

PRICE REPORT



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**ALL FARM  
PRODUCTS INDEX  
DOWN 1 POINT**

The February All Farm Products index for Minnesota was down 1 point from January, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office.

The Crops index for February was up 1 point from January. Prices received by farmers for soybeans for February averaged \$5.60 per bushel, a decrease of 8 cents from the January price. Corn was up 4 cents from January to a February price of \$1.83 per bushel.

The Meat Animal index was up 3 points from last month. The all hog price for February was \$43.00 per cwt., an increase of \$1.30 from the January price. The all beef cattle price for February was \$81.30, an increase of 70 cents from the January price.

The Dairy Products index was down 9 points from last month. The all milk price for February at \$14.00 per cwt., was down 80 cents from January.

**AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS**

Commodity And Unit	U.S.		-----Minnesota-----	
	Feb 2006 1/	Feb 2005 2/	Jan 2006 2/	Feb 2006 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu 3/	2.55	2.49	3/	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt	19.70	28.20	3/	3/
Kidney, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Navy, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Pinto, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu	2.01	1.86	1.79	1.83
Hay, All, Baled, ton	95.00	77.00	68.00	66.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	99.20	81.00	74.00	69.00
Other, Baled, ton	83.20	54.00	51.00	47.00
Oats, bu	1.78	1.42	1.62	1.64
Potatoes, cwt	6.97	5.75	5.95	5.90
Soybeans, bu	5.68	5.55	5.68	5.60
Sunflowers, All, cwt	11.10	16.70	13.50	13.30
Wheat, All, bu	3.66	3.30	3.70	3.82
Calves, cwt	142.00	120.00	138.00	143.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 5/	92.60	79.10	80.60	81.30
Cows, cwt, 6/	48.50	54.80	49.80	51.00
Steers & Heifers, cwt	98.10	84.60	88.80	89.30
Milk Cows, head 7/	--	--	1,790.00	--
Hogs, All, cwt	41.20	51.90	41.70	43.00
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	41.70	51.90	41.70	43.00
Sows, cwt	31.20	45.20	33.00	31.50
Lambs, cwt 8/	--	114.00	84.80	--
Sheep, cwt 8/	--	43.00	41.50	--
Milk, All, cwt	13.80	15.90	14.80	14.00
Eggs, Table Market, doz	0.30	0.35	0.41	0.25

1/ Preliminary 2/ Entire month data 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms 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.

**MINNESOTA INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1977 = 100)**

Commodities	U.S.*		-----Minnesota-----	
	Feb 2006 1/	Feb 2005 2/	Jan 2006 2/	Feb 2006 1/
All Farm Products	113	135	129	128
Crops	113	107	108	109
Meat Animals	120	169	149	152
Dairy Products	106	180	168	159
Poultry & Eggs	108	105	117	106

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data.

\* U.S. based on 1990-92 = 100 reference replaces 1977 = 100 beginning Jan. 1995.

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

Item	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Prices Received	111	114	113	113
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	137	137	146	146
Parity Ratio 1/	81	83	77	77

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