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February 2007 Ag Prices Received

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February 2007 full month crop prices were higher when compared with January 2007. Montana's winter wheat average price was \$4.65 per bushel, up \$0.13 from the previous month; spring wheat prices increased \$0.17 to \$4.78 per bushel; durum wheat prices rose \$0.39 to \$5.12 per bushel. Feed barley prices increased \$0.13 from the previous month to \$3.07 per bushel, and malt barley prices increased \$0.01 to \$3.20 per bushel.

The mid-March price for alfalfa hay rose \$10.00 to \$90.00 per ton and all other hay increased \$12.00 to \$87.00 per ton. Mid-March grain prices were mostly higher than the previous month with winter wheat at \$4.65 per bushel, spring wheat was \$4.92 per bushel, durum wheat was \$5.56 per bushel, malt barley was \$3.50 per bushel, and feed barley was \$3.33 per bushel.

Livestock prices for the full month of February were mostly higher when compared with the previous month. Steer and heifer prices increased \$0.90 to \$94.70 per cwt, cows increased \$2.90 to \$47.70. The price for calves was unchanged at \$113.00 per cwt. Sheep prices dropped \$5.20 to \$30.30 per cwt, but lamb prices increased \$2.00 to \$99.60 per cwt. Milk prices increased \$0.40 per cwt from last month to \$14.80 per cwt. Steer and heifer prices for mid-March were \$100.00 per cwt, cows were \$48.90 per cwt, calves were \$121.00 per cwt, and milk prices were \$15.30 per cwt.

Nationally, prices for February and changes from January were as follows: winter wheat was \$4.67 per bushel, up \$0.14; spring wheat was \$4.73 per bushel, up \$0.21; durum wheat was \$5.16 per bushel, up \$0.46; the all barley price was \$3.10 per bushel, up \$0.07; steer and heifer prices were \$91.50 per cwt, up \$1.70; cows were \$47.00 per cwt, up \$2.60; calves were \$117.00 per cwt, up \$2.00; sheep were \$36.50 per cwt, down \$0.60; and lambs were \$95.40 per cwt, down \$1.10.

The U.S. mid-March winter wheat price was \$4.66 per bushel, spring wheat was \$4.78 per bushel, durum wheat was \$5.33 per bushel, all wheat was \$4.75 per bushel, malt barley was \$3.29 per bushel, feed barley was \$3.21 per bushel, and all barley was \$3.27. Steer and heifer prices were \$97.20 per cwt, cows were \$46.90 per cwt, calves were \$123.00 per cwt, all hogs were \$45.40 per cwt, and all eggs were \$0.77 per dozen.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 20 points (18 percent) from March 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 134, increased 6 points (4.7 percent) from last month and increased 19 points (17 percent) from March 2006.

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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.			Montana	U.S.
	Feb 2006	Jan 2007	Feb 2007	Feb 2007	Jan 2007	Feb 2006	Mar 15 2007	Mar 15 2007
BASE MONTH: February 2007								
Winter Wheat....	3.56	4.52	4.65	4.67	+0.13	+1.09	4.65	4.66
Durum Wheat.....	3.25	4.73	5.12	5.16	+0.39	+1.87	5.56	5.33
Spring Wheat....	3.79	4.61	4.78	4.73	+0.17	+0.99	4.92	4.78
Wheat, All.....	3.62	4.58	4.74	4.71	+0.16	+1.12	4.83	4.75
Barley.....	2.76	3.15	3.18	3.10	+0.03	+0.42	3.47	3.27
Feed Barley.....	1.73	2.94	3.07	3.17	+0.13	+1.34	3.33	3.21
Malt Barley.....	2.90	3.19	3.20	3.08	+0.01	+0.30	3.50	3.29
Oats.....	1.62	2.84	N/A	2.34	0	0	N/A	2.24
Alfalfa Hay.....	66.00	79.00	80.00	117.00	+1.00	+14.00	90.00	120.00
All Other Hay...	68.00	74.00	75.00	105.00	+1.00	+7.00	87.00	108.00
All Hay Baled...	66.00	79.00	79.00	114.00	0	+13.00	90.00	117.00
Steer & Heifers.	118.00	93.80	94.70	91.50	+0.90	-23.30	100.00	97.20
Cows.....	52.60	44.80	47.70	47.00	+2.90	-4.90	48.90	46.90
Beef Cattle.....	102.00	85.50	83.90	86.60	-1.60	-18.10	91.80	91.40
Calves.....	150.00	113.00	113.00	117.00	0	-37.00	121.00	123.00
Sheep.....	38.10	35.50	30.30	36.50	-5.20	-7.80	N/A	N/A
Lambs.....	104.00	97.60	99.60	95.40	+2.00	-4.40	N/A	N/A
All Milk.....	14.10	14.40	14.80	14.90	+0.40	+0.70	15.30	15.50