60
June	7.37	6.49		6.97	4.50		15.10	14.30	
July	6.95	6.15		6.79	4.06		15.30	13.10	
August	6.88	5.97		6.21	3.63		14.10	12.40	
September	6.80	5.71		5.40	3.48		13.30	10.90	
October	6.94	5.71		4.63	3.56		12.50	9.97	
November	6.85	6.04		4.37	3.58		12.70	10.20	
December	6.73	6.14		4.41	3.78		13.00	10.30	

Prices Received for Beef Cattle and All Hogs by Month – United States: 2015 with Comparisons

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Beef cattle ¹			All hogs ²		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
January	125.00	138.00	164.00	63.80	61.20	57.40
February	123.00	144.00	159.00	64.50	65.50	50.40
March	125.00	148.00	160.00	59.20	81.90	50.30
April	125.00	148.00	162.00	61.80	88.80	49.00
May	126.00	146.00	160.00	68.60	82.80	58.90
June	122.00	147.00		74.40	84.80	
July	120.00	156.00		75.80	93.30	
August	121.00	158.00		74.20	83.20	
September	122.00	157.00		70.70	75.70	
October	127.00	161.00		68.50	77.00	
November	130.00	167.00		63.60	66.70	
December	130.00	164.00		61.50	64.30	

¹ Cows and steers & heifers.

² Barrows & gilts and sows.

Prices Received for All Wheat – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arizona	(D)	(S)	(D)
Arkansas	7.13	4.89	(D)
California	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	7.42	5.11	4.85
Idaho	7.15	6.07	6.02
Illinois	6.45	4.39	4.10
Indiana	6.24	4.83	4.72
Kansas	7.58	5.43	4.96
Michigan	6.93	6.18	5.89
Minnesota	6.88	4.85	5.48
Missouri	7.17	5.16	4.72
Montana	6.79	6.18	5.67
Nebraska	7.29	5.37	4.91
North Carolina	5.87	5.01	5.50
North Dakota	6.77	5.30	5.16
Ohio	6.71	5.39	4.90
Oklahoma	7.58	5.41	5.20
Oregon	7.30	6.62	6.25
South Dakota	7.26	5.23	5.16
Texas	7.83	5.38	4.82
Washington	7.31	6.24	5.62
United States	7.08	5.56	5.33

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

Prices Received for Winter Wheat – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	7.42	5.12	4.90
Idaho	7.07	5.90	5.78
Illinois	6.45	4.39	4.10
Indiana	6.24	4.83	4.72
Kansas	7.58	5.43	4.96
Michigan	6.93	6.18	5.89
Minnesota	6.98	(S)	5.09
Missouri	7.17	5.16	4.72
Montana	6.89	5.75	5.54
Nebraska	7.29	5.37	4.91
North Carolina	5.87	5.01	5.50
North Dakota	6.60	3.79	3.47
Ohio	6.71	5.39	4.90
Oklahoma	7.58	5.41	5.20
Oregon	7.27	6.59	6.22
South Dakota	7.08	4.79	5.01
Texas	7.83	5.38	4.82
Washington	7.22	6.13	5.57
United States	7.26	5.50	5.19

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Prices Received for Durum Wheat – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arizona	(D)	(S)	(D)
California	(S)	(S)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	7.10	7.79	7.40
United States	7.21	7.79	8.02

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Prices Received for Spring Wheat – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Colorado	(S)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	7.29	6.62	6.53
Minnesota	6.88	4.85	5.49
Montana	6.75	6.44	5.56
North Dakota	6.71	5.12	4.98
Oregon	7.53	6.86	6.49
South Dakota	7.37	5.66	5.23
Washington	7.75	6.82	5.92
United States	6.85	5.51	5.29

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Prices Received for Oats – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Illinois	(S)	(D)	(D)
Iowa	4.95	3.62	2.98
Michigan	3.45	3.28	(D)
Minnesota	3.87	2.94	2.61
Montana	(D)	(S)	(D)
Nebraska	4.88	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	3.05	2.10	(D)
Oregon	(D)	(S)	(S)
Pennsylvania	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	3.90	2.99	2.50
Texas	(D)	(S)	(D)
Wisconsin	4.52	3.03	2.93
United States	3.98	2.82	2.90

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Prices Received for All Barley – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
California	(D)	(S)	(D)
Colorado	(D)	7.89	(S)
Idaho	6.54	3.69	4.79
Minnesota	(D)	5.45	4.97
Montana	5.62	5.07	4.45
North Dakota	5.98	5.09	5.16
Oregon	(D)	3.85	(D)
Utah	4.08	(D)	(D)
Washington	4.39	3.45	4.59
Wyoming	(S)	(D)	(D)
United States	5.94	4.94	4.75

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Prices Received for Malting Barley – States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Idaho	6.73	6.05	6.05
Minnesota	(D)	5.38	5.05
Montana	5.95	6.33	5.72
North Dakota	6.26	5.37	5.41
Wyoming	(S)	(D)	(D)

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Prices Received for Feed Barley – States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Idaho	4.57	2.71	2.76
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	3.39	2.52	2.51
North Dakota	3.72	3.62	3.55
Wyoming	(S)	(S)	(D)

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Prices Received for Sorghum Grain – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
Arkansas	(D)	7.37	7.65
Illinois	9.00	7.10	(D)
Kansas	8.18	7.96	7.52
Louisiana	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	9.00	7.21	7.07
Nebraska	8.15	7.68	8.69
Oklahoma	8.04	7.90	7.42
Texas	8.21	7.55	7.26
United States	8.22	7.90	7.57

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Prices Received for Corn – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Colorado	4.91	3.86	3.64
Illinois	4.77	3.72	3.62
Indiana	4.91	3.84	3.74
Iowa	4.71	3.74	3.60
Kansas	4.79	3.86	3.81
Kentucky	5.02	4.09	3.81
Michigan	4.64	3.78	3.59
Minnesota	4.43	3.60	3.56
Missouri	5.03	3.78	3.63
Nebraska	4.67	3.83	3.70
North Carolina	5.19	4.42	4.10
North Dakota	4.21	3.39	3.47
Ohio	4.89	3.83	3.71
Pennsylvania	5.10	4.06	3.70
South Dakota	4.24	3.38	3.33
Tennessee	5.33	4.18	3.96
Texas	5.05	4.25	4.12
Wisconsin	4.72	3.73	3.47
United States	4.71	3.75	3.62

Prices Received for Soybeans – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arkansas	14.30	10.10	9.88
Illinois	14.30	9.91	9.68
Indiana	14.80	9.94	9.91
Iowa	14.70	9.58	9.57
Kansas	14.50	9.29	9.35
Kentucky	14.80	10.20	10.00
Louisiana	13.00	10.50	10.20
Michigan	14.90	10.00	9.61
Minnesota	14.00	9.73	9.50
Mississippi	14.60	10.10	9.95
Missouri	14.80	9.77	9.68
Nebraska	14.50	9.35	9.40
North Carolina	15.00	10.00	9.77
North Dakota	13.20	8.85	8.78
Ohio	15.00	9.83	9.71
South Dakota	14.00	9.08	9.13
Tennessee	14.40	10.00	9.88
Wisconsin	14.70	9.64	9.40
United States	14.40	9.70	9.60

Prices Received for Dry Beans – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
California	56.90	59.50	(D)
Colorado	(D)	22.70	(D)
Idaho	38.00	29.10	39.20
Michigan	53.20	39.80	38.90
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	25.40
North Dakota	31.70	30.40	25.30
United States	38.10	32.20	35.70

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Prices Received for Peanuts (in shell) – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
Alabama	0.217	0.205	0.206
Florida	0.230	0.213	0.212
Georgia	0.230	0.209	0.209
Mississippi	0.230	0.223	0.214
New Mexico	0.310	(S)	0.301
North Carolina	0.258	0.277	0.247
Oklahoma	0.308	(S)	0.237
South Carolina	0.250	0.264	0.251
Texas	0.344	0.297	0.274
Virginia	0.254	0.274	0.273
United States	0.237	0.221	0.225

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

Prices Received for Sunflower – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	28.00	22.00	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	21.00	27.10
North Dakota	25.30	23.80	28.20
South Dakota	22.60	22.80	24.40
United States	24.10	23.20	26.40

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Prices Received for Canola – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
Minnesota	(S)	(D)	(S)
North Dakota	21.70	16.30	16.80
United States	21.70	16.30	16.80

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Prices Received for Upland Cotton and Cottonseed – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

[Cottonseed marketing year August - February]

State	Cotton, Upland			Cottonseed		
	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Georgia	(D)	0.659	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Louisiana	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Mississippi	(D)	0.658	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tennessee	0.842	0.644	0.644	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Texas	0.643	0.531	0.569	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
United States	0.817	0.624	0.641	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

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

(NA) Not available.

Prices Received and Farm Marketings for Upland Cotton and Rice – United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

Item	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
Cotton, Upland			
Average price dollars/pound	0.817	0.624	0.641
Marketings ¹ 1,000 bales	151	399	258
Rice, all			
Average price dollars/cwt	16.20	12.50	12.50
Marketings ² 1,000 cwt	7,858	15,306	12,979
Rice, long			
Average price dollars/cwt	15.50	11.00	11.00
Marketings ² 1,000 cwt	6,218	11,923	9,896
Rice, medium and short			
California			
Average price dollars/cwt	21.20	21.00	21.20
Other States ³			
Average price dollars/cwt	15.90	14.40	13.80
United States			
Average price dollars/cwt	18.70	17.50	17.20
Marketings ² 1,000 cwt	1,640	3,383	3,083

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.

³ Other States include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

Prices Received for Flaxseed – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
North Dakota	14.90	12.00	12.10
United States	14.90	12.00	12.10

Prices Received for Hay by Type – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	All hay			Alfalfa hay			Other hay		
	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(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	240.00	200.00	200.00	240.00	200.00	200.00	230.00	200.00	200.00
California	246.00	209.00	199.00	260.00	215.00	215.00	205.00	175.00	140.00
Colorado	214.00	196.00	191.00	215.00	195.00	190.00	200.00	200.00	195.00
Idaho	193.00	160.00	164.00	195.00	160.00	165.00	170.00	155.00	150.00
Illinois	165.00	140.00	139.00	190.00	165.00	155.00	120.00	100.00	100.00
Iowa	156.00	123.00	115.00	180.00	135.00	129.00	112.00	95.00	90.00
Kansas	169.00	125.00	114.00	189.00	132.00	117.00	89.00	102.00	100.00
Kentucky	130.00	142.00	150.00	190.00	210.00	210.00	90.00	110.00	110.00
Michigan	155.00	164.00	155.00	170.00	175.00	165.00	130.00	130.00	140.00
Minnesota	171.00	110.00	136.00	186.00	123.00	148.00	123.00	84.00	96.00
Missouri	114.00	91.00	106.00	190.00	165.00	165.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Montana	128.00	124.00	123.00	135.00	125.00	125.00	105.00	115.00	115.00
Nebraska	117.00	94.00	99.00	125.00	96.00	102.00	94.00	90.00	93.00
Nevada	235.00	214.00	200.00	240.00	215.00	200.00	220.00	190.00	190.00
New Mexico	256.00	194.00	216.00	265.00	200.00	225.00	190.00	160.00	170.00
New York	171.00	161.00	203.00	223.00	220.00	250.00	168.00	160.00	200.00
North Dakota	94.00	86.00	81.00	99.00	87.00	82.00	64.00	61.00	56.00
Ohio	145.00	146.00	137.00	165.00	175.00	175.00	125.00	120.00	115.00
Oklahoma	178.00	141.00	151.00	237.00	187.00	195.00	89.00	79.00	85.00
Oregon	212.00	194.00	197.00	220.00	200.00	205.00	190.00	180.00	175.00
Pennsylvania	205.00	246.00	232.00	230.00	245.00	238.00	202.00	246.00	231.00
South Dakota	133.00	113.00	114.00	139.00	118.00	120.00	97.00	94.00	90.00
Texas	121.00	94.00	122.00	252.00	230.00	224.00	82.00	72.00	70.00
Utah	170.00	175.00	175.00	170.00	175.00	175.00	140.00	140.00	140.00
Washington	199.00	195.00	195.00	190.00	195.00	200.00	220.00	195.00	185.00
Wisconsin	161.00	113.00	124.00	175.00	124.00	136.00	115.00	79.00	86.00
Wyoming	161.00	118.00	122.00	165.00	120.00	125.00	145.00	100.00	115.00
United States ...	202.00	173.00	175.00	225.00	184.00	192.00	151.00	142.00	134.00

Prices Received for Apples – States and United States: May 2015 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		
	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
California	(S)	(S)	(S)
Michigan	0.325	0.310	0.320
New York	0.260	0.250	0.260
Pennsylvania	(S)	(S)	(S)
Virginia	(S)	0.290	(S)
Washington	0.396	0.260	0.238
United States	0.390	0.261	0.243

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

Prices Received for Citrus Fruits by Utilization – States and United States: May 2014

[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	16.90	10.11	10.11	(D)	7.89	7.89	(D)
Florida, all	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
White	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Colored	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Texas	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
United States	16.90	10.11	10.11	(D)	7.89	7.89	(D)
Lemons							
Arizona	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
California	50.30	30.21	41.04	(D)	24.54	35.02	(D)
United States	50.30	30.21	41.04	(D)	24.54	35.02	(D)
Oranges							
California, all	35.00	16.09	25.87	(D)	13.46	23.31	(D)
Navel and miscellaneous	36.60	14.69	27.43	(D)	12.05	24.87	(D)
Valencia	32.70	19.19	23.53	(D)	16.59	20.97	(D)
Florida, all	32.00	12.09	20.85	11.70	9.39	18.05	9.00
Early and mids	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Valencia	32.00	12.09	20.85	11.70	9.39	18.05	9.00
United States	34.40	12.96	24.83	10.63	10.27	22.22	7.92
Tangelos							
Florida	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
United States	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Tangerines and mandarins							
Arizona	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
California	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Florida	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
United States	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)

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Prices Received for Citrus Fruits by Utilization – States and United States: April 2015

[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	18.80	11.87	11.87	(D)	9.61	9.61	(D)
Florida, all	24.10	6.74	13.35	5.89	3.65	11.10	2.69
White	(S)	6.00	(S)	6.00	2.80	(S)	2.80
Colored	24.10	8.30	13.35	5.55	5.44	11.10	2.35
Texas	25.60	8.45	14.00	1.60	6.91	12.39	0.14
United States	22.60	7.89	13.03	5.13	5.32	11.03	2.24
Lemons							
Arizona	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
California	46.10	28.59	36.65	(D)	22.76	30.51	(D)
United States	46.10	28.59	36.65	(D)	22.76	30.51	(D)
Oranges							
California, all	28.50	14.17	19.17	(D)	11.51	16.56	(D)
Navel and miscellaneous	29.00	14.21	19.65	(D)	11.55	17.04	(D)
Valencia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida, all	27.20	11.95	16.05	11.80	9.25	13.25	9.10
Early and mids	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Valencia	27.20	11.95	16.05	11.80	9.25	13.25	9.10
United States	28.40	12.54	18.81	10.77	9.85	16.18	8.06
Tangelos							
Florida	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
United States	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Tangerines and mandarins							
Arizona	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
United States	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Prices Received for Citrus Fruits by Utilization – States and United States: May 2015

[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	16.90	9.97	9.97	(D)	7.71	7.71	(D)
Florida, all	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
White	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Colored	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Texas	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
United States	17.50	8.91	10.25	(S)	6.68	8.02	(S)
Lemons							
Arizona	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
California	53.40	38.56	43.95	(D)	32.59	37.81	(D)
United States	53.40	38.56	43.95	(D)	32.59	37.81	(D)
Oranges							
California, all	28.70	13.97	19.32	(D)	11.31	16.71	(D)
Navel and miscellaneous	29.70	13.50	20.35	(D)	10.84	17.74	(D)
Valencia	26.70	15.04	17.35	(D)	12.39	14.74	(D)
Florida, all	27.20	12.02	16.05	11.90	9.32	13.25	9.20
Early and mids	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Valencia	27.20	12.02	16.05	11.90	9.32	13.25	9.20
United States	28.50	12.40	18.85	11.16	9.70	16.21	8.45
Tangelos							
Florida	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
United States	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Tangerines and mandarins							
Arizona	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
California	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Florida	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
United States	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)

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Prices Received for Potatoes – States and United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

State	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
California, all ¹	13.70	17.80	16.80
Spring	14.20	22.90	18.20
Fall	10.10	9.55	9.55
Colorado, all ¹	10.60	8.05	7.45
Fresh ²	12.10	8.70	8.35
Florida	(D)	16.80	14.40
Idaho, all ¹	7.45	8.75	7.60
Fresh ²	7.35	5.60	5.55
Processing	7.35	7.85	8.15
Maine	11.60	(D)	11.10
Michigan	13.20	(D)	13.70
Minnesota	9.35	8.55	6.95
New York	16.10	(D)	14.30
North Carolina	(S)	(S)	(S)
North Dakota, all ¹	10.20	(D)	(D)
Fresh ²	9.10	(D)	(D)
Processing	9.60	(D)	(D)
Oregon	9.40	9.95	9.15
Texas	(S)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(S)	(S)	(S)
Washington, all ¹	8.75	8.60	8.35
Processing	8.40	8.25	8.20
Wisconsin, all ¹	9.45	11.60	10.40
Fresh ²	10.50	10.60	10.70
Processing	8.60	9.55	9.65
United States, all ¹	9.53	9.82	9.40
Fresh ²	11.53	9.51	10.42
Processing	8.55	8.67	8.70

(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: May 2015 with Comparisons

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

State	May 2014		April 2015		May 2015	
	Price (dollars per cwt)	Fat test (percent)	Price (dollars per cwt)	Fat test (percent)	Price (dollars per cwt)	Fat test (percent)
Arizona	23.60	3.41	15.10	3.40	15.50	3.40
California	22.01	3.62	14.52	3.66	15.12	3.63
Colorado	24.30	3.49	17.30	3.59	17.40	3.58
Florida	29.40	3.51	20.10	3.51	20.50	3.52
Idaho	23.00	3.66	16.50	3.76	16.60	3.72
Illinois	24.90	3.70	17.30	3.73	17.30	3.68
Indiana	24.60	3.58	17.00	3.70	16.50	3.65
Iowa	24.90	3.69	16.90	3.74	17.10	3.70
Kansas	24.30	3.56	16.20	3.65	16.30	3.63
Michigan	24.50	3.63	16.20	3.65	16.00	3.60
Minnesota	25.00	3.83	17.40	3.83	17.80	3.81
New Mexico	22.40	3.45	15.50	3.52	16.00	3.47
New York	26.10	3.70	17.50	3.78	17.60	3.70
Ohio	24.80	3.68	17.30	3.76	17.20	3.69
Oregon	25.10	3.79	18.00	3.87	18.50	3.78
Pennsylvania	26.40	3.66	17.60	3.71	17.80	3.62
South Dakota	24.90	3.87	18.40	4.00	18.40	3.95
Texas	24.90	3.73	16.90	3.82	17.10	3.79
Utah	24.40	3.65	16.40	3.71	16.70	3.63
Vermont	26.20	3.75	17.80	3.87	18.00	3.78
Virginia	27.30	3.54	17.90	3.63	17.90	3.56
Washington	25.00	3.79	16.30	3.87	16.70	3.78
Wisconsin	24.70	3.71	17.70	3.76	17.70	3.69
United States	24.20	3.66	16.50	3.72	16.70	3.67

Prices Received for Milk Cows – States and United States: April 2015 with Comparisons

[Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Quarterly United States milk cow prices are based on revised milk cow inventory]

State	April 2014 (dollars per head)	January 2015 (dollars per head)	April 2015 (dollars per head)
Arizona	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
California	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00
Colorado	2,000.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Florida	1,800.00	2,170.00	2,100.00
Idaho	1,950.00	2,000.00	1,900.00
Illinois	1,750.00	2,100.00	2,000.00
Indiana	1,750.00	2,100.00	1,900.00
Iowa	1,850.00	2,030.00	1,950.00
Kansas	1,750.00	2,100.00	1,950.00
Michigan	1,850.00	2,200.00	2,100.00
Minnesota	1,830.00	1,870.00	1,860.00
New Mexico	1,750.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
New York	1,660.00	1,910.00	1,820.00
Ohio	1,700.00	2,000.00	1,850.00
Oregon	1,700.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Pennsylvania	1,800.00	2,000.00	1,890.00
South Dakota	1,750.00	1,980.00	1,840.00
Texas	1,800.00	2,100.00	2,000.00
Utah	1,750.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Vermont	1,760.00	1,980.00	1,880.00
Virginia	1,770.00	2,060.00	1,930.00
Washington	1,700.00	1,950.00	1,850.00
Wisconsin	1,900.00	2,160.00	2,080.00
United States	1,810.00	1,990.00	1,970.00

Commodity Parity Prices and Price as Percent of Parity Price – United States: May 2015 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		
		May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Basic commodities							
All wheatbushel	0.624	18.70	18.50	18.50	38	30	29
Ricecwt	1.34	40.00	39.80	39.70	41	31	31
Cornbushel	0.444	13.40	13.20	13.20	35	28	27
Cotton							
Upland pound	0.066	2.03	1.96	1.95	40	32	33
American Pima pound	0.136	4.15	4.04	4.03	41	39	39
Peanuts pound	0.024	0.757	0.713	0.711	31	31	32
Small chickpeas ¹cwt	2.200	(NA)	65.30	65.20	(NA)	29	35
Large chickpeas ¹cwt	3.330	(NA)	98.90	98.60	(NA)	25	28
Lentils ¹cwt	2.280	(NA)	67.70	67.50	(NA)	40	44
Designated nonbasic							
All milk, to plants ²cwt	1.83	54.80	54.30	54.20	46	31	32
Honey, extracted ³ pound	0.150	4.45	4.45	4.44	48	48	48
Wool and mohair							
Wool pound	0.117	3.30	3.47	3.47	44	42	42
Mohair pound	0.378	10.60	11.20	11.20	40	43	43
Other nonbasic							
Apples, fresh ⁴ pound	0.033	1.030	0.980	0.977	38	27	25
Barleybushel	0.467	13.70	13.90	13.80	43	36	34
Canolacwt	1.880	56.90	55.80	55.70	38	29	30
Cottonseed ton	19.20	579.00	570.00	569.00	39	34	34
Dry edible beanscwt	3.25	96.90	96.50	96.30	39	33	37
Flaxseedbushel	1.170	34.80	34.70	34.70	43	35	35
Oatsbushel	0.295	8.60	8.76	8.74	46	32	33
Potatoescwt	0.846	25.30	25.10	25.10	38	39	37
Sorghum graincwt	0.757	22.70	22.50	22.40	36	35	34
Soybeansbushel	1.080	32.10	32.10	32.00	45	30	30
Sunflower, allcwt	2.13	64.20	63.20	63.10	38	37	42
Citrus (equivalent on-tree)							
Grapefruitbox	0.777	22.00	23.10	23.00	36	23	29
Lemonsbox	1.49	41.20	44.20	44.10	60	51	74
Orangesbox	0.806	23.30	23.90	23.90	44	41	41
Tangerinesbox	1.75	48.80	52.00	51.80	145	25	71
Livestock and poultry							
Beef cattlecwt	10.80	315.00	321.00	320.00	46	50	50
Calvescwt	15.30	433.00	454.00	453.00	53	63	64
Hogscwt	5.81	174.00	172.00	172.00	48	28	34
Eggs ¹dozen	0.094	2.79	2.79	2.78	46	43	67
Turkeys, live pound	0.061	1.820	1.810	1.810	40	39	42

(NA) Not available.

¹ Parity prices began January 2015.

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 California, New York, Oregon, and Washington. Price at point of first sale for other states.

Commodity Parity Prices – United States: May 2015 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			
		May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	
Field crops and miscellaneous					
Hops	pound	0.325	9.63	9.65	9.63
Mustard seed	cwt	3.07	90.60	91.10	90.90
Rapeseed	cwt	2.43	69.40	72.10	72.00
Rye	bushel	0.614	17.70	18.20	18.20
Safflower	cwt	2.16	63.30	64.10	64.00
Spearmint oil	pound	1.64	48.50	48.70	48.60
Sweet potatoes	cwt	2.08	63.30	61.80	61.60
Tobacco					
Flue-cured, 11-14	pound	0.181	5.60	5.37	5.36
Fire-cured, 21-23	pound	0.259	8.09	7.69	7.67
Burley, 31	pound	0.181	5.69	5.37	5.36
Maryland, 32	pound	0.171	5.12	5.08	5.07
Dark air-cured, 35-37	pound	0.234	7.27	6.95	6.93
Pennsylvania seedleaf, 41	pound	0.181	5.54	5.37	5.36
Cigar binder, 51	pound	0.632	19.10	18.80	18.70
Noncitrus fruit					
Apples, processing ^{1 2}	ton	18.10	548.00	537.00	536.00
Apricots					
Fresh ³	ton	119.00	3,480.00	3,530.00	3,520.00
Dried (California)	ton	257.00	7,750.00	7,630.00	7,610.00
Avocados ^{2 3}	ton	183.00	5,600.00	5,430.00	5,420.00
Cherries					
Sweet	ton	215.00	6,360.00	6,380.00	6,370.00
Tart ²	pound	0.033	1.000	0.980	0.977
Cranberry ^{2 4}	barrel	4.44	144.00	132.00	132.00
Dates (California) ³	ton	152.00	4,880.00	4,510.00	4,500.00
Grapes (California)					
Raisin variety ⁵	ton	144.00	4,210.00	4,280.00	4,270.00
Wine, processing	ton	66.60	(NA)	1,980.00	1,970.00
Kiwifruit ²	ton	90.00	2,410.00	2,670.00	2,670.00
Nectarines, fresh (California) ³	ton	60.90	1,660.00	1,810.00	1,800.00
Olives, canning (California) ⁴	ton	95.60	2,760.00	2,840.00	2,830.00

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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Commodity Parity Prices – United States: May 2015 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		
		May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Noncitrus fruit - continued				
Papayas (Hawaii)pound	0.041	1.15	1.22	1.21
Peaches				
Fresh ^{4 6}ton	87.00	2,470.00	2,580.00	2,580.00
Dried (California) ^{1 5}ton	46.50	1,460.00	1,380.00	1,380.00
Processing, excludes dried				
Clingstone (California) ⁴ton	33.50	984.00	995.00	992.00
Pears, Fresh ⁶ton	57.70	1,700.00	1,710.00	1,710.00
Plums (California) equivalent on-tree				
Fresh ⁷ton	62.30	1,780.00	1,850.00	1,850.00
Prunes, dried (California) ^{1 2 5}ton	157.00	4,480.00	4,660.00	4,650.00
Prunes and plums				
Fresh, excludes California ⁷ton	62.90	1,910.00	1,870.00	1,860.00
Processing, excludes dried ¹ton	23.90	703.00	710.00	708.00
Strawberries				
Fresh ¹⁰pound	9.040	266.00	268.00	268.00
Processingpound	3.38	99.40	100.00	100.00
Sugar crops				
Sugarbeets ^{2 8}ton	5.34	165.00	159.00	158.00
Sugarcane ^{2 8}ton	3.55	107.00	105.00	105.00
Tree nuts ⁹				
Almondspound	0.236	6.45	7.01	6.99
Hazelnutston	222.00	6,000.00	6,590.00	6,580.00
Pistachiospound	0.227	6.00	6.74	6.72
Walnutston	223.00	5,180.00	6,620.00	6,610.00
Vegetables, fresh ¹⁰				
Carrots ¹¹cwt	2.63	78.80	78.10	77.90
Cauliflower ¹¹cwt	4.17	122.00	124.00	124.00
Celery ¹¹cwt	1.99	59.40	59.10	58.90
Honeydew melonscwt	1.98	58.80	58.80	58.60
Lettucecwt	2.17	63.30	64.40	64.30
Onions ¹¹cwt	1.41	41.80	41.90	41.80
Tomatoescwt	4.21	130.00	125.00	125.00

(NA) Not available.

¹ Equivalent returns at processing plant door.

² Adjusted base price is carried forward from the previous year since current marketing year average price is not yet available.

³ Equivalent returns at packinghouse door.

⁴ Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point.

⁵ Dried basis.

⁶ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for California, New York (apples only), Oregon (except peaches), and Washington. Price at point of first sale for other states.

⁷ Based on "as sold" prices for fresh fruit in all states.

⁸ Relates to prices including average conditional payments per ton made under the sugar acts of 1937 and 1948. Crop deficiency and abandonment payments not included.

⁹ Prices In-Shell basis except almonds which are shelled basis.

¹⁰ FOB shipping point price.

¹¹ Includes some processing.

Marketing Year for Specified Commodities

Barley: June 1 to May 31 for United States; June 1 to May 31 for Arizona, California, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia; August 1 to July 31 for Alaska, Maine; July 1 to June 30 for all other states.

Oats: June 1 to May 31 for United States; May 1 to April 30 for Alabama, Georgia and Texas; June 1 to May 31 for Arkansas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Virginia; August 1 to July 31 for Maine and New York; September 1 to August 31 for Alaska; July 1 to June 30 for all other States.

Sweet Potatoes: July - June for United States; July 1 to June 30 for Alabama and California; July 1 to May 31 for Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina and Texas; August 1 to July 31 for Mississippi and New Jersey; and January 1 to December 31 for Florida.

Wheat: June 1 to May 31 for United States; May 1 to April 30 for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; June 1 to May 31 for Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia; July 1 to June 30 for all other States.

Prices Received and Farm Marketings for All Barley by Month – United States: Marketing Years 2012-2013 through 2014-2015

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May. Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as percent of total used for calculating MYA prices]

Month	Prices received			Farm marketing percentages		
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
June	5.52	6.35	6.01	2.3	4.9	7.6
July	6.25	6.38	5.62	8.9	5.1	8.0
August	6.54	6.15	5.60	23.2	20.6	19.4
September	6.42	5.88	5.31	13.1	13.5	14.5
October	6.49	5.94	5.24	7.6	8.9	6.3
November	6.49	6.20	5.09	6.6	8.0	4.9
December	6.44	6.11	5.16	6.9	7.8	7.8
January ¹	6.41	6.04	4.86	10.1	9.3	9.0
February	6.48	5.94	5.22	8.2	6.8	8.0
March	6.49	5.94	4.87	5.8	5.7	7.0
April	6.30	5.90	4.94	4.3	5.1	3.8
May	6.45	5.94	4.75	3.0	4.3	3.7
MYA	6.43	6.06	5.30	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Second year.

Prices Received and Farm Marketings for Malting Barley by Month – United States: Marketing Years 2012-2013 through 2014-2015

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May. Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as percent of total used for calculating MYA prices]

Month	Prices received			Farm marketing percentages		
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
June	5.54	6.68	6.30	2.1	3.9	8.1
July	6.43	6.56	5.90	8.5	5.6	8.6
August	6.68	6.56	6.11	24.2	20.9	19.7
September	6.70	6.44	5.91	11.8	12.5	14.4
October	6.65	6.49	5.76	7.4	8.6	6.3
November	6.65	6.61	5.69	6.5	8.6	4.8
December	6.57	6.52	5.63	7.1	8.3	8.1
January ¹	6.49	6.52	5.47	10.8	9.2	8.5
February	6.56	6.43	5.67	8.5	7.0	8.3
March	6.64	6.30	5.39	5.9	6.1	6.8
April	6.48	6.45	5.75	4.1	5.0	3.3
May	6.55	6.37	5.62	3.1	4.3	3.1
MYA	6.58	6.50	5.83	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Second year.

Prices Received and Farm Marketings for Feed Barley by Month – United States: Marketing Years 2012-2013 through 2014-2015

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May. Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as percent of total used for calculating MYA prices]

Month	Prices received			Farm marketing percentages		
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
June	5.46	5.75	4.32	3.3	8.7	5.8
July	5.53	5.17	3.85	11.2	3.2	5.7
August	5.61	4.42	3.31	19.2	19.8	18.0
September	5.58	4.25	2.97	20.3	17.3	14.9
October	5.72	4.10	3.13	8.8	10.3	6.2
November	5.67	3.63	2.84	6.8	5.6	5.2
December	5.53	3.65	2.99	5.4	5.6	7.0
January ¹	5.60	4.21	2.99	6.0	9.7	11.0
February	5.91	3.77	2.94	6.4	6.2	6.6
March	5.61	3.81	3.08	5.1	4.2	7.9
April	5.55	3.77	3.05	5.3	5.3	5.8
May	5.68	4.15	2.90	2.2	4.1	5.9
MYA	5.62	4.28	3.17	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Second year.

Prices Received and Farm Marketings for Oats by Month – United States: Marketing Years 2012-2013 through 2014-2015

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May. Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as percent of total used for calculating MYA prices]

Month	Prices received			Farm marketing percentages		
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
June	3.80	3.93	3.73	3.5	3.9	4.2
July	3.70	3.88	3.49	33.2	8.5	10.7
August	3.82	3.67	3.24	27.2	40.4	31.4
September	3.76	3.57	3.20	4.1	9.1	20.6
October	3.93	3.49	3.16	2.7	4.2	6.3
November	3.88	3.63	2.95	2.0	2.0	4.1
December	3.90	3.59	3.21	3.9	2.1	3.5
January ¹	4.06	3.70	3.02	3.8	5.0	6.7
February	4.14	3.75	3.08	2.8	6.4	4.8
March	4.20	4.13	2.96	6.2	7.2	2.8
April	4.43	3.96	2.82	5.1	5.7	3.4
May	4.45	3.98	2.90	5.5	5.5	1.5
MYA	3.89	3.75	3.21	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(NA) Not available.

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

¹ Second year.

Prices Received for Sweet Potatoes, Market Year Average - States and United States: 2012-2014

State	2012	2013	2014
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
Alabama	17.30	28.50	24.10
Arkansas	30.60	32.20	(D)
California	22.70	24.60	30.10
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	18.50	17.90	17.40
Mississippi	17.90	16.40	19.30
New Jersey	24.20	29.50	36.90
North Carolina	13.00	24.90	22.00
Texas	(D)	(D)	27.60
United States	17.40	24.10	23.90

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

Prices Received and Farm Marketings for All Wheat by Month – United States: Marketing Years 2012-2013 through 2014-2015

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May. Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as percent of total used for calculating MYA prices]

Month	Prices received			Farm marketing percentages		
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
June	6.70	7.37	6.49	21.2	8.4	10.9
July	7.89	6.95	6.15	18.0	19.1	18.1
August	8.04	6.88	5.97	13.6	13.4	12.7
September	8.27	6.80	5.71	7.8	11.3	10.7
October	8.38	6.94	5.71	4.8	8.0	7.4
November	8.47	6.85	6.04	4.7	4.0	6.1
December	8.30	6.73	6.14	6.4	5.7	10.3
January ¹	8.12	6.65	6.15	6.8	7.7	7.1
February	7.97	6.50	5.89	4.0	6.4	4.3
March	7.79	6.74	5.70	5.2	8.4	5.8
April	7.71	6.82	5.56	4.5	4.9	3.3
May	7.68	7.08	5.33	3.0	2.7	3.3
MYA	7.77	6.87	5.99	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Second year.

Prices Received for Winter Wheat by Month, Marketing Year Average – United States: 2012-2013 through 2014-2015

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May]

Month	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
June	6.55	7.18	6.34
July	7.76	6.85	5.99
August	7.92	6.81	5.90
September	8.25	6.80	5.69
October	8.33	7.07	5.65
November	8.38	6.96	5.87
December	8.15	6.84	6.14
January ¹	8.01	6.72	6.02
February	7.85	6.58	5.70
March	7.63	6.92	5.55
April	7.52	7.07	5.50
May	7.49	7.26	5.19
MYA	7.55	6.89	5.92

¹ Second year.

Prices Received for Durum Wheat by Month, Marketing Year Average – United States: 2012-2013 through 2014-2015

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May]

Month	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
June	8.31	8.51	7.96
July	8.67	8.32	8.13
August	7.76	7.73	8.03
September	7.77	7.84	8.25
October	7.61	7.03	8.48
November	8.11	6.72	11.00
December	8.31	6.90	10.70
January ¹	8.24	7.01	9.89
February	8.19	6.43	10.10
March	8.12	6.69	9.50
April	8.01	6.80	7.79
May	8.06	7.21	8.02
MYA	8.18	7.46	8.81

¹ Second year.

Prices Received for Other Spring Wheat by Month, Marketing Year Average – United States: 2012-2013 through 2014-2015

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May]

Month	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
June	7.78	7.72	6.60
July	8.39	7.30	6.23
August	8.27	6.97	5.93
September	8.38	6.71	5.51
October	8.56	6.66	5.57
November	8.65	6.70	5.73
December	8.48	6.55	5.80
January ¹	8.34	6.48	5.84
February	8.11	6.40	5.55
March	7.95	6.56	5.53
April	7.90	6.61	5.51
May	7.84	6.85	5.29
MYA	8.24	6.73	5.75

¹ Second year.

**Prices Received for Hard Red Spring Wheat by Month, Marketing Year Average – United States:
2012-2013 through 2014-2015**

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May]

Month	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
June	7.81	7.73	6.60
July	8.41	7.30	6.22
August	8.32	6.98	5.89
September	8.42	6.72	5.49
October	8.60	6.66	5.53
November	8.69	6.70	5.69
December	8.50	6.53	5.77
January ¹	8.38	6.46	5.82
February	8.11	6.39	5.53
March	7.94	6.55	5.52
April	7.91	6.60	5.50
May	7.86	6.85	5.28
MYA	8.27	6.73	5.73

¹ Second year.

**Prices Received for Hard Red Winter Wheat by Month, Marketing Year Average – United States:
2012-2013 through 2014-2015**

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May]

Month	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
June	6.53	7.35	6.94
July	7.74	7.05	6.41
August	7.97	6.95	6.03
September	8.36	6.92	5.58
October	8.43	7.25	5.48
November	8.49	7.10	5.66
December	8.20	6.85	6.08
January ¹	8.02	6.72	5.95
February	7.75	6.64	5.54
March	7.50	7.08	5.38
April	7.49	7.18	5.36
May	7.56	7.39	5.08
MYA	7.56	7.03	6.02

¹ Second year.

Prices Received for Soft Red Winter Wheat by Month, Marketing Year Average – United States: 2012-2013 through 2014-2015

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May]

Month	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
June	6.59	6.92	5.51
July	7.84	6.55	5.32
August	8.30	6.33	5.13
September	8.38	6.22	4.94
October	8.35	6.59	4.95
November	8.34	6.63	5.23
December	8.19	6.13	5.64
January ¹	7.90	6.24	5.67
February	7.78	5.90	5.48
March	7.46	6.30	5.13
April	7.42	6.54	4.94
May	7.31	6.73	5.04
MYA	7.26	6.53	5.34

¹ Second year.

Prices Received for White Wheat by Month, Marketing Year Average – United States: 2012-2013 through 2014-2015

[Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the United States marketing year of June through May]

Month	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
June	6.61	7.29	6.99
July	7.76	7.19	6.61
August	7.66	6.92	6.40
September	7.99	6.71	6.30
October	8.10	6.76	6.15
November	8.14	6.77	6.51
December	7.99	6.98	6.60
January ¹	8.03	6.85	6.39
February	8.05	6.61	6.34
March	8.05	6.81	6.25
April	7.71	7.05	6.26
May	7.42	7.12	5.77
MYA	7.88	6.85	6.37

¹ Second year.

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 sales. 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 sales. Recommendations are prepared by the Regional 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: In general, revisions are made during annual commodity market year estimation time, following five-year Census revisions, or when later information is received. 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 non-sampling 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 non-sampling errors.

Program Changes: After the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) 2009 program review which included changes in farm production practices, plans were implemented to make necessary program improvements in the agricultural price program. The index group structure for prices received was modified to maintain a more universal structure and consistency with the required 1910-1914 series.

Modifications implemented January 2014 include the following: update the current 1990-1992 base reference period to 2011, link the 1910-1914 series to the updated base reference period, 2011, create index groups used universally by researchers, data users, and policymakers, re-classify agricultural commodities into the index groups, expand the commodity coverage for vegetable, melon, non-citrus, and tree nuts, update monthly market weights, and adjust (normalization) current five year moving average cash receipts and farm input cost weights.

Modifications implemented January 2015 include the following: discontinue preliminary prices and replace the annual average index with an annual index.

See Price Program Quick Stats Links at end of this report for program change details.

May Prices Paid by Farmers

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW), at 109, is down 0.9 percent from April and 3.5 percent below May 2014.

Production index: The May index, at 111, is unchanged from last month but is 3.5 percent lower than last May. Lower prices in May for complete feeds, concentrates, LP gas, and supplements offset higher prices for nitrogen, diesel, gasoline, and mixed fertilizer.

Feed: The May index, at 104, decreased 1.9 percent from April and is down 15 percent from last May. Since April, lower prices for complete feeds, concentrates, supplements, and feed grains more than offset higher prices for hay & forages.

Livestock and poultry: The May index, at 159, is unchanged from last month but increased 9.7 percent from last year. Since April, feeder cattle prices remained steady while feeder pig prices were lower. The May feeder cattle price, at \$233.00 per cwt, is unchanged from the April price. May feeder pigs averaged \$157.00 per cwt, down \$4.00 per cwt from April.

Fertilizer: The May index, at 92, is up 1.1 percent from April but is 11 percent below May a year ago. Since April, higher prices for nitrogen and mixed fertilizer more than offset lower prices for potash & phosphate.

Chemicals: The May index, at 106, is unchanged from April but is down 2.8 percent from last May. Compared with last month, prices are slightly higher for herbicides, insecticides and fungicides/other.

Fuels: The May index, at 68, is up 1.5 percent from a month earlier but is 33 percent below May 2014. Compared with last month, higher prices for diesel and gasoline more than offset lower prices for LP gas.

Machinery: The May index, at 115, was unchanged from April but is 2.7 percent above last May. Compared with last month, lower prices for self-propelled machinery offset higher prices for other machinery.

Consumer price index: The April 2015 Consumer Price Index, as issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for all urban consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.2 percent before seasonal adjustment to a level of 236.599 (1982-1984=100). The March index is 236.119. For the 12 month period ending in April, the overall index decreased 0.2 percent.

Prices Paid Indexes and Related Parity Ratios – United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

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

Index Group and Ratios	1910-1914 Base			2011 Base		
	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Prices paid by farmers for commodities, services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (PPITW)	3045	2969	2962	113	110	109
Production	2396	2311	2302	115	111	111
Feed	1352	1169	1145	123	106	104
Livestock and poultry	2859	3145	3133	145	159	159
Seeds	3749	3755	3755	114	114	114
Fertilizer	1234	1095	1107	103	91	92
Chemicals	978	955	956	109	106	106
Fuels	2858	1879	1904	102	67	68
Supplies and repairs	1248	1252	1249	106	106	106
Autos and trucks	3215	3257	3258	105	106	106
Machinery	6835	7002	7003	112	115	115
Building materials	2486	2510	2503	107	108	108
Services and rent	2307	2355	2355	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Services	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	109	112	111
Rent	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	108	110	110
Interest ¹	3504	3539	3539	96	97	97
Taxes ²	6233	6376	6376	105	107	107
Wage rates	7686	7865	7865	107	110	110
Production, interest, taxes, and wage rates (PITW)	3204	3114	3104	114	110	110
Family living-CPI ³	2260	2248	2259	106	105	106
Ratio (received/paid)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	102	94	98
Parity ratio ⁴	39	36	37	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Parity ratio adjusted ⁵	40	37	38	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
PPITW adjusted for productivity ⁶	1422	1409	1409	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Crop sector (PPITW)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	108	106	106
Livestock sector (PPITW)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	117	113	113
Farm sector (production)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	128	123	121
Non-farm sector (production)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	107	104	104

(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 1.026 for 2015 and the revised factor is 1.026 for 2014.

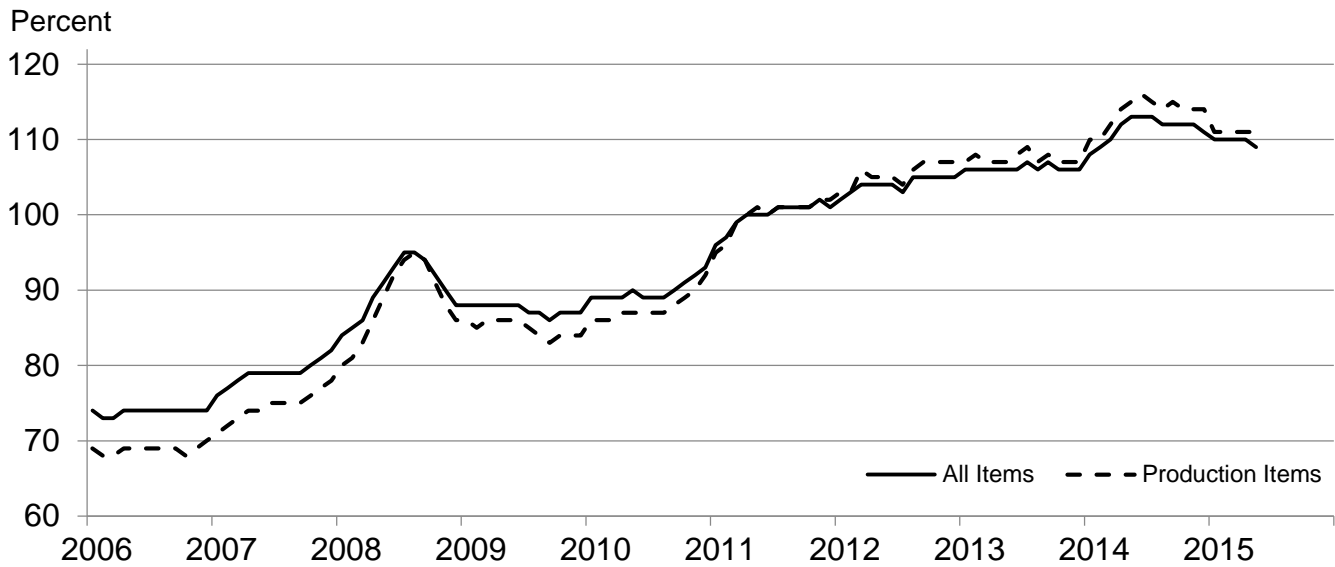
⁶ PPITW is adjusted based on productivity trend for the prior 15 years.

Prices Paid Indexes and Annual Weights for Input Components and Sub-components – United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

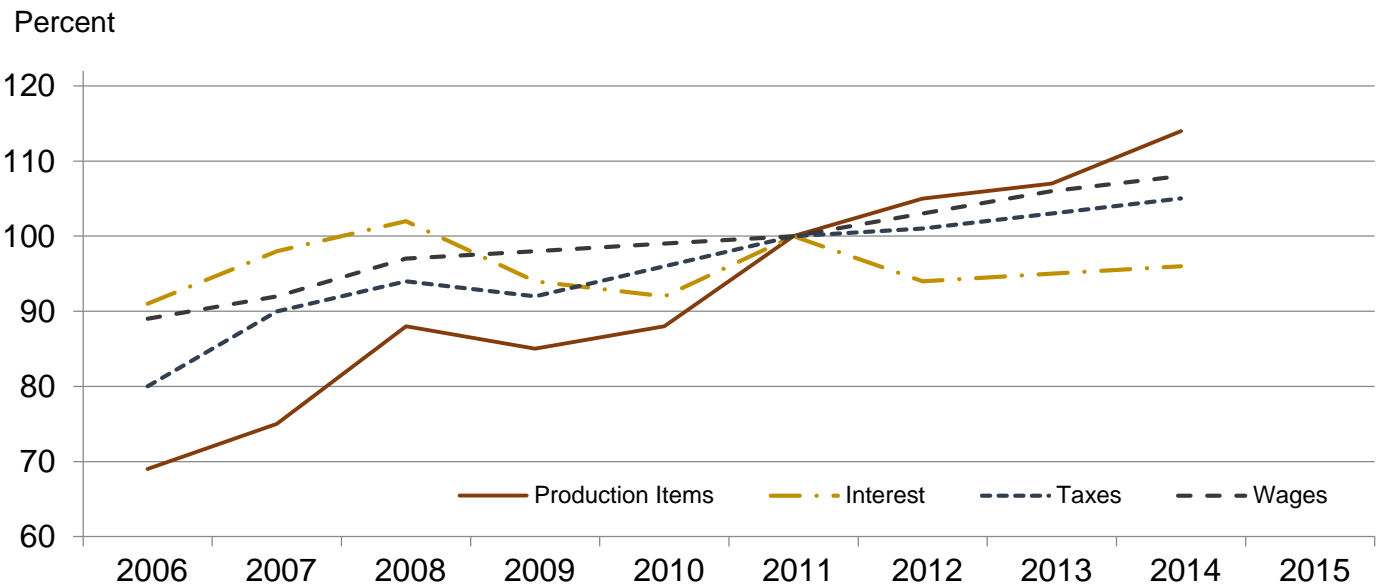
[Revised historical price indexes for months not shown are available at www.nass.usda.gov. Relative weights are a five year moving average]

Index Group	Relative weights		Indexes (2011=100)		
	2014	2015	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Production items	74.1	74.6	115	111	111
Feed	15.5	15.5	123	106	104
Feed grains	2.2	2.2	80	65	63
Complete feeds	7.6	7.6	129	115	113
Hay and forages	1.9	1.9	128	110	110
Concentrates	2.5	2.5	139	111	107
Supplements	1.3	1.3	120	109	105
Livestock and poultry	8.5	8.3	145	159	159
Feeder cattle	6.6	6.4	143	170	170
Feeder pigs	0.7	0.7	217	115	112
Milk cow replacements	0.7	0.7	127	139	139
Poultry	0.5	0.5	102	102	102
Seeds	4.9	5.0	114	114	114
Field crops	4.4	4.5	113	114	114
Grasses and legumes	0.5	0.5	123	120	120
Fertilizer	6.2	6.4	103	91	92
Mixed fertilizer	2.7	2.8	91	86	87
Nitrogen	2.6	2.7	114	96	98
Potash and phosphate	0.9	0.9	105	91	89
Chemicals	3.1	3.2	109	106	106
Herbicides	1.9	2.0	109	107	107
Insecticides	0.7	0.7	112	107	107
Fungicides and other	0.4	0.5	103	103	104
Fuels	4.1	4.0	102	67	68
Diesel	2.6	2.5	96	63	65
Gasoline	0.9	0.8	118	68	75
LP gas	0.7	0.7	105	82	70
Supplies and repairs	4.3	4.3	106	106	106
Supplies	1.4	1.4	106	107	106
Repairs	2.8	2.9	106	106	106
Autos and trucks	1.1	1.1	105	106	106
Autos	0.1	0.1	102	102	102
Trucks	1.0	1.0	105	107	107
Machinery	4.9	5.2	112	115	115
Tractors	1.1	1.1	108	110	110
Self-propelled	2.0	2.1	114	120	120
Other machinery	1.9	2.0	112	112	112
Building materials	3.7	3.7	107	108	108
Services	10.8	10.8	109	112	111
Custom rates	1.1	1.1	109	109	109
Other services	9.7	9.7	109	112	112
Rent	6.9	7.1	108	110	110
Cash	3.7	3.8	109	110	110
Share	3.2	3.3	108	110	110
Interest	2.6	2.3	96	97	97
Taxes	2.9	2.8	105	107	107
Wage rates	6.4	6.4	107	110	110
Family living-CPI	14.0	13.9	106	105	106

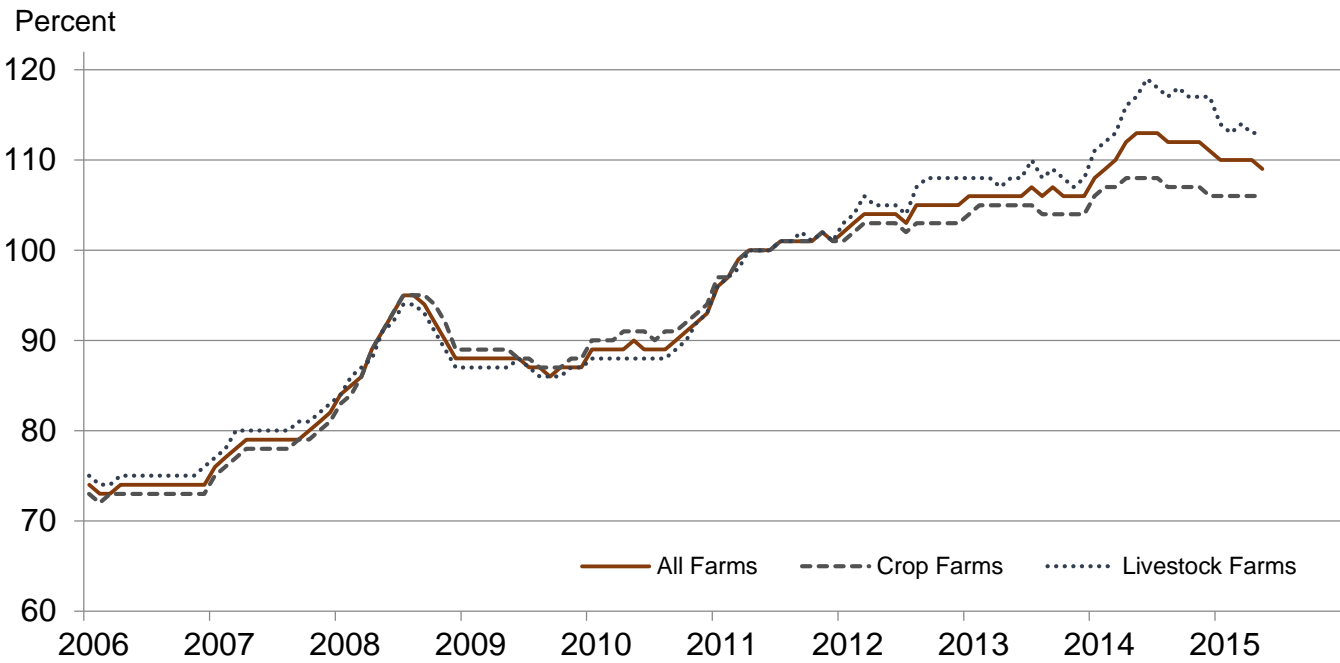
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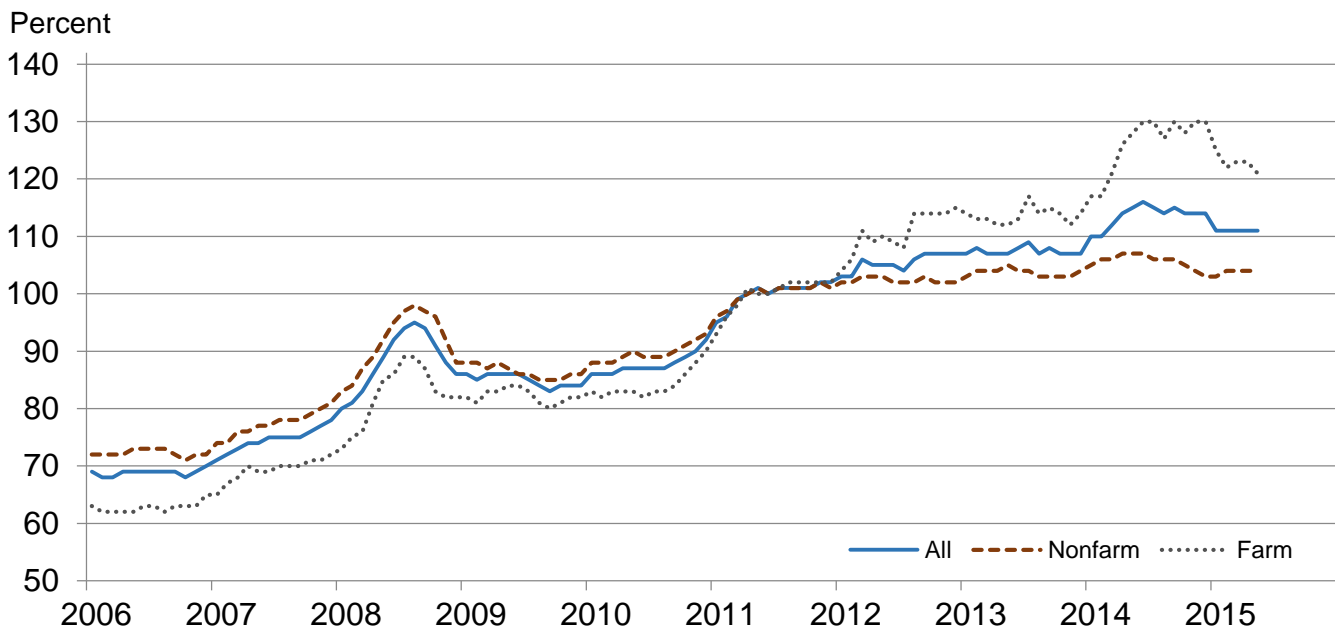
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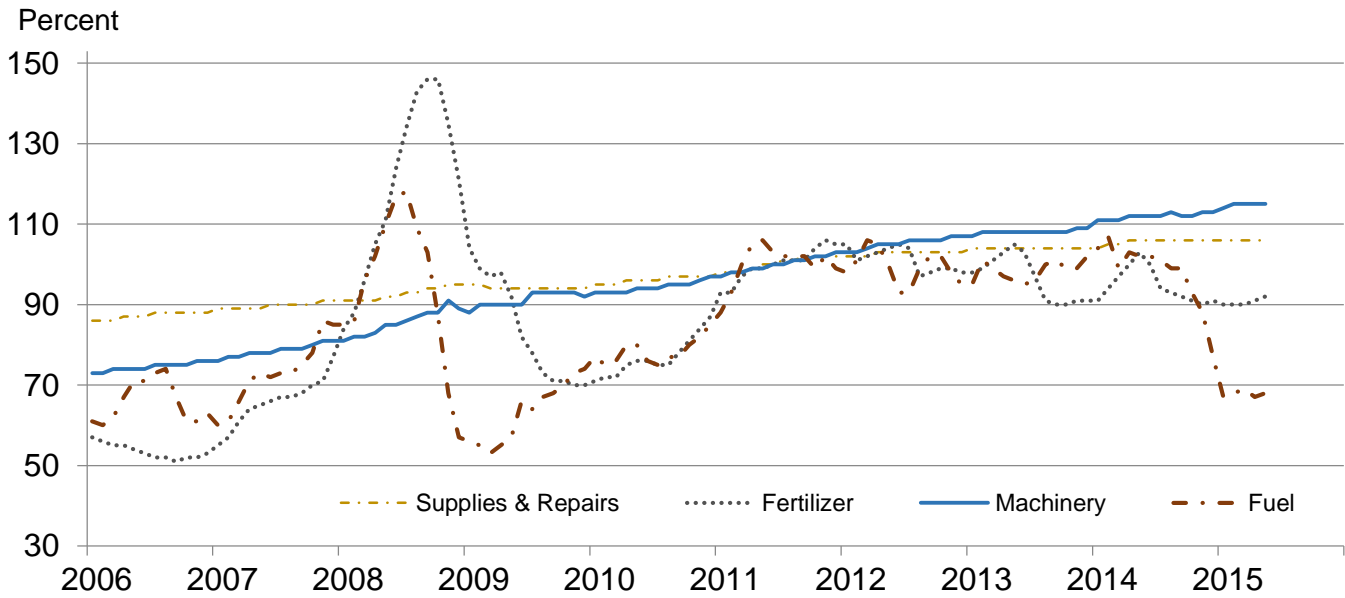
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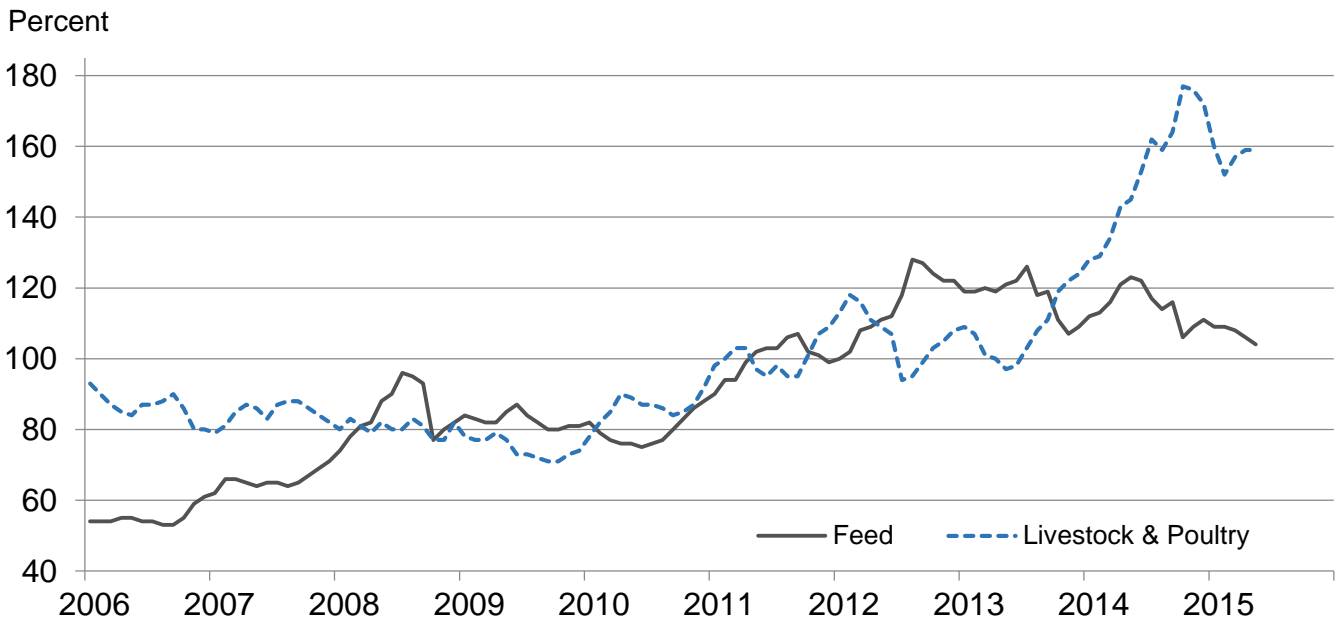
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Paid Indexes by Month, Feed and Livestock & Poultry – United States: 2011=100



Feed Price Ratios – United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

Feed price ratio ¹	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
Broiler-feed: pounds of broiler grower feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight ²	4.9	6.0	6.2
Market egg feed: pounds of laying feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs ³	7.9	9.6	18.2
Hog-corn: bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight	17.6	13.1	16.3
Milk-feed: pounds of 16% mixed dairy feed equal in value to 1 pound of whole milk ⁴	2.24	1.95	1.96
Steer & heifer-corn: bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of steer & heifers, live weight	31.2	43.7	44.5
Turkey-feed: pounds of turkey grower equal in value to 1 pound of turkey, live weight ⁵	5.4	7.1	7.9

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. 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 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: May 2015 with Comparisons

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

Item	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Broilers, live pound	0.730	0.640	0.650
Eggs, marketdozen	0.971	0.872	1.610
Hogs, all cwt	82.80	49.00	58.90
Milk, all cwt	24.20	16.50	16.70
Steers and heifers cwt	147.00	164.00	161.00
Turkeys, live pound	0.726	0.702	0.759
Cornbushel	4.71	3.75	3.62
Hay, alfalfa ton	225.00	184.00	192.00
Soybeansbushel	14.40	9.70	9.60
Wheat, allbushel	7.08	5.56	5.33

Prices Paid for Feeder Livestock – United States: May 2015 with Comparisons

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

Item	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Feeder cattle & calves cwt	195.00	233.00	233.00
Feeder pigs cwt	304.00	161.00	157.00

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 at 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 non-probability 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 Regional 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 non-sampling 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 non-sampling errors.

Program change: Effective January 2014, the National Agricultural Statistics Service modified the five-year moving weights and updated the base reference period. In January 2015, publication of preliminary prices was suspended, and the annual average index was replaced by an annual index.

As of January 2014, the 1990-1992 base reference period is updated to 2011. Five-year moving average weights are adjusted (normalized) to minimize the effects of price changes. The 1910-1914=100 price indexes, required by statute for computing parity prices, were linked forward based on the changes in the new 2011=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.

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