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Agricultural Prices Received for March

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March 2006 full month crop prices in Montana were mixed when compared with the previous month, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. When comparing March 2007 prices with February 2007, winter wheat was \$4.65 per bushel, unchanged; the spring wheat price decreased \$0.03 to \$4.75 per bushel; but the durum wheat price increased \$0.25 to \$5.37 per bushel. Feed barley prices decreased \$0.06 to \$3.01 per bushel, but malt barley prices increased \$0.12 to \$3.32 per bushel.

The mid-April price for alfalfa hay was unchanged at \$90.00 per ton, but all other hay increased \$5.00 to \$92.00 per ton. Mid-April grain prices were mostly higher than the previous month with winter wheat at \$4.92 per bushel; spring wheat was \$4.80 per bushel; durum wheat was \$5.40 per bushel; feed barley was \$3.01 per bushel; and malt barley was \$3.58 per bushel.

Livestock prices for the full month of March were mostly higher when compared with the previous month. March 2007 price comparisons with February 2007 are as follows: the steer and heifer price increased \$7.30 per cwt to \$102.00; cows decreased \$0.10 per cwt to \$47.60; calves were up \$12.00 to \$125.00 per cwt; sheep prices were up \$1.50 to \$31.80 per cwt; lamb prices increased \$1.40 to \$101.00 per cwt; and milk increased \$0.20 to \$15.00 per cwt. The mid-April steer and heifer price was \$102.00 per cwt; cows were \$48.80 per cwt; calves were \$123.00 per cwt; and milk prices were \$15.70 per cwt.

Nationally, prices for March and changes from February were as follows: winter wheat was \$4.67 per bushel, unchanged; spring wheat was \$4.76 per bushel, up \$0.03; durum wheat was \$5.33 per bushel, up \$0.17; the all barley price was \$3.10 per bushel, unchanged; steer and heifer prices were \$97.70, up \$6.20 per cwt; cows were \$47.20, up \$0.20 per cwt; calves were \$127.00, up \$7.00 per cwt; sheep were \$35.60, down \$0.90 per cwt; lambs were \$95.80, up \$0.40 per cwt from February; and all milk was \$15.60, up \$0.70 per cwt.

The U.S. mid-April winter wheat price was \$4.91 per bushel; spring wheat was \$4.92 per bushel; durum wheat was \$5.39 per bushel; all wheat was \$4.94 per bushel; malt barley was \$3.27 per bushel; and feed barley was \$3.36 per bushel. Alfalfa hay was \$128.00 per ton and other hay was \$113.00 per ton. The steer and heifer price was \$100.00 per cwt; cow prices were \$48.80 per cwt; all beef cattle were \$94.60 per cwt; calves were \$126.00 per cwt; all hog prices were \$46.00 per cwt; all milk was \$16.40 per cwt; and all egg prices were \$0.495 per dozen.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 135 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from March 2007 and up 24 points (22 percent) from April 2006.

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MONTANA AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED

BASE MONTH: March 2007	Monthly Average			Change From			Mid-Month Avg.			
	M O N T A N A			U.S.			Prev Mo	Prev Yr	Montana	U.S.
	Mar 2006	Feb 2007	Mar 2007	Mar 2007	Feb 2007	Mar 2006	Apr 15 2007	Apr 15 2007	Apr 15 2007	Apr 15 2007
Winter Wheat....	3.74	4.65	4.65	4.67	0	+0.91	4.92	4.91	4.92	4.91
Durum Wheat.....	3.43	5.12	5.37	5.33	+0.25	+1.94	5.40	5.39	5.40	5.39
Spring Wheat....	4.00	4.78	4.75	4.76	-0.03	+0.75	4.80	4.92	4.80	4.92
Wheat, All.....	3.79	4.74	4.74	4.75	0	+0.95	4.89	4.94	4.89	4.94
Barley.....	3.04	3.18	3.28	3.10	+0.10	+0.24	3.51	3.29	3.51	3.29
Feed Barley.....	1.72	3.07	3.01	3.23	-0.06	+1.29	3.01	3.36	3.01	3.36
Malt Barley.....	3.21	3.20	3.32	3.08	+0.12	+0.11	3.58	3.27	3.58	3.27
Oats.....	1.71	N/A	2.32	2.39	0	+0.61	N/A	2.39	N/A	2.39
Alfalfa Hay.....	67.00	80.00	90.00	120.00	+10.00	+23.00	90.00	128.00	90.00	128.00
All Other Hay...	56.00	75.00	87.00	108.00	+12.00	+31.00	92.00	113.00	92.00	113.00
All Hay Baled...	66.00	79.00	90.00	117.00	+11.00	+24.00	90.00	124.00	90.00	124.00
Steer & Heifers.	113.00	94.70	102.00	97.70	+7.30	-11.00	102.00	100.00	102.00	100.00
Cows.....	52.40	47.70	47.60	47.20	-0.10	-4.80	48.80	48.80	48.80	48.80
Beef Cattle.....	93.60	83.90	91.10	92.00	+7.20	-2.50	86.60	94.60	86.60	94.60
Calves.....	141.00	113.00	125.00	124.00	+12.00	-16.00	123.00	126.00	123.00	126.00
Sheep.....	38.10	30.30	31.80	35.60	+1.50	-6.30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lambs.....	95.80	99.60	101.00	95.80	+1.40	+5.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
All Milk.....	14.20	14.80	15.00	15.60	+0.20	+0.80	15.70	16.40	15.70	16.40