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## Mid-December Prices Received by Farmers

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Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of December showed increases for all wheat, all barley, feed and malting barley, dry beans, potatoes, beef cattle, steers and heifers, calves, and all milk. Prices decreased for alfalfa hay and cows.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by farmers in December, at 151 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (3.4 percent) from November. Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Lower prices were received for oranges, turkeys, snap beans and broilers.

## Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Dec. 2006-Dec. 2007

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States				
		December 2006	November 2007	December 2007 <sup>1/</sup>	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007		
							Price <sup>1/</sup>	% Parity	
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	116.00	148.00	142.00	111.00	135.00	136.00	--	
Barley, All	Bu	3.20	4.19	4.35	2.93	4.34	4.81	61	
Feed	Bu	3.24	4.34	4.65	2.79	5.05	5.06	--	
Malting	Bu	3.19	4.14	4.30	3.00	4.11	4.75	--	
Dry Beans	Cwt	21.00	25.50	27.60	21.80	28.40	27.20	46	
Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	5.40	5.50	5.60	6.79	6.47	6.75	38	
Fresh <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt	5.90	6.40	--	8.38	8.17	--	--	
Processing	Cwt	5.20	5.10	--	5.96	5.60	--	--	
Wheat, All	Bu	4.14	6.53	8.37	4.52	7.36	9.41	84	
<b>LIVESTOCK &amp; PRODUCTS:</b>									
Beef Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt	73.10	76.30	79.00	83.10	89.70	89.10	41	
Cows <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt	39.20	41.40	40.90	42.20	43.90	44.10	--	
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	86.30	93.50	93.80	89.00	95.90	95.50	--	
Calves	Cwt	105.00	105.00	108.00	116.00	119.00	119.00	38	
Lambs	Cwt	84.00	98.00	--	94.00	97.30	--	--	
Milk, All <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	13.30	20.10	20.70	14.20	21.90	21.70	50 <sup>7/</sup>	

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

## United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	November 2006	December 2007	November 2007		December 2007 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	119	120	143	146	151
Prices Paid	148	149	161	161	162
Ratio <sup>1/</sup>	80	81	89	91	93

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

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## **Idaho Winter Wheat Seedings Up 20 Percent**

Idaho's winter wheat seedings for the 2008 crop are estimated at 900,000 acres, up 20 percent from the 750,000 acres seeded for the 2007 crop.

Nationally, winter wheat seeded area for 2008 is expected to total 46.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2007. Approximate class acreage breakdown are: Hard Red Winter, 32.5 million, down 1 percent from 2007; Soft Red Winter, 10.5 million, up 21 percent from last year; and White Winter, 3.65 million, up 7 percent from 2007.

## **December 1 Grain Stocks**

Idaho's December 1, 2007 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 34.7 million bushels, down 25 percent from last year's 46.1 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 13.5 million bushels, down 40 percent from last year's 22.5 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 21.2 million bushels, down 10 percent from December 1, 2006. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 30.3 million bushels, down 32 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 12.5 million bushels, down 36 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 17.8 million bushels, down 28 percent from last year's 24.9 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions December 1, 2007 totaled 1.13 billion bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 290 million bushels, down 28 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 838 million bushels, are down 8 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 135 million bushels, down 22 percent from December 1, 2006. On-farm stocks are estimated at 62.1 million bushels, 26 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 73.0 million bushels, are 18 percent below December 2006. Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2007, totaled 94.5 million bushels, 4 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2006. Of the total stocks on hand, 43.1 million bushels are stored on farms, down 19 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 51.4 million bushels, up 12 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2007, totaled 10.3 billion bushels, up 15 percent from December 1, 2006. Of the total stocks, 6.53 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 16 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.74 billion bushels, are up 13 percent from a year ago. Pulse crops stored in all positions on December 1, 2007, and the change from December 1, 2006 are: dry edible peas, 8.53 million cwt, up 36 percent; lentils, 2.12 million cwt, down 24 percent; Austrian winter peas, 81,000 cwt, down 69 percent; All chickpeas, 1,070,000 cwt, up 30 percent; small chickpeas, 90,000 cwt, up 125 percent; and large chickpeas, 980,000 cwt, up 25 percent. Small chickpeas are defined as peas that will pass through a 20/64 inch round hole screen.

## Idaho Dry Bean Production Down 16 Percent

Idaho's 2007 dry edible bean production totaled 1.60 million cwt, down 16 percent from 2006's production of 1.91 million cwt. Planted acreage of 90,000 and harvested acreage of 89,000 decreased from last year's 105,000 acres planted and 103,000 acres harvested. Average yield is expected to be 1,800 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from 2006.

Pinto production decreased from last year, but continues to account for the largest portion of Idaho's crop with 38.7 percent of Idaho's production. Chickpea (garbanzo) production also decreased from last year, but still accounts for 27.0 percent of the total. Chickpeas are primarily grown in North Idaho, and the majority of chickpea production is the large type. Pink production accounts for 9.1 percent of all production. Navy production accounts for 5.5 percent. Small red production accounts for 6.5 percent of production. Great Northern production accounts for 3.1 percent of Idaho's production, and Black production accounts for 2.9 percent. Dark red kidneys, light red kidneys, small whites, cranberries, and other classes made up the remaining dry edible bean production in Idaho. Of the twelve classes of dry edible beans estimated for Idaho during 2007, all posted production losses from last year, except for small red beans.

Nationally, U.S. dry edible bean production is estimated at 25.4 million cwt for 2007, up less than one percent from the December forecast and 5 percent above the 2006 production. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.48 million acres, virtually unchanged from the last forecast but 4 percent below the 2006 crop. The average U.S. yield is estimated at 1,716 pounds per acre, an increase of 8 pounds from the December forecast and 139 pounds above the 2006 yield. Production is up from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, pinto, light red kidney, and black. Production decreased from last year for navy, great northern, small white, dark red kidney, pink, small red, cranberry, blackeye, and all chickpeas.

### All Dry Beans: Acreage, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2006 – 2007 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Planted		Harvested		Yield <sup>2/</sup>		Production <sup>2/</sup>	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		Pounds		1,000 Cwt	
California	67.0	59.0	65.0	58.0	1,860	2,090	1,209	1,212
Colorado	70.0	48.0	60.0	46.0	1,900	1,600	1,140	736
Idaho	105.0	90.0	103.0	89.0	1,850	1,800	1,906	1,602
Michigan	225.0	200.0	215.0	195.0	1,900	1,600	4,085	3,120
Minnesota	145.0	150.0	135.0	145.0	1,650	1,800	2,228	2,610
Nebraska	140.0	110.0	124.0	107.0	2,200	2,260	2,728	2,418
North Dakota	670.0	690.0	640.0	665.0	1,200	1,590	7,680	10,574
Oregon	10.0	8.0	9.8	7.9	1,940	1,850	190	146
Washington	61.0	60.0	60.5	60.0	1,600	1,700	968	1,020
U.S. Total	1,629.8	1,526.9	1,537.6	1,478.7	1,577	1,716	24,247	25,371

1/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. 2/ Clean basis.

## U.S. Dairy Products November 2007 Highlights

**Total Cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 808 million pounds, 1.2 percent above November 2006 but 1.9 percent below October 2007.

**Italian Type Cheese** production totaled 343 million pounds, 4.0 percent above November 2006 but 1.3 percent below October 2007.

**American Type Cheese** production totaled 323 million pounds, 3.5 percent above November 2006 and 0.7 percent above October 2007.

**Butter** production was 132 million pounds, 11.7 percent above November 2006 and 2.1 percent above October 2007.

**Dry Milk Powders:** (comparisons with November 2006)  
Nonfat dry milk, human --- 98.4 million pounds, up 27.9 percent.  
Skim milk powders --- 19.7 million pounds, down 25.8 percent.

**Whey products:** (comparisons with November 2006)  
Dry whey, total --- 93.6 million pounds, up 9.0 percent.  
Lactose, human and animal --- 58.8 million pounds, down 2.8 percent.  
Whey protein concentrate, total --- 32.2 million pounds, down 2.6 percent.

**Frozen Products:** (comparisons with November 2006)  
Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 56.4 million gallons, down 4.3 percent.  
Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 24.2 million gallons, up 4.2 percent.  
Sherbet (hard) --- 3.37 million gallons, up 9.5 percent.  
Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 3.59 million gallons, down 18.6 percent.

## Hog Inventory

Idaho hog inventory on December 1, 2007 was 28,000 head, up 12 percent from the previous December 1 inventory. Breeding hogs inventory was unchanged at 5,000 head while market hogs increased 3,000 head to 23,000 head over the past year. An estimated 7,200 sows farrowed during the past year with an average litter size of 8.75 pigs. The total pig crop of 63,000 head was up 26 percent from the previous year.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007 was 65.1 million head. This was up 4 percent from December 1, 2006, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 6.16 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly

from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.0 million head, was up 5 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter. The September-November 2007 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2006 and up 7 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.03 million head, up 3 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.24 for the September-November 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

### Hog and Pig Numbers by Class December 1, 2006-2007, Selected States<sup>1</sup>

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2006	2007		2006	2007		2006	2007	
		Number	As % Of 2006		Number	As % Of 2006		Number	As % Of 2006
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Idaho	5	5	100	20	23	115	25	28	112
Illinois	440	440	100	3,760	3,710	99	4,200	4,150	99
Indiana	330	330	100	3,020	3,170	105	3,350	3,500	104
Iowa	1,080	1,100	102	16,220	17,100	105	17,300	18,200	105
Kansas	170	170	100	1,670	1,680	101	1,840	1,850	101
Minnesota	590	600	102	6,310	6,600	105	6,900	7,200	104
Missouri	360	370	103	2,440	2,680	110	2,800	3,050	109
Montana	18	18	100	162	162	100	180	180	100
Nebraska	365	355	97	2,685	2,795	104	3,050	3,150	103
N. Carolina	1,010	1,030	102	8,490	8,870	104	9,500	9,900	104
Ohio	170	165	97	1,520	1,595	105	1,690	1,760	104
Oklahoma	350	360	103	1,980	1,970	99	2,330	2,330	100
Oregon	5	4	80	20	21	105	25	25	100
Utah	103	100	97	577	690	120	680	790	116
Washington	4	4	100	32	25	78	36	29	81
Wyoming	25	29	116	75	60	80	100	89	89
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>6,087</b>	<b>6,157</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>56,402</b>	<b>58,953</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>62,490</b>	<b>65,110</b>	<b>104</b>

<sup>1/</sup> May not add due to rounding.

