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April Ag Prices Received

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April 2007 full month crop prices were mixed compared with March 2007, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. When compared with March 2007, Montana's winter wheat price was \$4.79 per bushel, up \$0.14; spring wheat price was up \$0.07 to \$4.82 per bushel; durum wheat prices increased \$0.20 to \$5.57 per bushel; feed barley was down \$0.10 to \$2.91 per bushel; and malt barley was \$3.35 per bushel, up \$0.03.

The mid May price for alfalfa hay dropped \$1.00 to \$89.00 per ton and all other hay dropped \$8.00 to \$84.00 per ton. Mid May grain prices were mixed when compared with April. The winter wheat price was \$4.67 per bushel, spring wheat was \$4.97 per bushel, durum wheat was \$5.25 per bushel, malt barley was \$3.59 per bushel, and feed barley was \$3.07 per bushel.

Livestock prices for the full month of April were generally lower when compared with the previous month. Steer and heifer prices were steady at \$102.00 per cwt and cows increased \$2.30 to \$49.90 per cwt. The price for calves dropped \$4.00 to \$121.00 per cwt. Sheep prices dropped \$3.60 to \$28.20 per cwt and lamb prices fell \$5.00 to \$96.00 per cwt. Milk prices increased \$0.50 per cwt from March to \$15.50 per cwt. Mid month May steer and heifer prices were \$99.70 per cwt, cows were \$53.50 per cwt, calves were \$114.00 per cwt, and milk prices were \$16.80 per cwt.

Nationally, prices for April and changes from March were as follows: winter wheat was \$4.87 per bushel, up \$0.20; spring wheat was \$4.86 per bushel, up \$0.10; durum wheat was \$5.45 per bushel, up \$0.12; the all barley price was \$3.07 per bushel, down \$0.03; steer and heifer prices were \$99.90 per cwt, up \$2.20; and calf prices were up \$3.00 to \$127.00 per cwt.

The U.S. mid May winter wheat price was \$4.58 per bushel, spring wheat was \$4.91 per bushel, durum wheat was \$5.28 per bushel, all wheat was \$4.70 per bushel, malt barley was \$3.29 per bushel, feed barley was \$3.47 per bushel, and all barley was \$3.33 per bushel. Steer and heifer prices were \$98.60 per cwt, cows were \$51.60 per cwt, calves were \$126.00 per cwt, all hogs were \$52.00 per cwt, and all eggs were \$0.773 per dozen.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 138, based on 1990 92=100, increased 4 points (3.0 percent) from April.

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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.
	Apr 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Apr 2007	Mar 2007	Apr 2006	May 15 2007	May 15 2007
BASE MONTH: April 2007								
Winter Wheat....	3.78	4.65	4.79	4.87	+0.14	+1.01	4.67	4.58
Durum Wheat.....	3.42	5.37	5.57	5.45	+0.20	+2.15	5.25	5.28
Spring Wheat....	3.93	4.75	4.82	4.86	+0.07	+0.89	4.97	4.91
Wheat, All.....	3.80	4.74	4.87	4.89	+0.13	+1.07	4.86	4.70
Barley.....	2.82	3.28	3.28	3.07	0	+0.46	3.51	3.33
Feed Barley.....	1.65	3.01	2.91	3.20	-0.10	+1.26	3.07	3.47
Malt Barley.....	3.00	3.32	3.35	3.02	+0.03	+0.35	3.59	3.29
Oats.....	N/A	2.32	2.32	2.46	0	0	N/A	2.36
Alfalfa Hay.....	60.00	90.00	90.00	128.00	0	+30.00	89.00	144.00
All Other Hay...	66.00	87.00	92.00	113.00	+5.00	+26.00	84.00	116.00
All Hay Baled...	61.00	90.00	90.00	124.00	0	+29.00	89.00	138.00
Steer & Heifers.	111.00	102.00	102.00	99.90	0	-9.00	99.70	98.60
Cows.....	49.50	47.60	49.90	49.20	+2.30	+0.40	53.50	51.60
Beef Cattle.....	86.40	91.10	87.40	94.30	-3.70	+1.00	85.80	93.50
Calves.....	131.00	125.00	121.00	127.00	-4.00	-10.00	114.00	126.00
Sheep.....	26.00	31.80	28.20	33.80	-3.60	+2.20	N/A	N/A
Lambs.....	84.70	101.00	96.00	97.20	-5.00	+11.30	N/A	N/A
All Milk.....	12.90	15.00	15.50	16.60	+0.50	+2.60	16.80	17.80