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August Ag Prices Received

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Montana's August full month crop prices were mixed when compared with July 2007, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Montana's winter wheat price was \$5.52 per bushel, up \$0.36, spring wheat went up \$0.34 to \$5.61 per bushel, and durum wheat increased \$0.70 to \$6.64 per bushel. All wheat prices for the State of Montana were a record high. Feed barley decreased \$0.02 to \$3.22 per bushel and malt barley was \$3.65 per bushel, down \$0.16 from last month.

The mid-September price for alfalfa hay decreased \$4.00 per ton from August 2007 to \$76.00, and all other hay fell \$24.00 to \$71.00 per ton. The mid-September grain prices were all higher with the per bushel prices as follows: winter wheat was \$6.61, spring wheat was \$6.33, durum wheat was \$8.29, feed barley was \$4.02, and malt barley was \$3.70.

Livestock prices for the full month of August were mixed when compared with July 2007. Steers and heifers rose \$11.90 to \$102.00 per cwt, cows were down \$0.10 to \$53.60 per cwt, beef cattle jumped \$13.00 to \$94.70 per cwt, and calves were up \$8.00 to \$122.00 per cwt. Sheep prices were down \$3.30 to \$20.00 per cwt, and lambs, at \$101.00 per cwt, were down \$2.00. The all milk price for August was \$21.90 per cwt, up \$2.10.

Mid-month September prices for livestock were mixed with the per cwt price as follows: Steers and heifers were \$108.00, cows were \$49.20, beef cattle were \$100.00, and calves were \$133.00. The mid-month September all milk price was \$23.30 per cwt.

Nationally, prices for August and changes from July were as follows: Winter wheat was \$5.66 per bushel, up \$0.52, spring wheat was \$5.53 per bushel, up \$0.09, durum wheat was \$6.88 per bushel, up \$0.33, feed barley was \$3.59 per bushel, up \$0.37, malt barley was \$3.52 per bushel, up \$0.04, oats were \$2.25 per bushel, down \$0.08, steers and heifers were \$95.80 per cwt, up \$2.70, cows were \$51.60 per cwt, up \$0.20, beef cattle were \$98.10 per cwt, up \$8.90, calves were \$129.00 per cwt, up \$2.00, sheep were \$27.80 per cwt, down \$0.90, lambs were \$98.60 per cwt, unchanged, and all milk was \$21.60 per cwt, down \$0.10.

The U.S. mid-September prices are as follows: Winter wheat, \$7.39 per bushel; spring wheat, \$6.62 per bushel; durum wheat, \$7.94 per bushel; all wheat, \$7.16 per bushel; malt barley, \$3.82 per bushel; feed barley, \$4.99 per bushel; all barley, \$4.27 per bushel; oats, \$2.30 per bushel; steers and heifers, \$98.10 per cwt; cows, \$50.30 per cwt; beef cattle, \$91.70 per cwt; calves, \$128.00 per cwt; all milk, \$21.80 per cwt; all hogs, \$47.00 per cwt; and all eggs, \$1.07 per dozen.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 23 points (19 percent) from September 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 146, increased 3 points (2.1 percent) from last month and 24 points (20 percent) from September 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.			Prev Mo	Prev Yr	Montana	U.S.
	Aug 2006	July 2007	Aug 2007	Aug 2007	July 2007	Aug 2006	Sept15 2007	Sept15 2007		
BASE MONTH: August 2007										
Winter Wheat....	4.12	5.16	5.52	5.66	+0.36	+1.40	6.61	7.39		
Durum Wheat.....	3.91	5.94	6.64	6.88	+0.70	+2.73	8.29	7.94		
Spring Wheat....	4.05	5.27	5.61	5.53	+0.34	+1.56	6.33	6.62		
Wheat, All.....	4.07	5.27	5.59	5.64	+0.32	+1.52	6.59	7.16		
Barley.....	2.87	3.77	3.59	3.54	-0.18	+0.72	3.75	4.27		
Feed Barley.....	1.71	3.24	3.22	3.59	-0.02	+1.51	4.02	4.99		
Malt Barley.....	3.02	3.81	3.65	3.52	-0.16	+0.63	3.70	3.82		
Oats.....	1.85	N/A	2.18	2.25	0	+0.33	N/A	2.30		
Alfalfa Hay.....	79.00	77.00	80.00	137.00	+3.00	+1.00	76.00	135.00		
All Other Hay...	72.00	105.00	95.00	118.00	-10.00	+23.00	71.00	124.00		
All Hay Baled...	78.00	81.00	83.00	132.00	+2.00	+5.00	75.00	132.00		
Steer & Heifers.	108.00	90.10	102.00	95.80	+11.90	-6.00	108.00	98.10		
Cows.....	50.30	53.70	53.60	51.60	-0.10	+3.30	49.20	50.30		
Beef Cattle.....	91.80	81.70	94.70	98.10	+13.00	+2.90	100.00	91.70		
Calves.....	141.00	114.00	122.00	129.00	+8.00	-19.00	133.00	128.00		
Sheep.....	18.50	23.30	20.00	27.80	-3.30	+1.50	N/A	N/A		
Lambs.....	101.00	103.00	101.00	98.60	-2.00	0	N/A	N/A		
All Milk.....	12.00	19.80	21.90	21.60	+2.10	+9.90	23.30	21.80		