



PRICE REPORT

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ALL FARM PRODUCTS INDEX DOWN 2 POINTS

The April All Farm Products index for Minnesota was down 2 points from March, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office.

The Crops index for April was up 3 points from March. Prices received by farmers for soybeans for April averaged \$5.33 per bushel, a decrease of 6 cents from the March price. Corn was up 12 cents from March to an April price of \$1.97 per bushel.

The Meat Animal index was down 8 points from last month. The all hog price for April was \$39.40 per cwt., a decrease of \$3.60 from the March price. The all beef cattle price for April was \$77.50, a decrease of \$1.50 from the March price.

The Dairy Products index was down 3 points from last month. The all milk price for April, at \$12.10 per cwt., was down 20 cents from March.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.		Minnesota	
	Apr 2006 1/	Apr 2005 2/	Mar 2006 2/	Apr 2006 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu 3/.....	2.67	1.94	1.91	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt.....	19.40	3/	16.90	3/
Kidney, cwt.....	4/	3/	3/	3/
Navy, cwt.....	4/	3/	3/	3/
Pinto, cwt.....	4/	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu.....	2.11	1.90	1.85	1.97
Hay, All Baled, ton.....	106.00	63.00	66.00	65.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton.....	110.00	68.00	70.00	71.00
Other, Baled, ton.....	93.20	45.00	45.00	44.00
Oats, bu.....	1.72	1.47	1.56	1.56
Potatoes, cwt.....	8.66	5.00	6.00	6.10
Soybeans, bu.....	5.39	6.13	5.39	5.33
Sunflowers, All, cwt.....	10.60	19.10	16.60	15.00
Wheat, All, bu.....	3.90	3.29	3.85	4.01
Calves, cwt.....	136.00	142.00	135.00	135.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 5/.....	85.20	84.40	79.00	77.50
Cows, cwt, 6/.....	48.70	59.70	53.00	52.70
Steers & Heifers, cwt.....	89.70	90.20	84.70	83.00
Milk Cows, head 7/.....	1,770.00	1,700.00	--	1,780.00
Hogs, All, cwt.....	39.10	51.00	43.00	39.40
Barrows & Gilts, cwt.....	39.60	51.10	43.10	39.50
Sows, cwt.....	28.80	41.40	34.00	28.00
Lambs, cwt 8/.....	--	110.00	78.60	--
Sheep, cwt 8/.....	--	34.60	34.00	--
Milk, All, cwt.....	12.10	15.90	12.30	12.10
Eggs, Table Market, doz.....	0.32	0.25	0.49	0.32

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	
	Apr 2006 1/	Apr 2005 2/	Mar 2006 2/	Apr 2006 1/
All Farm Products.....	115	137	125	123
Crops.....	129	110	107	110
Meat Animals.....	111	172	150	142
Dairy Products.....	93	180	140	137
Poultry & Eggs.....	102	102	120	116

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	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Mar 2006	Apr 2006
Prices Received.....	119	121	114	115
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates).....	139	140	146	147
Parity Ration 1/.....	86	86	78	78

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