

**KANSAS:** The December **All Farm Products Index** of Prices Received by Kansas farmers, at 121 percent of the 1990-92 base, was down 1 point from November 2003 but up 15 points from December 2002. The **All Crops Index** in December, at 119 percent of the 1990-92 base, was up 1 point from November and up 2 points from 2002. The **Meat Animals Index**, at 122 percent of the 1990-92 base, was down 4 points from November but 29 points above last year. More detailed information regarding price indexes is shown in the first table on the back of this release.

**Wheat** prices in mid-December, at \$3.66 per bushel, were up 8 cents from November but 19 cents below last December.

**Corn** prices in mid-December, at \$2.51 per bushel, were 6 cents above both last November and last December.

Farmers received an average of \$4.19 per cwt. for **grain sorghum** in mid-December, up 13 cents from November but 21 cents below last December.

**Soybean** prices, at \$7.35 per bushel in mid-December, were unchanged from November but \$1.94 above last December.

**All hay** prices averaged \$65.00 per ton in mid-December, down \$4.00 from November and \$25.00 lower than last year. **Alfalfa hay** averaged \$73.00 per ton, down \$6.00 from November and \$27.00 lower than last December. **Other hay**, at \$56.00 per ton, was unchanged from November but \$20.00 below last December.

**All beef cattle** were bringing an average of \$96.80 per

cwt. in mid-December, down \$1.60 from November but \$23.50 above the price last December. **Cow** prices, at \$48.10 per cwt., were up \$2.40 from November and \$14.80 above the price last December. **Steers and heifers** averaged \$98.30 per cwt., down \$1.70 from November but \$23.80 above December 2002. **Calf** prices in mid-December were \$115.00 per cwt., down \$1.00 from November but up \$15.40 from December 2002.

The **all hog** price of \$33.60 per cwt. for mid-December was down 60 cents from November but up \$5.20 from last December. **Sow** prices averaged \$28.30, down 90 cents from November but \$6.90 higher than December 2002. **Barrow and gilt** prices averaged \$34.30 per cwt. in mid-December, down 50 cents from November but \$5.00 above last December.

November **lamb** prices were \$91.00 per cwt. **Sheep** prices averaged \$36.00 per cwt. in November.

Individual commodity prices are shown in the second table on the back of this release.

**UNITED STATES:** The **All Farm Products Index** of Prices Received in December was 115 percent of the 1990-92 base, down 2 points from November but 15 points above December 2002.

The December **All Crops Index** was 117, unchanged from November but 10 points above December 2002.

The December **Livestock and Products Index**, at 113, was down 4 points from last month but up 22 points from December 2002.

**Index Numbers - Prices Received by Farmers, Kansas and United States**

Product Group	Kansas			United States					
	1990-92=100%			1990-92=100%			1910-14=100%		
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 15, 2003	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 15, 2003	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 15, 2003
<b>PRICE RECEIVED</b>									
All Farm Products .....	106	122	121	100	117	115	635	745	732
All Crops .....	117	118	119	107	117	117	529	578	577
Food Grains .....	134	127	130	124	116	119	394	369	379
Feed Grains & Hay .....				106	99	103	378	352	368
Feed Grains .....	113	110	112						
Hay .....	141	108	102						
Oil Seeds .....	98	134	134	98	122	128	537	666	702
Livestock & Products .....				91	117	113	698	901	868
Meat Animals .....	93	126	122	88	116	113	896	1,184	1,151
Dairy Products .....				91	111	105	731	891	842

**Prices Received by Farmers and Feed Ratios, Kansas and United States**

Commodity	Kansas			United States			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 15, 2003	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 15, 2003 Prices	
						Current	Parity <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
All Wheat, bu .....	3.85	3.58	3.66	4.06	3.59	3.63	9.88
Corn, bu .....	2.45	2.45	2.51	2.32	2.20	2.32	6.75
Oats, bu .....				1.95	1.32	1.36	4.22
Barley, bu .....				2.91	2.86	2.41	6.68
Sorghum Grain, cwt .....	4.40	4.06	4.19	4.33	4.13	4.21	11.40
All Hay, ton .....	90.00	69.00	65.00	91.10	80.70	81.30	
Alfalfa, ton .....	100.00	79.00	73.00	98.00	88.00	87.90	
Other, ton .....	76.00	56.00	56.00	76.30	64.90	66.90	
Soybeans, bu .....	5.41	7.35	7.35	5.46	7.05	7.29	14.80
All Beef Cattle, cwt .....	73.30	98.40	96.80	70.40	93.70	92.70	164.00
Cows, cwt .....	33.30	45.70	48.10	34.60	47.80	49.90	
All Steers & Heifers, cwt. ....	74.50	100.00	98.30	75.00	100.00	98.60	
Calves, cwt .....	99.60	116.00	115.00	95.30	112.00	113.00	220.00
Hogs, cwt .....	28.40	34.20	33.60	30.30	34.80	34.90	105.00
Sows, cwt .....	21.40	29.20	28.30	22.40	29.40	28.30	
Barrows & Gilts, cwt .....	29.30	34.80	34.30	30.70	35.00	35.30	
Lambs, cwt <sup>2</sup> .....	84.10	91.00		87.20	99.20		189.00
Sheep, cwt <sup>2</sup> .....	36.00	36.00		38.70	40.10		80.70
Milk, cwt., avg. fat test <sup>3</sup> .....				11.90	14.50	13.70	34.20
Average fat test, percent <sup>3</sup> .....				3.79	3.77	3.79	
<b>Feed Ratios</b>							
Hog-Corn .....	11.6	14.0	13.4	13.1	15.8	15.0	
Milk-Feed .....				2.44	3.05	2.80	

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Parity Prices based on 1910-14 base. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary price not published. <sup>3</sup> Milk price reflects gross producer pay price before deducts for hauling and capital retain.

**District Grain & Oilseed Prices**

Agricultural Statistics District	Wheat per Bushel		Sorghum Grain per Cwt		Corn per Bushel		Soybeans per Bushel <sup>1</sup>	
	November 2003	December 15, 2003	November 2003	December 15, 2003	November 2003	December 15, 2003	November 2003	December 15, 2003
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Northwest .....	3.55	3.60	3.91	3.97	2.34	2.38		
West Central ..	3.61	3.65	4.02	4.13	2.51	2.53	7.21	7.16
Southwest .....	3.46	3.65	4.01	4.16	2.52	2.61		
North Central ..	3.62	3.64	4.13	4.15	2.38	2.42	7.26	7.23
Central .....	3.59	3.67	4.11	4.24	2.41	2.45	7.34	7.27
South Central ..	3.58	3.70	4.00	4.25	2.41	2.50	7.39	7.28
Northeast .....	3.69	3.71	4.31	4.43	2.38	2.47	7.45	7.39
East Central ...	3.46	3.71	3.91	4.22	2.23	2.37	7.39	7.44
Southeast .....	3.57	3.66	4.04	4.28	2.41	2.51	7.39	7.30
State .....	3.58	3.66	4.06	4.19	2.45	2.51	7.35	7.35

<sup>1</sup> Soybean prices for Northwest, Southwest, and West Central combined due to insufficient data.