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## September Agricultural Prices Received

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September full month crop prices were higher when compared to August 2007, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. New record highs were set in September for winter wheat, spring wheat, malt barley, and feed barley. Montana's winter wheat price was \$6.22 per bushel, up \$0.70 from August, spring wheat moved up \$0.48 to \$6.09 per bushel, and durum wheat prices gained \$0.41 to reach \$7.05 per bushel. Feed barley prices increased \$0.54 from the previous month to \$3.76 per bushel, and malt barley prices were up \$0.08 to \$3.73 per bushel.

The mid-October price for alfalfa hay dropped \$4.00 from September to \$72.00 per ton, but all other hay was unchanged at \$71.00 per ton. The mid October grain prices were all higher with winter wheat at \$7.53 per bushel, spring wheat was \$8.21 per bushel, durum wheat was \$14.00 per bushel, feed barley was \$5.06 per bushel, and malt barley was \$4.95 per bushel.

Livestock prices for the full month of September were mostly higher when compared to August 2007. Steers and heifers increased \$5.00 to \$107.00 per cwt, but cows decreased \$4.90 to \$48.70 per cwt. The price for beef cattle rose \$2.40 to \$97.10 per cwt, and calves jumped \$8.00 to \$130.00 per cwt. Sheep prices increased \$0.70 to \$20.70 per cwt and lambs rose \$1.00 to \$102.00 per cwt. The full month September milk price increased \$0.50 per cwt from August to \$22.40. Steers and heifers for mid-October were \$113.00 per cwt, cows were \$46.50 per cwt, beef cattle were \$99.00 per cwt, calves were \$126.00 per cwt, and milk was \$22.90 per cwt.

Nationally, prices for September and changes from August were as follows: winter wheat was \$6.89 per bushel, up \$2.86; spring wheat was \$6.30 per bushel, up \$0.77; durum wheat was \$8.95 per bushel, up \$2.07; oats were \$2.47 per bushel, up \$0.22; the all barley price was \$4.04 per bushel, up \$0.50; steers and heifers were \$98.10 per cwt, up \$2.30; calves were \$127.00 per cwt, down \$2.00; sheep were \$26.20 per cwt, down \$1.60; lambs were \$99.10 per cwt, up \$0.50; all hogs were \$46.60 per cwt, down \$5.00; and milk was \$21.70 per cwt, up \$0.10.

The U.S. mid-October winter wheat price was \$7.98 per bushel, spring wheat was \$7.62 per bushel, durum wheat was \$13.50 per bushel, all wheat was \$8.02 per bushel, oats were \$2.35 per bushel, malt barley was \$4.98 per bushel, feed barley was \$5.38 per bushel, all barley was \$5.18 per bushel, alfalfa hay was \$137.00 per ton, and other hay was \$122.00 per ton. Steer and heifers were \$96.70 per cwt, cows were \$46.80 per cwt, calves were \$125.00 per cwt, all milk was \$21.20 per cwt, all hogs were \$42.60 per cwt, and all eggs were \$0.936 per dozen.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 142 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 7 points (4.9 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 7 points (5.0 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, wheat, soybeans, and tomatoes and lower prices were received for broilers, hogs, cattle, and eggs. 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 soybeans, corn, cotton, and grain sorghum offset decreased marketings of milk, wheat, grapes, and broilers.

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**Montana Average Farm Prices Received**

Commodity	U N I T	Monthly Average				Change from Previous		Mid-Month Avg	
		Montana			U.S.	Month	Year	Montana	U.S.
		Sep 2006	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Sep 2007	Aug 2007	Sep 2006	15-Oct-07	15-Oct-07
		Dollars							
Winter Wheat	Bu	4.25	5.52	6.22	6.89	0.70	1.97	7.53	7.98
Durum Wheat	Bu	4.24	6.64	7.05	8.95	0.41	2.81	14.00	13.50
Spring Wheat	Bu	4.08	5.61	6.09	6.30	0.48	2.01	8.21	7.62
All Wheat	Bu	4.17	5.59	6.23	6.75	0.64	2.06	8.35	8.02
All Barley	Bu	2.78	3.59	3.74	4.04	0.15	0.00	4.99	5.18
Feed Barley	Bu	1.95	3.22	3.76	4.44	0.54	1.81	5.06	5.38
Malt Barley	Bu	2.92	3.65	3.73	3.75	0.08	0.81	4.95	4.98
Oats	Bu	1.89	2.18	2.62	2.47	0.44	0.73	na	2.35
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	78.00	80.00	76.00	135.00	-4.00	-2.00	72.00	137.00
All Other Hay	Ton	87.00	95.00	71.00	124.00	-24.00	-16.00	71.00	122.00
All Hay Baled	Ton	79.00	83.00	75.00	132.00	-8.00	-4.00	72.00	133.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	112.00	102.00	107.00	98.10	5.00	-5.00	113.00	96.70
Cows	Cwt	49.10	53.60	48.70	49.10	-4.90	-0.40	46.50	46.80
Beef Cattle 1/	Cwt	95.60	94.70	97.10	92.90	2.40	1.50	99.00	90.80
Calves	Cwt	143.00	122.00	130.00	127.00	8.00	-13.00	126.00	125.00
Sheep	Cwt	22.20	20.00	20.70	26.20	0.70	-1.50	na	na
Lambs	Cwt	104.00	101.00	102.00	99.10	1.00	-2.00	na	na
All Milk	Cwt	12.80	21.90	22.40	21.70	0.50	9.60	22.90	21.20

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