

**KANSAS:** The December **All Farm Products Index** of Prices Received by Kansas farmers, at 103 percent of the 1990-92 base, was down 3 points from November and down 14 points from December 2003. The **All Crops Index** in December, at 91 percent of the 1990-92 base, was down 8 points from November and down 28 points from 2003. The **Meat Animals Index**, at 115 percent of the 1990-92 base, was up 3 points from November but unchanged from 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 \$3.24 per bushel, were down 9 cents from November and 45 cents below last December.

**Corn** prices in mid-December, at \$1.89 per bushel, were down 40 cents from November and 59 cents below last December.

Farmers received an average of \$2.81 per cwt. for **sorghum grain** in mid-December, down 21 cents from November and \$1.33 below last December.

**Soybean** prices, at \$5.04 per bushel in mid-December, were down 1 cent from November and \$2.42 below last December.

**All hay** prices averaged \$61.00 per ton in mid-December, down \$1.00 from November and \$5.00 lower than last year. **Alfalfa hay** averaged \$71.00 per ton, up \$4.00 from November but \$2.00 lower than last December. **Other hay**, at \$49.00 per ton, was down \$7.00 from both November and last December.

**All beef cattle** were bringing an average of \$87.60 per cwt. in mid-December, up \$2.70 from November but \$3.60 below the price last December. **Cow** prices, at \$48.70 per cwt., were down 40 cents from November but 60 cents above the price last December. **Steers and heifers** averaged \$88.80 per cwt., up \$2.80 from November but \$3.70 below December 2003. **Calf** prices in mid-December were \$134.00 per cwt., unchanged from November but up \$17.00 from December 2003.

The **all hog** price of \$53.80 per cwt. for mid-December was up 70 cents from November and up \$21.00 from last December. **Sow** prices averaged \$48.70, up \$3.20 from November and \$20.90 higher than December 2003. **Barrow and gilt** prices averaged \$54.50 per cwt. in mid-December, up 50 cents from November and \$21.00 above last December.

November **lamb** prices were \$92.00 per cwt. **Sheep** prices averaged \$40.00 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 112 percent of the 1990-92 base, down 3 points from November and 2 points below December 2003.

The December **All Crops Index** was 104, down 8 points from November and 11 points below December 2003.

The December **Livestock and Products Index**, at 120, was up 1 point from last month and up 8 points from December 2003.

**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 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 15, 2004	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 15, 2004	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 15, 2004	
<b>PRICES RECEIVED</b>										
All Farm Products .....	117	106	103	114	115	112	723	732	711	
All Crops .....	119	99	91	115	112	104	569	550	514	
Food Grains .....	131	119	115	121	114	113	385	362	358	
Feed Grains & Hay .....				103	92	91	368	330	325	
Feed Grains .....	111	93	81							
Hay .....	103	97	95							
Oil Seeds .....	136	92	92	126	97	99	692	529	544	
Livestock & Products .....				112	119	120	859	915	924	
Meat Animals .....	115	112	115	110	118	119	1,123	1,201	1,205	
Dairy Products .....				106	123	126	848	989	1,014	

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

Commodity	Kansas			United States			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 15, 2004	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 15, 2004	Prices Parity <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Dollars</i>						
All Wheat, bu .....	3.69	3.33	3.24	3.68	3.46	3.38	10.00
Corn, bu .....	2.48	2.29	1.89	2.31	2.05	1.99	6.74
Oats, bu .....				1.58	1.49	1.42	3.93
Barley, bu .....				2.93	2.51	2.46	6.69
Sorghum Grain, cwt .....	4.14	3.02	2.81	4.20	3.06	2.94	11.00
All Hay, ton .....	66.00	62.00	61.00	80.60	86.20	84.30	
Alfalfa, ton .....	73.00	67.00	71.00	87.00	94.00	92.40	
Other, ton .....	56.00	56.00	49.00	66.50	67.80	67.10	
Soybeans, bu .....	7.46	5.05	5.04	7.17	5.36	5.41	15.90
All Beef Cattle, cwt .....	91.20	84.90	87.60	90.40	85.10	86.80	170.00
Cows, cwt .....	48.10	49.10	48.70	49.20	48.90	48.70	
All Steers & Heifers, cwt. ....	92.50	86.00	88.80	95.60	90.20	91.90	
Calves, cwt .....	117.00	134.00	134.00	112.00	124.00	121.00	228.00
Hogs, cwt .....	32.80	53.10	53.80	34.20	55.70	54.50	105.00
Sows, cwt .....	27.80	45.50	48.70	28.10	45.70	46.00	
Barrows & Gilts, cwt .....	33.50	54.00	54.50	34.60	56.10	54.90	
Lambs, cwt <sup>2</sup> .....	92.00	92.00		97.70	101.00		201.00
Sheep, cwt <sup>2</sup> .....	36.00	40.00		45.10	41.50		83.60
Milk, cwt., avg. fat test <sup>3</sup> .....				13.80	16.10	16.50	35.00
Average fat test, percent <sup>3</sup> .....				3.79	3.79	3.81	
<b>Feed Ratios</b>							
Hog-Corn .....	13.2	23.2	28.5	14.8	27.2	27.4	
Milk-Feed .....				2.85	3.57	3.73	

<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 2004	December 15, 2004	November 2004	December 15, 2004	November 2004	December 15, 2004	November 2004	December 15, 2004
	<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 .....	3.24	3.11	2.94	2.78	2.22	1.81		
West Central .....	3.24	3.19	3.14	2.87	2.40	1.94	4.85	4.85
Southwest .....	3.22	3.17	3.22	2.99	2.49	2.06		
North Central .....	3.38	3.28	2.90	2.66	2.20	1.70	4.90	4.90
Central .....	3.42	3.34	3.00	2.83	2.39	1.88	4.99	5.02
South Central .....	3.38	3.27	3.07	2.80	2.28	1.89	5.06	5.05
Northeast .....	3.28	3.29	2.88	2.77	1.91	1.61	4.96	5.03
East Central .....	3.34	3.20	2.84	2.72	1.97	1.64	5.27	5.14
Southeast .....	3.42	3.28	2.86	2.79	2.13	1.83	5.16	5.13
State .....	3.33	3.24	3.02	2.81	2.29	1.89	5.05	5.04

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