



Iowa Ag News - Prices

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Preliminary April 2012 prices received in Iowa for corn were \$6.00 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This is a \$.20 decrease from April 2011. Soybean prices increased \$.80 to \$13.70 compared to April 2011 and oat prices decreased \$.06 to \$3.70.

All hay prices increased \$28.00 to \$137.00 compared to April 2011. Alfalfa hay prices increased \$25.00 to \$143.00 and other hay prices increased \$10.00 to \$90.00.

Prices Received by Farmers, Iowa

Item	IOWA		
	April 2011	March 2012	April ¹ 2012
	-----Dollars-----		
Corn Bu	6.20	6.23	6.00
Oats Bu	3.76	3.63	3.70
Soybeans Bu	12.90	12.80	13.70
All Hay, baled Ton	109.00	140.00	137.00
Alfalfa Hay, baled Ton	118.00	149.00	143.00
Other Hay, baled Ton	80.00	94.00	90.00
Milk Cows ³ Cwt	1,430.00	(NA)	1,450.00
Milk (whls) Cwt	19.90	17.60	17.10

(NA)Not available.

¹Preliminary

Prices Received by Farmers, United States

Item	April 2011	March 2012	April ¹ 2012
		-----Dollars-----	
Corn Bu	6.36	6.35	6.14
Oats Bu	3.54	3.79	3.60
Soybeans Bu	13.10	13.00	13.80
All Hay, baled Ton	143.00	181.00	190.00
Alfalfa, baled Ton	161.00	201.00	207.00
Other Hay, baled Ton	105.00	139.00	140.00
Hogs, all Cwt	67.80	65.20	62.60
Sows Cwt	57.90	59.60	56.50
Brw & Gilts Cwt	68.20	65.50	62.80
Beef Cattle Cwt	119.00	128.00	125.00
Cows Cwt	78.90	84.20	84.90
Strs & Hfrs Cwt	122.00	132.00	129.00
Calves Cwt	147.00	184.00	179.00
Milk Cows ² Hd	1,420.00	(NA)	1,440.00
Milk (whls) Cwt	19.60	17.20	16.90
Eggs (mkt) ³ Doz	0.888	0.791	0.642

(NA) Not available.

¹Preliminary ² Prices published January, April, July, and October.

³ Eggs are mid-month prices.

Prices Received Index Summary, United States

Prices Received	Apr 2011	Mar 2012	Apr ¹ 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012	Apr ¹ 2012
		1910-14=100			1990-92=100	
All Products	1115	1166	1122	176	184	177
Crops	992	1040	1014	200	210	205
Oilseeds	1288	1278	1353	235	233	247
Feed Grains & Hay	938	967	944	263	271	265
Lvstk	1195	1223	1173	156	160	153
Meat Animals	1607	1695	1656	158	166	163
Dairy Prod.	1206	1058	1040	150	132	129

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Prices Paid Index Summary, United States

Prices Paid	Apr 2011	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012	Apr 2012
		1910-14=100			1990-92=100	
Prices Paid ¹	2706	2829	2830	203	213	213
Feed	1089	1144	1159	223	234	237
Lvstk/Poultry ..	2039	2350	2264	160	184	177
Fertilizer	1195	1219	1219	326	333	333
Chemicals	892	939	937	144	152	151
Fuels	2931	2950	2941	380	382	381
Ratio ²	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	87	86	83
Parity Ratio ³ ..	41	41	40	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates. ² Received/Paid ³ Ratio of index of prices received to index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates.