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July Agricultural Prices Received

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Montana's July full month crop prices were higher when compared with June 2007. Montana's winter wheat price was \$5.16 per bushel, up \$0.12 from June, spring wheat increased \$0.19 to \$5.27 per bushel, and durum wheat prices rose \$0.54 to \$5.94 per bushel. Feed barley prices were up \$0.13 from the previous month to \$3.24 per bushel and malt barley increased \$0.58 to \$3.81 per bushel. Oats were down \$0.17 from June to \$2.24 per bushel.

The mid-August price for alfalfa hay in Montana was up \$3.00 from July 2007 to \$80.00 per ton, but all other hay was down \$10.00 to \$95.00 per ton. The mid-August grain prices were mostly higher with the winter wheat price at \$5.50 per bushel, spring wheat was \$5.72 per bushel, durum wheat was \$6.79 per bushel, feed barley was \$3.39 per bushel, and malt barley was \$3.56 per bushel.

Montana's livestock prices for the full month of July were mostly higher when compared with the previous month. Steer and heifer prices decreased \$0.30 to \$90.10 per cwt, but cows were up \$1.70 to \$53.70 per cwt. The price for calves rose \$2.00 to \$114.00 per cwt. Sheep prices dropped \$5.60 to \$23.30 per cwt, but lamb prices increased \$1.00 to \$103.00 per cwt. Milk prices increased \$2.10 from June to \$19.80 per cwt in July. Steer and heifer prices for mid-August were \$102.00 per cwt, cows were \$54.20 per cwt, calves were \$125.00 per cwt, and the mid-August milk price was \$22.50 per cwt.

Nationally, prices for July and changes from June were as follows: winter wheat was \$5.14 per bushel, up \$0.37, spring wheat was \$5.44 per bushel, up \$0.46, durum wheat was \$6.55 per bushel, up \$1.16, the all barley price was \$3.45 per bushel, up \$0.33, steers and heifers were \$93.10 per cwt, down \$5.00; cows were \$51.40 per cwt, down \$0.20, calves were \$127.00 per cwt, up \$1.00, sheep were \$28.70 per cwt, down \$1.60, lambs were \$98.60 per cwt, up \$2.00 and the all milk price was \$21.70 per cwt, up \$3.70.

The U.S. mid-August winter wheat price was \$5.85 per bushel, spring wheat was \$5.73 per bushel, durum wheat was \$6.96 per bushel, all wheat was \$5.85 per bushel, malt barley was \$3.53 per bushel, feed barley was \$3.65 per bushel, all barley was \$3.57 per bushel, and oats were \$2.25 per bushel. Steer and heifer prices were \$94.40 per cwt, cows were \$51.50 per cwt, calves were \$129.00 per cwt, all hogs were \$53.20 per cwt, and all eggs were \$0.863 per dozen. The mid-August all milk price was \$21.70 per cwt.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 139 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.4 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received lower prices for onions, corn, broilers, and eggs. Higher commodity prices were received for wheat, cattle, strawberries, and broccoli. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of cattle, grapes, calves, and sweet corn offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and broilers.

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MONTANA AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED

	Monthly Average			Change From		Mid-Month Avg.		
	M O N T A N A			U.S.	Prev Mo	Prev Yr	Montana	U.S.
BASE MONTH: July 2007	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	July 2007	June 2007	July 2006	Aug 15 2007	Aug 15 2007
Winter Wheat....	4.09	5.04	5.16	5.14	+0.12	+1.07	5.50	5.85
Durum Wheat.....	3.79	5.40	5.94	6.55	+0.54	+2.15	6.79	6.96
Spring Wheat....	4.31	5.08	5.27	5.44	+0.19	+0.96	5.72	5.73
Wheat, All.....	4.10	5.07	5.27	5.17	+0.20	+1.17	5.69	5.85
Barley.....	2.60	3.22	3.77	3.45	+0.55	+1.17	3.55	3.57
Feed Barley.....	1.70	3.11	3.24	3.22	+0.13	+1.54	3.39	3.65
Malt Barley.....	2.93	3.23	3.81	3.48	+0.58	+0.88	3.56	3.53
Oats.....	1.63	2.41	N/A	2.33	0	0	N/A	2.25
Alfalfa Hay.....	68.00	87.00	77.00	137.00	-10.00	+9.00	80.00	137.00
All Other Hay...	81.00	104.00	105.00	113.00	+1.00	+24.00	95.00	118.00
All Hay Baled...	70.00	90.00	81.00	131.00	-9.00	+11.00	83.00	132.00
Steer & Heifers.	105.00	90.40	90.10	93.10	-0.30	-14.90	102.00	94.40
Cows.....	46.80	52.00	53.70	51.40	+1.70	+6.90	54.20	51.50
Beef Cattle.....	66.00	73.10	81.70	89.20	+8.60	+15.70	95.80	90.50
Calves.....	141.00	112.00	114.00	127.00	+2.00	-27.00	125.00	129.00
Sheep.....	16.80	28.90	23.30	28.70	-5.60	+6.50	N/A	N/A
Lambs.....	103.00	102.00	103.00	98.60	+1.00	0	N/A	N/A
All Milk.....	11.90	17.70	19.80	21.70	+2.10	+8.30	22.50	21.70