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CORN AND SOYBEAN PRICES CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for soybeans for July averaged \$13.20 per bushel, an increase of 80 cents from the June price. Corn was up 33 cents, to a July price of \$5.40 per bushel.

The all hog price for July was \$56.00 per cwt., a decrease of \$0.30 from the June price. The all beef cattle price for July was \$89.50 per cwt., an increase of \$4.10 from the June price.

The all milk price for July, at \$19.50 per cwt., was down \$1.20 from June.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 161 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (1.9 percent) from June. The Crop Index is up 3 points (1.6 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.7 percent).

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.		-----Minnesota-----	
	July 2008 1/	July 2007 2/	June 2008 2/	July 2008 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu	4.61	3.02	3/	4.09
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt	38.20	26.80	34.70	35.40
Corn, bu	5.61	3.02	5.07	5.40
Hay, All, Baled, ton	164.00	95.00	140.00	132.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	177.00	97.00	142.00	135.00
Other, Baled, ton	130.00	84.00	125.00	120.00
Oats, bu	3.57	2.16	3.34	3.50
Potatoes, cwt	11.42	13.90	5.20	5.20
Soybeans, bu	14.20	7.21	12.40	13.20
Sunflowers, All, cwt	28.30	18.50	29.60	28.60
Wheat, All, bu	7.29	5.36	3/	8.59
Calves, cwt	115.00	130.00	117.00	114.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 45/	95.70	81.30	85.40	89.50
Cows, cwt, 5/	56.40	53.80	59.10	60.60
Steers & Heifers, cwt	100.00	85.90	91.60	96.40
Milk Cows, head 6/	1,990.00	1,900.00	--	2,000.00
Hogs, All, cwt	52.50	54.20	56.30	56.00
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	54.10	54.30	56.50	56.30
Sows, cwt	20.10	39.30	27.40	20.30
Lambs, cwt 7/	--	105.00	114.00	--
Sheep, cwt 7/	--	26.50	22.30	--
Milk, All, cwt	19.40	21.70	20.70	19.50
Eggs, Table Market, doz	.67	0.86	0.98	0.73

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

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

Item	June 2007	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008
Prices Received	137	139	158	161
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	161	162	189	191
Parity Ratio 1/	85	86	84	84

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

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

Commodities	July 2007 1/	June 2008 1/	July 2008 2/
All Farm Products	139	*158	161
Crops	141	*183	186
Meat Animals	120	123	126
Dairy Products	165	*148	149
Poultry & Eggs	148	154	154

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

MINNESOTA CORN AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTIONS BOTH UP

CORN production for Minnesota is forecast at 1.20 billion bushels. If realized, this will be a record high, breaking the previous record set in 2005, and 5 percent above last year's level. The August 1 yield is forecast at 165 bushels per acre, up 19 bushels from last year's yield of 146 bushels per acre. Corn for grain harvested is estimated at 7.25 million acres, down 7 percent from last year.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 278 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year's production. Based on August 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, 1 bushel below 2007's yield.

The **SPRING WHEAT** crop is estimated at 87.5 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 50 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July forecast, and up 3 bushels per acre from last year.

BARLEY production is forecast at 6.82 million bushels, up 11 percent from 2007. Yield is forecast at 62 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from July, and up 6 bushels from last year.

OAT production is estimated at 11.1 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 65 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from July and up 5 bushels from last year.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 9.66 million tons, down 16 percent from 2007's production level. Yield is estimated at 22.3 tons per acre, down 1.5 tons per acre from last year's 23.8 tons per acre.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 2.52 million hundredweight, down 90 thousand hundredweight from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,800 pounds per acre, unchanged from last year.

Minnesota's **ALFALFA HAY** production is estimated at 3.96 million tons, up 11 percent from 2007. Yield is forecast at 3.6 tons per acre, up 0.5 tons per acre from last year.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2007 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2008 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2007 YIELD	2008 YIELD	2007 PRODUCTION (000)	2008 PRODUCTION (000)
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MINNESOTA

CORN (Bu)	7,800	7,250	146.0	165.0	1,138,800	1,196,250
SOYBEANS (Bu)	6,150	6,950	41.0	40.0	252,150	278,000
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,650	1,750	47.0	50.0	77,550	87,500
BARLEY (Bu)	110	110	56.0	62.0	6,160	6,820
OATS (Bu)	180	170	60.0	65.0	10,800	11,050
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	481	433	23.8	22.3	11,448	9,656
DRY BEANS 1/	145	140	1,800	1,800	2,610	2,520
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,150	1,100	3.10	3.60	3,565	3,960
OTHER HAY (Ton)	730	600	1.50	1.80	1,095	1,080

UNITED STATES

CORN (Bu)	86,542	79,290	151.1	155.0	13,073,893	12,287,875
SOYBEANS (Bu)	62,820	73,341	41.2	40.5	2,585,207	2,972,577
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	12,947	13,751	37.0	36.4	479,047	500,988
BARLEY (Bu)	3,508	3,640	60.4	59.9	211,825	217,976
OATS (Bu)	1,505	1,443	60.9	62.3	91,599	89,897
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,247	1,052	25.6	24.1	31,912	25,319
DRY BEANS 1/	1,479	1,354	1,716	1,786	25,371	24,172
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	21,670	20,778	3.35	3.41	72,575	70,944
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,995	39,661	1.95	1.94	77,729	77,011

1/ Yield in lb; production in cwt.

**HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory, Farrowings, and Pig Crop,
By County and District, Minnesota, 2006-2007**

County And District 1/	All Hogs Dec. 1		Annual Farrowings		Annual Pig Crop	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
			<u>Number</u>			
Clay	21,500	23,000	1,800	2,300	16,500	21,500
Combined Counties	30,500	40,000	13,200	13,700	118,500	131,500
Northwest	52,000	63,000	15,000	16,000	135,000	153,000
Combined Counties	2,400	--	700	--	6,000	--
North Central	2,400	--	700	--	6,000	--
Combined Counties	600	--	300	--	2,500	--
Northeast	600	--	300	--	2,500	--
Big Stone	44,000	55,000	7,500	7,000	64,000	63,000
Chippewa	30,000	32,000	5,000	4,500	41,000	36,000
Douglas	13,500	--	3,500	--	32,000	--
Grant	15,000	--	2,000	--	18,000	--
Lac Qui Parle	81,000	86,000	11,000	14,000	99,000	125,000
Otter Tail	24,000	23,000	6,000	5,000	54,000	50,000
Pope	53,000	--	11,500	--	105,000	--
Stevens	153,000	171,000	36,000	39,000	339,000	360,000
Swift	21,000	23,000	1,500	1,500	12,000	12,000
Yellow Medicine	143,000	160,000	22,500	22,000	202,000	210,000
Combined Counties	31,500	130,000	3,500	19,000	32,000	174,000
West Central	609,000	680,000	110,000	112,000	998,000	1,030,000
Benton	21,000	22,000	6,500	3,100	57,000	28,000
Carver	17,500	15,000	2,000	1,900	16,000	17,000
Kandiyohi	82,000	--	14,000	--	133,000	--
McLeod	12,000	12,000	1,300	1,300	12,000	12,500
Meeker	13,000	12,500	2,600	2,300	22,500	22,000
Morrison	19,500	--	4,000	--	35,000	--
Renville	191,000	194,000	49,000	49,000	440,000	460,000
Sherburne	5,600	6,000	900	800	8,500	7,500
Sibley	92,000	92,000	22,000	21,000	205,000	200,000
Stearns	111,000	105,000	20,500	17,000	179,000	150,000
Todd	11,500	13,000	5,000	4,700	43,000	43,000
Wright	13,000	--	4,000	--	35,000	--
Combined Counties	13,900	138,500	1,200	26,900	11,000	255,000
Central	603,000	610,000	133,000	128,000	1,197,000	1,195,000
Chisago	2,900	3,200	1,000	1,000	9,000	9,100
Crow Wing	3,300	3,300	700	700	5,600	5,700
Mille Lacs	1,500	1,500	900	800	8,100	7,500
Combined Counties	13,300	15,000	3,400	3,200	30,800	29,700
East Central	21,000	23,000	6,000	5,700	53,500	52,000
Cottonwood	198,000	235,000	35,000	42,000	344,000	420,000
Jackson	268,000	--	25,000	--	222,000	--
Lincoln	--	95,000	--	51,000	--	480,000
Lyon	181,000	230,000	24,500	18,000	223,000	165,000
Murray	132,000	--	14,000	--	123,000	--
Nobles	313,000	355,000	30,000	33,000	275,000	315,000
Redwood	201,000	--	10,500	--	93,000	--
Rock	223,000	240,000	10,000	38,000	85,000	385,000
Combined Counties	325,000	975,000	79,000	95,000	781,000	945,000
Southwest	1,841,000	2,130,000	228,000	277,000	2,146,000	2,710,000

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**HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory, Farrowings, and Pig Crop,
By County and District, Minnesota, 2006-2007 (continued)**

County And District 1/	All Hogs Dec. 1		Annual Farrowings		Annual Pig Crop	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
			<u>Number</u>			
Blue Earth	450,000	490,000	69,000	70,000	624,000	640,000
Brown	302,000	335,000	56,000	35,000	531,000	330,000
Faribault	208,000	250,000	34,000	33,000	310,000	330,000
Freeborn	249,000	275,000	42,000	44,000	389,000	400,000
Le Sueur	81,000	100,000	22,000	19,000	200,000	170,000
Martin	736,000	790,000	140,000	130,000	1,328,000	1,240,000
Nicollet	326,000	--	41,000	--	377,000	--
Rice	112,000	--	23,000	--	216,000	--
Steele	99,000	--	7,500	--	68,000	--
Waseca	190,000	245,000	45,500	40,000	422,000	370,000
Watonwan	222,000	215,000	22,000	28,000	211,000	280,000
Combined Counties	--	600,000	--	72,000	--	667,000
South Central	2,975,000	3,300,000	502,000	471,000	4,676,000	4,427,000
Dakota	23,000	--	3,500	--	30,000	--
Dodge	140,000	--	27,000	--	253,000	--
Fillmore	123,000	135,000	12,500	12,000	110,000	106,000
Goodhue	99,000	105,000	22,500	20,000	199,000	180,000
Houston	23,000	23,000	5,000	4,000	42,000	34,000
Mower	270,000	280,000	31,500	40,000	293,000	380,000
Olmsted	56,000	75,000	5,500	6,000	51,000	56,000
Wabasha	20,000	15,000	2,000	1,600	17,000	14,000
Winona	42,000	38,000	5,500	3,900	46,000	33,000
Combined Counties	--	219,000	--	36,500	--	360,000
Southeast	796,000	890,000	115,000	124,000	1,041,000	1,163,000
Combined Districts	---	4,000	--	1,300	--	11,000
Minnesota	6,900,000	7,700,000	1,110,000	1,135,000	10,255,000	10,741,000

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