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MAJOR CROP PRICES UP FROM FEBRUARY

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for soybeans for March averaged \$11.80 per bushel, an increase of 50 cents from the February price. Corn was up 27 cents, at a March price of \$4.50 per bushel.

The all hog price for March was \$42.80 per cwt., a decrease of \$1.40 from the February price. The all beef cattle price for March was \$81.60, no change from the February price.

The all milk price for March, at \$19.00 per cwt., was down 50 cents from February.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 150 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was up 3 points (2 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 8 points (5 percent) and the Livestock Index held steady at 133 percent. The All Farm Index and All Crop Index are at record highs.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.		-----Minnesota-----	
	Mar 2008 1/	Mar 2007 2/	Feb 2008 2/	Mar 2008 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu	4.75	3.06	3.98	4.03
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt.....	32.20	24.10	32.20	34.40
Kidney, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Navy, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Pinto, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu	4.83	3.16	4.23	4.50
Hay, All Baled, ton	139.00	90.00	115.00	128.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	143.00	91.00	116.00	130.00
Other, Baled, ton	128.00	75.00	95.00	100.00
Oats, bu	3.38	2.34	3.05	3.10
Potatoes, cwt	7.82	5.85	6.35	6.55
Soybeans, bu	11.90	6.75	11.30	11.80
Sunflowers, All, cwt.....	24.10	16.50	20.10	24.10
Wheat, All, bu.....	11.70	4.79	10.10	11.20
Calves, cwt.....	120.00	120.00	119.00	118.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 5/.....	88.70	82.90	81.60	81.60
Cows, cwt, 6/.....	52.20	49.50	55.20	55.20
Steers & Heifers, cwt.....	93.80	92.40	89.20	89.20
Milk Cows, head 7/.....	--	--	--	--
Hogs, All, cwt	41.20	47.20	44.20	42.80
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	41.90	47.30	44.30	42.90
Sows, cwt	25.10	32.10	23.10	26.10
Lambs, cwt 8/.....	--	98.40	94.70	--
Sheep, cwt 8/	--	30.90	36.00	--
Milk, All, cwt	18.30	16.30	19.50	19.00
Eggs, Table Market, doz.....	1.30	0.72	1.27	1.33

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	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar
	2007	2007	2008	2008
Prices Received	128	133	147	150
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	156	159	173	176
Parity Ratio 1/	82	84	85	85

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

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

Commodities	Mar	Feb	Mar
	2007 1/	2008 1/	2008 2/
All Farm Products	133	*147	150
Crops	142	*163	171
Meat Animals	118	*115	114
Dairy Products	119	*146	140
Poultry & Eggs	148	163	170

*Revised 1/ Entire month data. 2/ Preliminary.

**CORN: Acreage Planted for all Purposes, Harvested for Grain, Yield, and Production,
by County and District, Minnesota, 2006-07**

County and District 1/	Planted Acreage		Harvested Acreage		Yield Per Harvested Acre		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----Acres-----		-----Acres-----		-----Bushels-----		-----Bushels-----	
Becker	26,000	46,100	17,100	36,600	126.0	119.0	2,154,600	4,355,400
Clay	47,300	89,100	44,200	84,900	124.0	127.0	5,480,800	10,782,300
Clearwater	3,700	4,800	1,700	1,700	68.0	96.0	115,600	163,200
Kittson	4,300	4,700	3,000	1,500	98.0	95.0	294,000	142,500
Mahnomen	20,900	37,900	19,200	36,400	124.0	119.0	2,380,800	4,331,600
Marshall	5,300	13,400	3,500	12,200	99.0	109.0	346,500	1,329,800
Norman	41,200	74,000	39,100	71,300	123.0	124.0	4,809,300	8,841,200
Pennington	1,300	5,100	900	4,800	80.0	101.0	72,000	484,800
Polk	26,500	54,000	24,400	52,300	102.0	115.0	2,488,800	6,014,500
Red Lake	7,000	11,700	5,400	8,600	92.0	115.0	496,800	989,000
Roseau	4,500	9,200	1,600	5,200	94.0	96.0	150,400	499,200
Northwest	188,000	350,000	160,100	315,500	117.4	120.2	18,789,600	37,933,500
Combined Counties	21,900	--	14,800	--	116.7	--	1,727,200	--
North Central	21,900	--	14,800	--	116.7	--	1,727,200	--
Big Stone	80,000	95,500	76,900	93,500	155.0	128.0	11,919,500	11,968,000
Chippewa	140,600	165,000	138,700	163,200	167.0	144.0	23,162,900	23,500,800
Douglas	52,600	65,500	46,200	55,100	119.0	104.0	5,497,800	5,730,400
Grant	101,000	127,500	99,200	126,800	146.0	132.0	14,483,200	16,737,600
Lac Qui Parle	162,500	185,500	158,300	182,800	159.0	137.0	25,169,700	25,043,600
Otter Tail	135,800	167,500	104,700	133,000	124.0	118.0	12,982,800	15,694,000
Pope	94,300	107,500	86,500	94,600	129.0	124.0	11,158,500	11,730,400
Stevens	147,500	168,000	138,100	158,400	161.0	141.0	22,234,100	22,334,400
Swift	167,300	188,000	156,800	180,100	161.0	137.0	25,244,800	24,673,700
Traverse	118,000	141,500	115,900	140,900	145.0	130.0	16,805,500	18,317,000
Wilkin	56,200	83,500	55,200	83,100	130.0	113.0	7,176,000	9,390,300
Yellow Medicine	185,200	212,000	178,100	206,500	156.0	149.0	27,783,600	30,768,500
West Central	1,441,000	1,707,000	1,354,600	1,618,000	150.3	133.4	203,618,400	215,888,700
Benton	58,900	64,000	48,800	42,000	110.0	67.0	5,368,000	2,814,000
Carver	58,800	63,900	54,300	58,500	163.0	141.0	8,850,900	8,248,500
Kandiyohi	145,400	163,000	140,000	153,000	160.0	138.0	22,400,000	21,114,000
McLeod	111,700	123,000	106,300	119,100	176.0	140.0	18,708,800	16,674,000
Meeker	114,700	127,000	107,100	114,200	149.0	120.0	15,957,900	13,704,000
Morrison	89,900	99,000	65,000	47,800	88.0	54.0	5,720,000	2,581,200
Renville	247,400	310,000	243,000	301,000	177.0	145.0	43,011,000	43,645,000
Scott	37,200	41,200	34,500	35,800	155.0	122.0	5,347,500	4,367,600
Sherburne	26,600	30,900	24,800	27,900	140.0	122.0	3,472,000	3,403,800
Sibley	145,500	164,000	140,300	158,300	181.0	148.0	25,394,300	23,428,400
Stearns	201,500	226,000	151,900	154,900	115.0	96.0	17,468,500	14,870,400
Todd	63,800	74,200	47,600	48,000	91.0	85.0	4,331,600	4,080,000
Wadena	20,500	23,500	13,700	10,000	96.0	117.0	1,315,200	1,170,000
Wright	74,100	82,300	64,700	70,500	132.0	102.0	8,540,400	7,191,000
Central	1,396,000	1,592,000	1,242,000	1,341,000	149.7	124.8	185,886,100	167,291,900

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by County and District, Minnesota, 2006-07 (continued)**

County and District 1/	Planted Acreage		Harvested Acreage		Yield Per Harvested Acre		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----Acres-----		-----Acres-----		----Bushels----		-----Bushels-----	
Aitkin	--	2,100	--	1,200	--	94.0	--	112,800
Anoka	5,800	7,900	5,400	7,600	98.0	87.0	529,200	661,200
Chisago	23,300	30,700	20,500	27,800	113.0	84.0	2,316,500	2,335,200
Crow Wing	7,300	8,600	5,000	3,500	67.0	59.0	335,000	206,500
Hennepin	14,100	17,300	13,100	16,100	135.0	100.0	1,768,500	1,610,000
Isanti	27,900	36,000	27,100	34,600	102.0	86.0	2,764,200	2,975,600
Kanabec	12,400	14,200	9,600	10,400	78.0	61.0	748,800	634,400
Mille Lacs	20,900	23,800	16,500	17,700	91.0	67.0	1,501,500	1,185,900
Pine	17,000	19,900	10,200	11,900	97.0	97.0	989,400	1,154,300
Washington	16,400	19,700	15,700	18,200	138.0	111.0	2,166,600	2,020,200
Combined Counties	2,900	1,800	1,300	500	112.9	57.2	146,800	28,600
East Central	148,000	182,000	124,400	149,500	106.6	86.5	13,266,500	12,924,700
Cottonwood	179,700	202,500	176,300	197,400	172.0	164.0	30,323,600	32,373,600
Jackson	181,200	198,500	178,800	196,600	160.0	163.0	28,608,000	32,045,800
Lincoln	99,600	117,500	95,500	111,700	151.0	153.0	14,420,500	17,090,100
Lyon	180,400	196,500	176,200	191,700	165.0	150.0	29,073,000	28,755,000
Murray	183,500	196,500	177,900	183,200	165.0	153.0	29,353,500	28,029,600
Nobles	201,800	220,500	191,500	211,500	164.0	158.0	31,406,000	33,417,000
Pipestone	106,300	111,000	97,700	95,800	151.0	140.0	14,752,700	13,412,000
Redwood	236,900	250,000	233,300	245,500	177.0	156.0	41,294,100	38,298,000
Rock	138,600	147,000	132,600	141,600	166.0	160.0	22,011,600	22,656,000
Southwest	1,508,000	1,640,000	1,459,800	1,575,000	165.3	156.2	241,243,000	246,077,100
Blue Earth	181,000	200,000	179,100	198,900	175.0	157.0	31,342,500	31,227,300
Brown	154,500	165,000	150,500	156,000	173.0	157.0	26,036,500	24,492,000
Faribault	201,700	225,000	198,400	223,000	180.0	176.0	35,712,000	39,248,000
Freeborn	180,000	199,500	178,700	197,700	173.0	173.0	30,915,100	34,202,100
Le Sueur	94,400	103,000	91,300	99,000	170.0	144.0	15,521,000	14,256,000
Martin	219,800	252,000	217,500	249,500	181.0	165.0	39,367,500	41,167,500
Nicollet	122,100	135,000	118,400	129,700	180.0	145.0	21,312,000	18,806,500
Rice	79,100	91,000	72,300	86,200	169.0	151.0	12,218,700	13,016,200
Steele	106,000	121,000	103,800	118,700	178.0	175.0	18,476,400	20,772,500
Waseca	121,000	135,500	117,900	133,500	181.0	155.0	21,339,900	20,692,500
Watonwan	122,400	139,000	120,800	136,800	178.0	164.0	21,502,400	22,435,200
South Central	1,582,000	1,766,000	1,548,700	1,729,000	176.8	162.1	273,744,000	280,315,800
Dakota	89,400	103,500	86,400	95,300	167.0	140.0	14,428,800	13,342,000
Dodge	111,900	124,500	108,400	122,100	178.0	175.0	19,295,200	21,367,500
Fillmore	158,800	181,000	147,700	167,700	173.0	170.0	25,552,100	28,509,000
Goodhue	145,000	162,000	133,500	150,800	178.0	165.0	23,763,000	24,882,000
Houston	54,200	58,900	47,800	50,000	166.0	160.0	7,934,800	8,000,000
Mower	183,800	204,000	175,300	200,000	176.0	172.0	30,852,800	34,400,000
Olmsted	110,900	127,000	105,200	121,800	176.0	170.0	18,515,200	20,706,000
Wabasha	81,800	92,900	71,000	80,000	172.0	169.0	12,212,000	13,520,000
Winona	79,200	85,200	70,300	69,300	171.0	169.0	12,021,300	11,711,700
Southeast	1,015,000	1,139,000	945,600	1,057,000	174.0	166.9	164,575,200	176,438,200
Combined Districts	100	24,000	--	15,000	--	128.7	--	1,930,100
Minnesota	7,300,000	8,400,000	6,850,000	7,800,000	161.0	146.0	1,102,850,000	1,138,800,000

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FEBRUARY EGG OUTPUT DOWN 1 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota layers produced 221 million eggs during February 2008, versus 224 million in February 2007, a 1 percent decrease. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.1 billion eggs in February, up 2.5 percent from a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - FEBRUARY

		<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total Eggs	MN	224 Mil.	221 Mil.
Produced	U.S.	6,951 Mil.	7,125 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	10.9 Mil.	10.2 Mil.
	U.S.	348.8 Mil.	343.4 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,047	2,167
	U.S.	1,993	2,075
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (February)			
Egg-Type	MN	0.8 Mil.	0.6 Mil.
	U.S.	36.8 Mil.	37.5 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	723.8 Mil.	771.2 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (March 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	8.9 Mil.	8.6 Mil.
	U.S.	38.5 Mil.	36.5 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	28.7 Mil.	30.4 Mil.
	U.S.	663.8 Mil.	679.1 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Hatched (March)			
	WNC*	10.2 Mil.	10.2 Mil.
	U.S.	26.8 Mil.	26.8 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (April 1)			
	WNC*	11.9 Mil.	11.4 Mil.
	U.S.	31.7 Mil.	31.9 Mil.

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

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MARCH MILK OUTPUT UP 0.1 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 752 million pounds, the state's March milk production was up 0.1 percent from March 2007.

Output per cow was 1,625 pounds in March, down 25 pounds from last March. Milk cows for March averaged 463,000 head, the same as February, but up 8,000 from a year ago.

March 2008 milk output in the 23 major states was 15.1 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2007. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.44 million head, up 141,000 from the previous year. At 1,795 pounds, production per cow was 12 pounds greater than March 2007.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2008 MILK STATS

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,327	3,637	105.6	102.4
Idaho	940	1,026	111.0	108.2
Minnesota	704	752	104.1	100.1
New York	995	1,052	107.1	102.7
Pennsylvania	849	922	103.3	98.0
Wisconsin	1,925	2,077	105.1	101.7
23 States	13,942	15,144	106.2	102.4

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