

Montana Agricultural Exports Decreased \$329 million in 2009

The value of Montana's agricultural commodities exported during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, totaled \$928.7 million, \$328.8 million below 2008. Wheat and Products remained Montana's leading export, making up 60 percent of the state's agricultural exports. Feeds and Fodders were the second leading export accounting for 19.7 percent of the total. Vegetables and Preparations which includes dry beans, dry peas, lentils, and fall potatoes was in third place with 7.7 percent and the Feed Grains and Products category came in fourth with 6.9 percent of total Montana exports.

Montana agricultural commodity exports were mostly lower in 2009. Wheat and Products showed the largest change in value down \$332 million. Feeds and Fodders exports increased \$29.9 million from 2008 but Feed Grains and Products were down \$20.9 million. Vegetables and Preparations decreased \$4.4 million, while Seeds increased \$1.6 million. Live Animals and Meat decreased \$1.4 million from 2008.

Montana maintained third place among states exporting Wheat and Products for fiscal year 2009. The top wheat exporting states for 2009 were Kansas, followed by North Dakota, Montana, Washington, Minnesota, South Dakota, Ohio, Colorado, California and Texas. Considering exports of all products, California remained first, followed by Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Texas, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, Indiana and Washington. Montana was unchanged from the previous fiscal year with twenty-eighth place in 2009 for exports of all products.

U.S. agricultural exports in fiscal 2009 totaled \$96.6 billion, which is \$18.7 billion lower than fiscal 2008. The export value for Wheat and Products is 42 percent below 2008 at \$8.6 billion. Exports showed decreases in most categories with exceptions in Vegetables and Preparations and Seeds. The largest decreases in U.S. exports occurred in Dairy, followed by Wheat and Products and Cottonseed.

Soybeans and Products remained the largest valued agricultural export commodity in 2009 at \$17.7 billion—despite a decrease of \$1.6 billion from fiscal 2008.

Agricultural Exports for Montana and the United States 1/

Commodity	MONTANA			UNITED STATES		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Million Dollars						
Wheat and Products	538.7	889.2	557.2	8,681.9	14,826.9	8,598.2
Feed Grains and Products	38.4	85.0	64.1	11,835.9	18,130.9	11,978.7
Fruits and Preparations	2.3	2.0	1.0	5,019.1	5,882.3	5,713.5
Vegetables and Preparations 2/	55.4	75.9	71.5	4,298.5	5,154.7	5,279.1
Live Animals and Meat	9.8	10.6	9.2	6,800.0	9,452.6	8,906.5
Hides and Skins	1.0	3.3	2.3	2,160.5	2,130.9	1,509.8
Poultry and Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	3,777.1	4,928.9	4,849.9
Fats, Oils and Greases	0.4	0.5	0.4	748.4	1,061.2	682.7
Feeds and Fodders	59.6	153.1	183.0	2,897.9	4,007.4	3,948.3
Seeds	14.3	20.7	22.3	933.1	1,154.9	1,238.3
Other	18.6	16.5	17.4	35,064.4	48,574.5	43,927.2
ALL COMMODITIES 3/	739.1	1,257.5	928.7	82,216.8	115,305.4	96,632.2

1/ Fiscal year ending September 30. 2/ Vegetables category includes dry beans, dry peas, lentils, and fall potatoes.

3/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Economic Research Service, U.S. Agricultural Trade Update, June 2010