



Agricultural Prices

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KANSAS: The December **All Farm Products Index** of Prices Received by Kansas farmers, at 131 percent of the 1990-92 base, is down 13 points from November and down 25 points from December 2007. The **All Crops Index** in December, at 164 percent of the 1990-92 base, is down 22 points from November and down 42 points from 2007. The **Meat Animals Index**, at 108 percent of the 1990-92 base, is down 8 points from November and 10 points below 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 \$4.79 per bushel, is down 60 cents from November and \$3.31 below last December.

Corn prices in mid-December, at \$4.10 per bushel, is down 43 cents from November but 12 cents above last December.

Farmers received an average of \$5.00 per cwt. for **sorghum grain** in mid-December, down \$1.68 from November and \$1.80 below last December.

Soybean prices, at \$7.88 per bushel in mid-December, is down 95 cents from November and \$2.42 below last December.

All hay prices averaged \$115.00 per ton in mid-December, down \$5.00 from November but \$12.00 higher than last year. **Alfalfa hay** averaged \$126.00 per ton, down \$12.00 from November but \$13.00 higher than last December. **Other hay**, at \$82.00 per ton, is down \$13.00 from November but \$2.00 above last December.

All beef cattle were bringing an average of \$84.20 per cwt. in mid-December, down \$6.00 from November and \$8.60 below the price last December. **Cow** prices, at \$41.00 per cwt., is down \$2.90 from November and \$5.00 below the price last December. **Steers and heifers** averaged \$85.50 per cwt., down \$6.10 from November and \$8.70 below December 2007. **Calf** prices in mid-December is \$105.00 per cwt., down \$8.00 from November and down \$14.00 from December 2007.

The **all hog** price of \$37.50 per cwt. for mid-December is up \$1.70 from November and up \$4.90 from last December. **Sow** prices averaged \$45.70, up \$8.10 from November and \$25.60 higher than December 2007. **Barrow and gilt** prices averaged \$36.30 per cwt. in mid-December, up 80 cents November and \$1.80 above last December.

Grain and oilseed prices by district are shown in the second table on the back of this release.

UNITED STATES: The **All Farm Products Index** of Prices Received in December is 133 percent of the 1990-92 base, down 8 points from November and 9 points below December 2007.

The December **All Crops Index** is 145, down 11 points from November and 5 points below December 2007.

The December **Livestock and Products Index**, at 120, is down 4 points from last month and down 14 points from December 2007.

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

Commodity	Kansas			United States			
	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 15, 2008	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 15, 2008	Dec Parity ¹
All Wheat, bu	8.10	5.39	4.79	7.71	6.28	5.91	12.60
Corn, bu	3.98	4.53	4.10	3.77	4.26	4.05	7.95
Oats, bu	2.93	3.25	2.50	2.69	2.99	2.40	5.17
Barley, bu				4.44	5.41	4.36	8.68
Sorghum Grain, cwt	6.80	6.68	5.00	6.92	6.57	5.26	14.20
All Sunflowers, cwt	18.70	19.60	16.20	19.20	23.60	21.20	39.60
All Hay, ton	103.00	120.00	115.00	127.00	147.00	141.00	
Alfalfa, ton	113.00	138.00	126.00	135.00	163.00	155.00	
Other, ton	80.00	95.00	82.00	115.00	116.00	113.00	
Soybeans, bu	10.30	8.83	7.88	10.00	9.38	8.97	19.60
All Beef Cattle, cwt	92.80	90.20	84.20	89.20	84.90	79.90	241.00
Cows, cwt	46.00	43.90	41.00	45.00	43.10	39.80	
All Steers & Heifers, cwt	94.20	91.60	85.50	95.30	91.00	85.70	
Calves, cwt	119.00	113.00	105.00	120.00	106.00	101.00	349.00
Hogs, cwt	32.60	35.80	37.50	39.60	40.80	42.40	132.00
Sows, cwt	20.10	37.60	45.70	21.00	36.40	42.60	
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	34.50	35.50	36.30	40.40	41.00	42.40	
Lambs, cwt ²				98.40	99.60		274.00
Sheep, cwt ²				30.20	27.00		110.00
Milk, cwt., avg. fat test ³	22.30	18.10	17.10	21.50	17.10	15.90	46.00
Average fat test, percent ³	3.86	3.78	3.80	3.81	3.77	3.79	
Feed Ratios							
Steer & Heifer - Corn	23.7	20.2	20.9	25.3	21.4	21.2	
Hog-Corn	8.2	7.9	9.1	10.5	9.6	10.5	
Milk-Feed				2.85	2.02	1.97	

¹ U.S. Parity Prices based on 1910-14 base. ² Preliminary price not published. ³ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

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

Product Group	Kansas 1990-92=100%			United States 1990-92=100% 1910-14=100%					
	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 15, 2008	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 15, 2008	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 15, 2008
	All Farm Products.....	156	144	131	142	141	133	903	894
All Crops.....	206	186	164	150	156	145	745	773	720
Food Grains.....	288	192	170	244	221	209	773	702	663
Feed Grains & Hay				166	187	177	593	667	631
Feed Grains	179	194	166						
Hay.....	161	188	180						
Oil Seeds	187	161	143	177	173	167	969	951	918
Livestock & Products.....				134	124	120	1,024	948	918
Meat Animals.....	118	116	108	113	110	104	1,152	1,121	1,064
Dairy Products				165	131	122	1,323	1,052	978

District Grain & Oilseed Prices

Agricultural Statistics District	Wheat per Bushel		Sorghum Grain per Cwt		Corn per Bushel		Soybeans per Bushel	
	November 2008	December 15, 2008	November 2008	December 15, 2008	November 2008	December 15, 2008	November 2008	December 15, 2008
Northwest	5.39	4.67	6.20	4.75	3.99	3.83	8.20	7.48
West Central	5.39	4.84	6.51	5.15	4.59	3.79	(¹)	(¹)
Southwest	5.29	4.72	7.28	5.25	5.11	4.40	8.68	7.45
North Central	5.36	4.82	6.39	4.69	4.32	3.85	8.51	7.66
Central	5.65	4.92	7.01	5.16	4.08	3.94	8.64	7.74
South Central	5.49	4.93	6.57	4.93	4.72	4.03	8.57	7.88
Northeast.....	5.17	4.71	6.15	4.77	4.20	4.07	9.30	8.01
East Central.....	5.51	5.00	7.04	5.05	4.07	3.90	8.89	8.06
Southeast.....	4.89	4.25	6.58	5.18	4.35	4.13	8.64	7.93
State	5.39	4.79	6.68	5.00	4.53	4.10	8.83	7.88

¹ Prices for Northwest, West Central or Southwest combined due to insufficient data.