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## November 2007 Ag Prices Received

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November full month crop prices were mostly lower when compared with October 2007 but higher when compared with November 2006, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Montana's full month November crop prices and changes from the previous month and year are as follows: Winter wheat was \$6.72 per bushel, down \$0.51 but up \$2.19; spring wheat was \$7.08 per bushel, down \$0.47 but up \$2.53; durum wheat was \$9.13 per bushel, down \$0.37 but up \$4.51; feed barley was \$4.93 per bushel, up \$0.17 and up \$2.59; and malt barley was \$3.22 per bushel, down \$0.80 but up \$0.11.

The mid-December price for alfalfa hay increased \$7.00 from November to \$76.00 per ton and all other hay rose \$2.00 to \$71.00 per ton. The mid December grain prices were higher than November with winter wheat at \$7.85 per bushel, spring wheat was \$8.13 per bushel, durum wheat was \$13.60 per bushel, feed barley was \$4.99 per bushel and malt barley was \$4.30 per bushel.

Livestock prices for the full month of November were mostly lower than October 2007 but mixed when compared with November 2006. Full month November livestock prices and the changes from the previous month and year are as follows: Steers and heifers were \$112.00 per cwt, down \$2.00 but up \$3.00; cows were \$42.00 per cwt, down \$3.70 but up \$0.20; beef cattle were \$91.00 per cwt, down \$8.00 and down \$1.90; calves were \$123.00 per cwt, down \$2.00 and down \$2.00; sheep were \$19.10 per cwt, down \$0.30 and down \$7.00; lambs were \$102.00 per cwt, up \$3.20 and up \$1.00; and milk was \$22.20 per cwt, down \$0.50 but up \$9.20.

Montana mid-December prices were mostly lower than November with steers and heifers at \$110.00 per cwt, cows were \$41.80 per cwt, beef cattle were \$90.20 per cwt, calves were \$121.00 per cwt, and all milk was \$22.30 per cwt.

Nationally, prices for November and changes from October were as follows: Winter wheat was \$7.32 per bushel, down \$0.22, spring wheat was \$7.02 per bushel, up \$0.01, durum wheat was \$11.10 per bushel, down \$0.50, all barley was \$4.34 per bushel, down \$0.16, oats were \$2.73 per bushel, up \$0.29, steers and heifers were \$95.90 per cwt, down \$0.50, cows were \$43.90 per cwt, down \$2.70, beef cattle were \$89.70 per cwt, down \$0.90, calves were \$119.00 per cwt, down \$3.00, sheep were \$27.60 per cwt, up \$2.30, and lambs were \$97.30 per cwt, up \$0.30.

The U.S. mid-December winter wheat price was \$9.22 per bushel, spring wheat was \$9.16 per bushel, durum wheat was \$14.70 per bushel, oats were \$2.71 per bushel, malt barley was \$4.75 per bushel, and feed barley was \$5.06 per bushel. Mid-December steers and heifers were \$95.50 per cwt, cows were \$44.10 per cwt, calves were \$119.00 per cwt, all milk was \$21.70 per cwt, all hogs were \$39.50 per cwt, and all eggs were \$1.28 per dozen.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 151 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (3.4 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 10 points (6.5 percent) but the Livestock Index is unchanged. The All Farm Index and All Crop Index are at record highs. Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Lower prices were received for oranges, turkeys, snap beans, and broilers. 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 wheat, milk, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, cattle, corn, and grapes.

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**Montana Average Farm Prices Received**

Commodity	UNIT	Monthly Average				Change from Previous		Mid-Month Avg	
		Montana			U.S.	Month	Year	Montana	U.S.
		Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Nov 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2006	15-Dec-07	15-Dec-07
		Dollars							
Winter Wheat	Bu	4.53	7.23	6.72	7.32	-0.51	2.19	7.85	9.22
Durum Wheat	Bu	4.62	9.50	9.13	11.10	-0.37	4.51	13.60	14.70
Spring Wheat	Bu	4.55	7.55	7.08	7.02	-0.47	2.53	8.13	9.16
All Wheat	Bu	4.55	7.55	7.05	7.36	-0.50	2.50	8.46	9.41
All Barley	Bu	2.90	4.22	3.73	4.34	-0.49	0.83	4.51	4.81
Feed Barley	Bu	2.34	4.76	4.93	5.05	0.17	2.59	4.99	5.06
Malt Barley	Bu	3.11	4.02	3.22	4.11	-0.80	0.11	4.30	4.75
Oats	Bu	1.96	2.88	na	2.73	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	na	2.71
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	74.00	72.00	69.00	135.00	-3.00	-5.00	76.00	136.00
All Other Hay	Ton	116.00	71.00	69.00	123.00	-2.00	-47.00	71.00	126.00
All Hay Baled	Ton	77.00	72.00	69.00	131.00	-3.00	-8.00	75.00	133.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	109.00	114.00	112.00	95.90	-2.00	3.00	110.00	95.50
Cows	Cwt	41.80	45.70	42.00	43.90	-3.70	0.20	41.80	44.10
Beef Cattle 1/	Cwt	92.90	99.00	91.00	89.70	-8.00	-1.90	90.20	89.10
Calves	Cwt	125.00	125.00	123.00	119.00	-2.00	-2.00	121.00	119.00
Sheep	Cwt	26.10	19.40	19.10	27.60	-0.30	-7.00	na	na
Lambs	Cwt	101.00	98.80	102.00	97.30	3.20	1.00	na	na
All Milk	Cwt	14.10	22.70	22.20	21.90	-0.50	8.10	22.30	21.70

1/ Composite of steers, heifers, and cows. na-not available.