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MINNESOTA FARM CASH RENTS CONTINUE UPWARD CLIMB

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The 2008 average cash rents for Minnesota cropland is \$109.00 per acre, up \$15.00 from 2007, and \$21.00 above 2006. Average pasture cash rent for 2008 is \$21.00 per acre, up \$2.00 from 2007 and 2006.

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Nationally, cash rents per acre paid to landlords for cropland rose \$11.00 (13 percent), while pasture rents increased \$1.00 (8.3 percent) for the 2008 crop and grazing year. Cropland cash rents paid in 2008 averaged \$96.00 per acre, compared with \$85.00 per acre for 2007. Pasture cash rents averaged \$13.00 per acre, compared with \$12.00 per acre for 2007. The increases in cropland and pasture land rental rates are the result of producers receiving strong commodity prices. The Delta region had the highest percentage increase for cropland, 21 percent above 2007. Cropland cash rents increased \$14.00 per acre to \$140.00 in the Corn Belt region and \$6.00 per acre to \$64.00 in the Northern Plains region. The Corn Belt and Northern Plains regions account for slightly more than one half of cash rented cropland acreage in the U.S.

The major corn and soybean producing States of Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa experienced increases of 13, 13, and 18 percent, respectively, for cropland cash rents. Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa cropland cash rents averaged \$160.00, \$135.00, and \$165.00 per acre, respectively. While pasture rent in the Northern Plains remained unchanged from the previous year, rents in the Southern Plains and Mountain regions both increased by 30 cents. The Northern Plains, Southern Plains, and Mountain region account for nearly 85 percent of the cash rented pasture acreage in the U.S. The cash rent paid for pasture in the Corn Belt region increased \$4.50 to \$36.00 per acre, which is the highest cash rent paid for pasture in the U.S.

CROPLAND RENTED FOR CASH: AVERAGE CASH RENT PER ACRE, BY SELECTED STATES, 2004-2008

STATES	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
MINNESOTA	83.50	86.50	88.00	94.00	109.00
WISCONSIN	70.00	70.00	71.00	72.00	85.00
IOWA	126.00	131.00	133.00	140.00	165.00
NORTH DAKOTA	37.50	39.00	39.00	41.00	45.00
SOUTH DAKOTA	47.50	50.40	53.00	56.50	65.00

PASTURE RENTED FOR CASH: AVERAGE CASH RENT PER ACRE, BY SELECTED STATES, 2004-2008

STATES	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
MINNESOTA	19.50	20.50	19.00	19.00	21.00
WISCONSIN	37.00	38.00	38.00	40.00	43.00
IOWA	32.50	36.00	38.00	39.00	42.00
NORTH DAKOTA	10.20	10.60	11.30	12.50	13.40
SOUTH DAKOTA	11.60	12.30	12.90	13.80	15.90

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MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES INCREASE

The January 1, 2008, Minnesota farm real estate value, including all land and buildings, averaged \$3,100 per acre, up \$320 from 2007, and up \$700 from 2006. Minnesota cropland value rose 12.8 percent, to \$2,820 per acre, and pasture value increased 12.3 percent, to \$1,550 per acre, from 2007 to 2008.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Farm real estate values, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$2,350 per acre on January 1, 2008, up 8.8 percent from 2007. The \$2,350 per acre is a record high and \$190 more than a year earlier.

Both cropland and pasture values for 2008 are record highs. Cropland values rose by 10 percent, to \$2,970 per acre, up from the previous high of \$2,690 in 2007. Pasture value rose by 6 percent, to \$1,230 per acre. While commercial and residential development has slowed in many regions, farm real estate values continue to increase. Strong commodity prices and farm programs, outside investments, favorable interest rates, and tax incentives continue to be the factors that drive farm real estate values to record levels. Livestock prices, recreational use, and urban development remain the predominant influences that increase pasture land values.

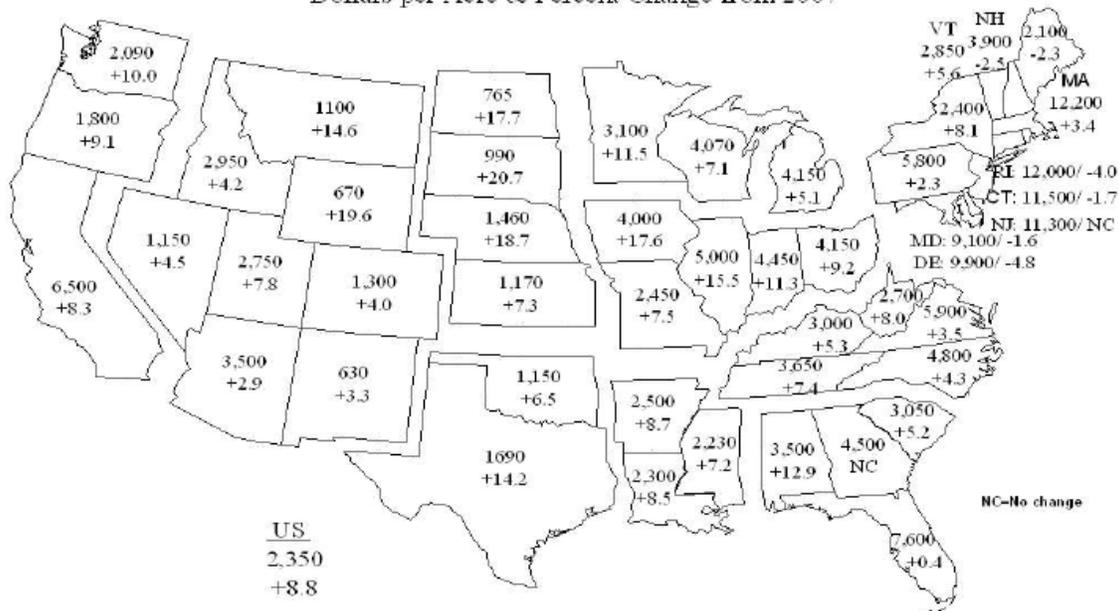
Regional increases in the average value of farm real estate ranged from 1.6 percent in the Northeast region to 15.5 percent in the Northern Plains region. The highest farm real estate values remained in the Northeast region, where development pressure continued to push the average value to \$5,080 per acre. The Northern Plains region had the lowest farm real estate value, at \$1,110 per acre, up 15.5 percent from the previous year. In the Corn Belt region, cropland values rose 14.8 percent, to \$4,260 per acre. The Southern Plains region increased 12 percent from the previous year, to \$1,490 per acre.

FARM REAL ESTATE: AVERAGE VALUE PER ACRE, BY SELECTED STATES, JANUARY 1, 2004-2008

STATES	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
MINNESOTA	1,800	2,100	2,400	2,780	3,100
WISCONSIN	2,500	2,850	3,200	3,800	4,070
IOWA	2,200	2,650	2,930	3,400	4,000
NORTH DAKOTA	455	505	575	650	765
SOUTH DAKOTA	500	605	710	820	990

2008 Farm Real Estate Value by State

Dollars per Acre & Percent Change from 2007



MINNESOTA RANKS FIRST IN U.S. FOR 2008 TURKEY PRODUCTION

The following six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2008: **Minnesota**, at 49.0 million turkeys, is up 2 percent from last year; **North Carolina**, at 39.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from last year; **Arkansas**, at 31.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from a year ago; **Virginia**, at 21.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from 2007; **Missouri**, at 20.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from last year; and **Indiana**, at 15.9 million turkeys, is up 5 percent from last year.

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2008 is 271 million, down slightly from the number raised during 2007.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED BY STATE AND UNITED STATES, 2007-2008 1/

State	Number		2008 as % of 2007 <i>Percent</i>
	2007 2/	2008	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
AR	31,000	31,000	100
CA	16,000	15,700	98
IL	2,700	2,700	100
IN	15,100	15,900	105
IA	8,300	9,000	108
MD	750	760	101
MA	55	58	105
MI	4,800	4,800	100
MN	48,000	49,000	102
MO	20,000	20,000	100
NJ	39	35	90
NY	640	630	98
NC	39,000	39,000	100
ND	1,700	1,200	71
OH	5,200	5,200	100
PA	11,500	11,500	100
SC	10,500	10,500	100
SD	4,500	4,600	102
VT	51	51	100
VA	21,000	21,000	100
WV	3,500	3,500	100
Other States 3/	27,350	24,950	91
US 4/	271,685	271,084	100

1/ Excludes young turkeys lost.

2/ Revised.

3/ CO, KS, NE, OK, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

4/ 28 State total.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.87 million head on August 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below August 1, 2007, and 9 percent below August 1, 2006. **Placements** in feedlots during July totaled 1.66 million, 2 percent above 2007 but 15 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.62 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 476,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during July totaled 2.04 million, 2 percent above 2007 and 5 percent above 2006. **Other disappearance** totaled 45,000 during July, 26 percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, BY MONTH, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 2007-2008 1/

State	August 1, 2007	July 1, 2008	August 1, 2008		
			Number	as % of 2007	as % of July
			<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	341	356	357	105	100
CA	540	520	515	95	99
CO	870	820	750	86	91
ID	205	200	180	88	90
IA	500	500	475	95	95
KS	2,100	2,080	2,010	96	97
NE	1,910	2,050	1,920	101	94
NM	129	154	164	127	106
OK	305	300	290	95	97
SD	175	185	170	97	92
TX	2,780	2,660	2,590	93	97
WA	144	140	133	92	95
Other States	300	330	315	105	95
US	10,299	10,295	9,869	96	96

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

JULY EGG OUTPUT DOWN 4 PERCENT IN STATE

Minnesota layers produced 229 million eggs during July 2008, versus 238 million in July 2007, a decrease of four percent. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.60 billion eggs in July, nearly equal to a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - JULY

		<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total Eggs	MN	238 Mil.	229 Mil.
Produced	U.S.	7,599 Mil.	7,601 Mil.
Number of	MN	10.5 Mil.	9.8 Mil.
Layers	U.S.	340.0 Mil.	336.1 Mil.
Eggs per	MN	2,262	2,334
100 Layers	U.S.	2,235	2,262
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (July)			
Egg-Type	MN	1.1 Mil.	1.1 Mil.
	U.S.	36.0 Mil.	37.9 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	819.0 Mil.	806.6 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (August 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	8.3 Mil.	8.4 Mil.
	U.S.	32.4 Mil.	33.0 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	29.6 Mil.	29.6 Mil.
	U.S.	674.0 Mil.	650.8 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Hatched (July)			
	WNC*	10.4 Mil.	10.1 Mil.
	U.S.	27.3 Mil.	27.5 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (August 1)			
	WNC*	12.8 Mil.	12.3 Mil.
	U.S.	33.5 Mil.	31.9 Mil.

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

JULY MILK OUTPUT UP 1.0 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 736 million pounds, the state's July milk production was up 1.0 percent from July 2007.

Output per cow was 1,590 pounds in July, up 15 pounds from last July. Milk cows for July averaged 463,000 head, unchanged from June and from one year ago.

July 2008 milk output in the 23 major states was 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from July 2007. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.47 million head, up 143,000 from the previous year. At 1,742 pounds, production per cow was unchanged from July 2007.

JUNE/JULY 2008 MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	June	July	June	July
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,419	3,415	102.3	99.0
Idaho	1,047	1,095	107.9	107.7
Minnesota	734	736	101.9	101.0
New York	1,052	1,058	103.7	102.4
Pennsylvania	890	890	101.9	100.5
Wisconsin	2,066	2,097	102.3	100.3
23 States	14,678	14,750	103.2	101.7

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