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CORN & SOYBEAN PRICES UP FROM NOVEMBER

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for soybeans for December averaged \$5.97 per bushel, an increase of 8 cents from the November price according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Corn was up 4 cents at a December price of \$2.70 per bushel.

The all hog price for December was \$45.90 per cwt., a decrease of 90 cents from the November price. The all beef cattle price for December was \$74.50, a decrease of 30 cents from the November price.

The all milk price for December, at \$14.80 per cwt., was up 40 cents from November.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 121 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 6 points (4.9 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (2.6 percent).

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.		-----Minnesota-----	
	Dec 2006 1/	Dec 2005 2/	Nov 2006 2/	Dec 2006 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu 3/	3.25		3/ 2.66	2.80
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt	21.60	19.00	23.00	23.20
Kidney, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Navy, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Pinto, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu	3.01	1.72	2.66	2.70
Hay, All, Baled, ton	108.00	73.00	74.00	79.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	112.00	75.00	75.00	81.00
Other, Baled, ton	99.30	51.00	61.00	61.00
Oats, bu	2.06	1.50	2.14	2.14
Potatoes, cwt	7.22	6.40	6.10	6.05
Soybeans, bu	6.14	5.65	5.89	5.97
Sunflowers, All, cwt.....	13.20	16.00	14.50	15.20
Wheat, All, bu.....	4.59	3.64	4.51	4.59
Calves, cwt.....	115.00	133.00	114.00	116.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 5/.....	83.70	82.10	74.80	74.50
Cows, cwt, 6/	42.90	50.90	46.60	46.50
Steers & Heifers, cwt.....	89.20	89.00	82.90	82.50
Milk Cows, head 7/.....	--	--	--	--
Hogs, All, cwt	43.20	44.70	46.80	45.90
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	43.60	44.70	46.90	46.00
Sows, cwt	32.80	37.60	35.00	32.50
Lambs, cwt 8/.....	--	90.00	94.00	--
Sheep, cwt 8/	--	44.00	30.50	--
Milk, All, cwt	14.20	15.10	14.40	14.80
Eggs, Table Market, doz.....	0.67	0.55	0.73	0.74

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 4/ Price not set at the US level. 5/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 7/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 8/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Nov	Dec	Nov	Dec
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Prices Received	112	115	120	121
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	142	143	146	148
Parity Ratio 1/	79	80	82	82

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

Commodities	Dec	Nov	Dec
	2005 2/	2006 2/	2006 1/
All Farm Products	115	120	121
Crops	111	123	129
Meat Animals	121	113	109
Dairy Products	113	106	109
Poultry & Eggs	123	133	125

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data.

MINNESOTA HOG NUMBERS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM SEPTEMBER

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 6.8 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006, up 3 percent from last year but down 1 percent from the September 1, 2006 figure. This is a new record inventory for December 1. Breeding hogs totaled 590 thousand head, unchanged from a year earlier, and market hogs and pigs, at 6.21 million head, were up 3 percent from a year ago.

Minnesota's September-November 2006 pig crop totaled 2.56 million head, down 1 percent from a year earlier and down 2 percent from the June-August 2006 pig crop. The 275 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 9.30 pigs per litter, up from 9.25 a year ago.

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 270 thousand sows during December 2006-February 2007 quarter. If realized, this would be unchanged from the same period a year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 270 thousand sows during the March-May 2007 quarter. If realized, this would be down 4 percent from the same period in 2006.

FARROWING INTENTIONS

State	SOWS TO FARROW			
	Dec. '06- Feb. '07	% Change Prev. Yr.	Mar. '07- May '07	% Change Prev. Yr.
	1,000	Pct.	1,000	Pct.
AR	40	98	40	98
CO	84	104	84	104
IL	220	113	215	102
IN	145	112	145	107
IA	450	99	470	102
KS	88	105	89	109
MI	50	104	52	111
MN	270	100	270	96
MO	175	106	175	103
NE	180	103	180	100
NC	540	100	540	98
OH	82	106	85	106
OK	185	100	185	100
PA	48	102	48	102
SD	69	90	71	86
TX	44	105	46	100
WI	25	96	28	104
Other States 1/	207	102	209	99
US	2,902	102	2,932	101

1/ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other states.

DECEMBER 1, 2006 HOG INVENTORIES AND SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2006 FARROWINGS

STATE	TOTAL		BREEDING		MARKET HOGS & PIGS				SOWS FARROWED SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER					
	Number	2006 As % of 2005	Number	2006 As % of 2005	Under 60 Pounds	60-119 Pounds	120-179 Pounds	180+ Pounds	TOTAL		SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER			
									Number	2006 As % of 2005	2006	2006 As % of 2005	Pigs Per Litter	Pig Crop 1/
	1,000	Pct.	1,000	Pct.	-----1,000-----				1,000	Pct.	1,000	Pct.	Number	1,000
AR	260	96	85	100	125	15	15	20	175	95	37	88	9.75	361
CO	830	98	155	107	370	80	90	135	675	96	84	104	8.80	739
IL	4,200	105	440	102	1,270	930	820	740	3,760	105	210	105	9.10	1,911
IN	3,300	102	330	106	1,090	740	590	550	2,970	101	140	104	8.90	1,246
IA	17,200	104	1,080	101	4,870	4,400	3,620	3,230	16,120	104	465	102	9.05	4,208
KS	1,840	103	170	106	560	310	325	475	1,670	102	87	104	8.85	770
MI	1,000	104	110	110	300	220	170	200	890	103	50	106	8.95	448
MN	6,800	103	590	100	2,370	1,490	1,290	1,060	6,210	103	275	98	9.30	2,558
MO	2,750	102	360	104	1,110	460	485	335	2,390	101	170	97	9.00	1,530
NE	3,000	105	365	104	1,010	690	520	415	2,635	105	180	103	9.25	1,665
NC	9,500	97	1,010	100	3,410	1,940	1,710	1,430	8,490	97	550	100	9.15	5,033
OH	1,680	108	170	103	590	350	335	235	1,510	108	83	102	9.20	764
OK	2,330	98	350	97	900	340	240	500	1,980	99	185	97	9.00	1,665
PA	1,070	97	105	105	290	290	190	195	965	97	43	91	9.00	387
SD	1,330	89	140	85	435	270	240	245	1,190	90	70	86	9.45	662
TX	930	100	95	95	270	200	190	175	835	101	44	100	8.95	394
WI	440	102	55	100	155	90	70	70	385	103	28	104	8.90	249
Other Sts 2/	3,689	101	478	101	1,209	788	644	570	3,211	95	208	101	9.41	1,961
US	62,149	101	6,088	101	20,334	13,603	11,544	10,580	56,061	101	2,909	100	9.13	26,551

1/ Number of pigs born September-November that were on hand December 1, or had been sold.

2/ Other State estimates include 33 remaining States.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States, December-November 2005-2006 1/ 2/**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<u>1,000 Head</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>
December 1/	938	937	8.89	8.98	8,338	8,412
January	951	953	8.94	9.08	8,500	8,648
February	946	951	8.99	9.05	8,505	8,607
March	967	979	8.99	9.04	8,693	8,848
April	962	967	9.00	9.06	8,656	8,765
May	953	970	9.06	9.14	8,637	8,868
June	968	974	9.07	9.14	8,779	8,901
July	978	970	9.04	9.13	8,845	8,859
August	972	980	9.08	9.15	8,825	8,971
September	982	986	9.04	9.12	8,874	8,996
October	970	972	9.05	9.14	8,777	8,888
November	948	951	9.00	9.11	8,536	8,667
Total	11,535	11,590	9.01	9.10	103,965	105,430

1/ December preceding year.

2/ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

FALL POTATO: STOCKS

Type	Region 1/	Dec. 1, 2005		Dec. 1, 2006	
		Stocks 2005 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2006 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
Red	Minnesota	945	7	1,440	12
White		810	6	720	6
Russet		11,745	87	9,840	82
Total		13,500	100	12,000	100
Red	MN Area 1	790	24	1,200	40
White		200	6	210	7
Russet		2,310	70	1,590	53
Total		3,300	100	3,000	100
Red	MN Area 2	155	2	240	2
White		610	6	510	6
Russet		9,435	92	8,250	92
Total		10,200	100	9,000	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahnomen, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker, and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

POTATO ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND STOCKS

Minnesota Agricultural Statistics provides potato acreage, production, and stocks by two potato areas in Minnesota as requested by the potato industry. Area 1 includes fourteen Minnesota counties primarily located in the Red River Valley. Area 2 includes all remaining counties in Minnesota.

2006 Fall Potato Production: Minnesota's fall potato production is estimated at 20.4 million hundredweight, up 16 percent from last year's crop. Planted acreage at 51,000 was 5,000 acres above the 2005 level. Harvested acreage of 48,000 was up 5,000 acres from 2005. Minnesota's yield is forecast at 425 hundredweight per acre, 5 hundredweight below the 2004 record of 430 hundredweight per acre, and up 15 hundredweight from last year's yield of 410 hundredweight per acre. Area 1 yield averaged 300 hundredweight per acre and the Area 2 yield averaged 469 hundredweight per acre.

December 1, 2006 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 12 million hundredweight, down 11 percent from the December 1, 2005 level. The breakdown of stocks by type indicates 12 percent red, 6 percent white, and 82 percent russet. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 3 million hundredweight, down 9 percent from 2005. Potato stocks by type in Area 1 break out as 40 percent red, 7 percent white, and 53 percent russet. Stocks in Area 2 totaled 9 million hundredweight, down 12 percent from 2005. Potato stocks by type in Area 2 break out as 2 percent red, 6 percent white and 92 percent russet.

The 13 major potato states held 252 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2006, down 1 percent from last year and 6 percent below December 1, 2004, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 66 percent of the 2006 fall storage States' production, down 2 percentage points from last year. Klamath Basin stocks have been added to the potato stocks program starting with December 2006 and total 4.0 million cwt. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon, potato stocks.

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NOVEMBER EGG OUTPUT DOWN 3 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota layers produced 245 million eggs during November 2006 versus 253 million in November 2005. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.52 billion eggs in November, up slightly from a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - NOVEMBER

		2005	2006
Total Eggs Produced	MN	253 Mil.	245 Mil.
	U.S.	7,514 Mil.	7,522 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	11.2 Mil.	11.2 Mil.
	U.S.	345.9 Mil.	345.7 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,260	2,192
	U.S.	2,172	2,176
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (November)			
Egg-Type	MN	1.1 Mil.	1.1 Mil.
	U.S.	32.3 Mil.	31.7 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	747.9 Mil.	729.5 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (Dec. 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	7.5 Mil.	8.0 Mil.
	U.S.	34.2 Mil.	34.2 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	23.2 Mil.	22.2 Mil.
	U.S.	660.0 Mil.	652.0 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Placed (November)	WNC*	8.7 Mil.	9.5 Mil.
	U.S.	21.9 Mil.	23.4 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (Dec. 1)	WNC*	11.1 Mil.	9.9 Mil.
	U.S.	28.5 Mil.	28.3 Mil.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

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