

PRICE REPORT



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ALL FARM PRODUCTS INDEX UP 2 POINTS

The December All Farm Products index for Minnesota was up 2 points from November, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office.

The Crops index for December was up 3 points from November. Prices received by farmers for soybeans for December averaged \$5.68 per bushel, an increase of 13 cents from the November price. Corn was up 11 cents from November to a December price of \$1.74 per bushel.

The Meat Animal index was up 5 points from last month. The all hog price for December was \$46.00 per cwt., an increase of \$1.70 from the November price. The all beef cattle price for December was \$78.50, an increase of \$1.70 from the November price.

The Dairy Products index was down 3 points from last month. The all milk price for December at \$15.00 per cwt., was down 20 cents from November.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.		-----Minnesota-----	
	Dec 2005 1/	Dec 2004 2/	Nov 2005 2/	Dec 2005 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu 3/	2.54	2.03	3/	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt	18.60	28.20	20.80	3/
Kidney, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Navy, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Pinto, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu	1.88	1.93	1.63	1.74
Hay, All, Baled, ton	92.00	71.00	75.00	70.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	97.70	75.00	79.00	75.00
Other, Baled, ton	78.00	55.00	53.00	51.00
Oats, bu	1.73	1.45	1.41	1.49
Potatoes, cwt	6.60	5.55	6.25	6.65
Soybeans, bu	5.71	5.71	5.55	5.68
Sunflowers, All, cwt	11.30	16.80	16.70	16.40
Wheat, All, bu	3.47	3.31	3.59	3.57
Calves, cwt	135.00	109.00	133.00	138.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 5/	92.70	75.50	76.80	78.50
Cows, cwt, 6/	46.60	50.60	50.70	50.00
Steers & Heifers, cwt	99.10	82.50	85.50	88.00
Milk Cows, head 7/	--	--	--	--
Hogs, All, cwt	45.50	52.20	44.30	46.00
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	45.80	52.20	44.30	46.00
Sows, cwt	38.20	46.40	37.50	38.50
Lambs, cwt 8/	--	98.80	97.40	--
Sheep, cwt 8/	--	39.00	43.00	--
Milk, All, cwt	14.70	17.00	15.20	15.00
Eggs, Table Market, doz	0.56	0.43	0.46	0.55

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-----	
	Dec 2005 1/	Dec 2004 2/	Nov 2005 2/	Dec 2005 1/
All Farm Products	114	140	131	133
Crops	109	110	102	105
Meat Animals	121	168	153	158
Dairy Products	113	193	173	170
Poultry & Eggs	123	127	151	147

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	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005
Prices Received	115	111	113	114
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	135	134	143	143
Parity Ratio 1/	85	83	79	80

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

