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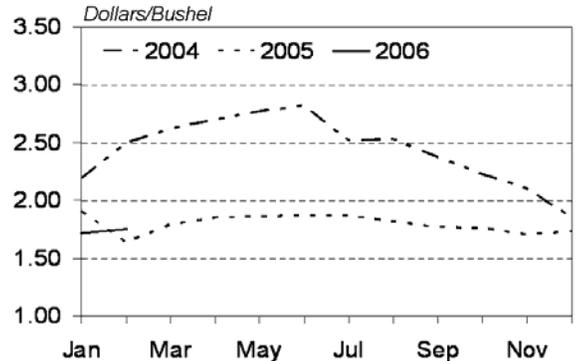
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**AGRICULTURAL PRICES**

**N**orth Dakota The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in February is 112 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This

is unchanged from last year but 4 percent below two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 103 percent of the base, is down 4 percent from February 2005 while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 134 percent, is up 7 percent from last year. February indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

**Corn for Grain Prices Received by Farmers North Dakota, January 2004-February 2006**



**Prices Received by Farmers North Dakota and United States, February 2006**

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price Feb 2006
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Wheat, All	Bu	3.39	3.55	3.60	3.36	3.52	3.66	10.40
Durum	Bu	3.66	3.22	3.20	3.72	3.29	3.33	NA
Other Spring	Bu	3.35	3.68	3.70	3.49	3.69	3.70	NA
Winter	Bu	2.76	3.09	3.15	3.27	3.45	3.67	NA
Corn	Bu	1.64	1.72	1.75	1.95	2.00	2.01	7.72
Oats	Bu	1.22	1.69	1.80	1.67	1.73	1.78	4.29
Barley, All	Bu	2.04	2.10	2.24	2.31	2.47	2.55	7.22
Feed	Bu	1.43	1.86	1.90	1.60	1.93	1.90	NA
Malting	Bu	2.26	2.16	2.35	2.58	2.63	2.81	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	15.80	11.50	11.40	15.00	11.20	11.10	32.50
Oil	Cwt	14.00	10.90	10.40	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	19.40	15.70	14.50	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All <sup>1/</sup>	Ton	58.00	49.00	50.00	88.20	91.20	95.00	NA
Alfalfa <sup>1/</sup>	Ton	62.00	55.00	54.00	94.00	95.60	99.20	NA
Other <sup>1/</sup>	Ton	44.00	39.00	38.00	74.20	79.30	83.20	NA
Canola	Cwt	9.65	9.56	NA	NA	NA	NA	26.80
Flaxseed	Bu	10.90	5.64	5.10	10.90	5.64	5.10	15.40
Soybeans	Bu	5.36	5.47	5.20	5.42	5.88	5.68	17.10
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	29.00	16.30	14.90	27.80	19.30	19.70	54.50
Navy	Cwt	25.30	18.10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	30.30	15.80	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	6.10	7.45	7.30	5.79	7.07	6.97	16.00
Fresh <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	5.95	11.00	NA	6.58	9.16	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	6.10	6.25	NA	5.30	5.69	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	94.90	109.00	105.00	88.80	95.10	92.60	191.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	103.00	116.00	114.00	93.10	102.00	98.10	NA
Cows	Cwt	55.40	50.70	52.00	52.50	47.30	48.50	NA
Calves	Cwt	128.00	143.00	141.00	129.00	141.00	142.00	266.00
Sheep	Cwt	46.00	46.00	NA	52.40	47.70	NA	94.90
Lambs	Cwt	119.00	105.00	NA	114.00	96.10	NA	231.00
Hogs	Cwt	51.40	42.30	NA	50.70	40.70	41.20	116.00

<sup>1/</sup> Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. <sup>2/</sup> Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

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## AGRICULTURAL PRICES (Continued)

### United States

The February All Farm Products Index is 113 percent of its 1990-92 base, unchanged from the January index but 1 percent below the February 2005 index. The All Crops Index is 113, up 5 percent from January and 6 percent above February 2005. The Livestock and Products Index, at 114, is 3 percent below last month and down 4 percent from February 2005.



### Index Numbers of Farm Prices North Dakota and United States, February 2006

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
<b>Prices Received</b>	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	112	117	112	114	113	113
Crops	107	109	103	107	108	113
Food Grains	108	116	115	109	117	120
Feed Grains & Hay	87	92	92	91	92	95
Oil Bearing Crops <sup>1/</sup>	119	107	100	99	105	102
Potatoes & Dry Beans <sup>2/</sup>	105	107	100	106	118	118
Livestock and Products	125	138	134	119	118	114
Meat Animals	124	140	135	119	122	120
Dairy Products	141	131	141	119	111	106
Other Livestock Products <sup>3/</sup>	113	113	113	120	113	108
<b>Prices Paid</b>	NA	NA	NA	137	146	146
<b>Ratio <sup>4/</sup></b>	NA	NA	NA	83	77	77

<sup>1/</sup> Includes non-oil sunflower. <sup>2/</sup> North Dakota includes sugarbeets. <sup>3/</sup> United States excludes wool. <sup>4/</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid. NA=Not applicable.

## HONEY PRODUCTION

### North Dakota

Honey production in 2005 from North Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 33.7 million pounds, up 11 percent from 2004. This is the largest honey production level since 2000, when production was 34.5 million pounds. North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production for the second consecutive year.

There were 370,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2005, down 20,000 from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 91 pounds, up from 78 pounds in 2004. The highest yield on record was 142 pounds in 1972.

Producer honey stocks were 8.42 million pounds on December 15, 2005, down from 9.13 million

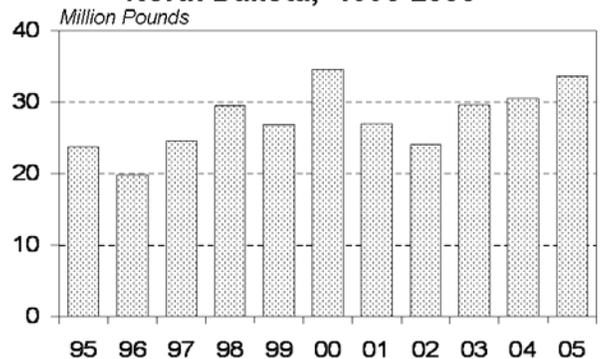
pounds a year earlier. Prices for the 2005 crop averaged 81 cents per pound, down 21 cents from 2004. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives.

### United States

Honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 175 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2004.

There were 2.41 million colonies producing honey in 2005, down 6 percent from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, up 1 percent from the 71.8 pounds in 2004. Producer honey stocks were 62.4 million pounds on December 15, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Honey prices decreased during 2005 to 90.4 cents, down 15 percent from 106.9 cents in 2004.

### Honey: Production North Dakota, 1995-2005



### Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Selected States and United States, 2004-2005

State	Producing Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks on Hand Dec. 15 <sup>1/</sup>		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000	1,000	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
<b>North Dakota</b>	390	370	78	91	30,420	33,670	9,126	8,418	102	81	31,028	27,273
California	390	400	45	75	17,550	30,000	5,792	9,300	101	84	17,726	25,200
Florida	205	160	98	86	20,090	13,760	2,009	2,477	100	87	20,090	11,971
Minnesota	135	120	75	74	10,125	8,880	1,924	1,598	104	83	10,530	7,370
Montana	140	130	77	67	10,780	8,710	3,773	3,136	105	80	11,319	6,968
South Dakota	215	220	105	79	22,575	17,380	13,545	11,818	100	76	22,575	13,209
<b>United States</b>	2,556	2,410	71.8	72.5	183,582	174,643	61,222	62,406	106.9	90.4	196,259	157,795

<sup>1/</sup> Held by producers.

# NORTH DAKOTA'S RANK IN AGRICULTURE

## The 10 Leading States and North Dakota's Rank

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	North Dakota's Rank	Percent of Nation <sup>1/</sup>
<b>Crop Production - 2005</b>												
Corn, Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	KS	OH	WI	MO	14	1
Silage	WI	CA	NY	PA	MN	SD	ID	IA	MI	NE	19	2
Wheat, Durum	ND	MT	AZ	CA	ID	SD					1	68
Spring	ND	MT	MN	SD	ID	WA	OR	CO	UT	WY	1	44
Winter	KS	OK	WA	TX	MT	NE	ID	SD	OH	CO	19	1
All	KS	ND	MT	WA	SD	OK	ID	TX	MN	NE	2	14
Oats	ND	WI	SD	MN	IA	PA	TX	MI	NE	NY	1	12
Barley	ND	ID	MT	WA	CO	WY	VA	MN	CA	MD	1	27
Flaxseed	ND	MT	SD	MN							1	92
Potatoes	ID	WA	WI	CO	OR	ND	MN	ME	CA	MI	6	5
Sugarbeets	MN	ID	ND	MI	CA	MT	NE	CO	WY	OR	3	17
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	NE	OH	MO	SD	ND	KS	9	3
Dry Edible Beans, Navy	ND	MI	MN	ID	SD	NE	WY	WA	OR		1	34
Pinto	ND	NE	CO	WY	ID	MN	MI	KS	WA	MT	1	50
All	ND	MI	NE	MN	CO	ID	CA	WA	WY	SD	1	32
Dry Edible Peas	ND	MT	WA	ID	OR						1	70
Lentils	ND	MT	WA	ID							1	38
Sunflower, Oil	ND	SD	KS	CO	MN	NE	TX				1	45
Non-oil	ND	TX	SD	CO	KS	MN	NE				1	39
All	ND	SD	KS	CO	TX	MN	NE				1	44
Canola	ND	MN	MT								1	92
Hay, Alfalfa	CA	SD	IA	ID	MN	NE	MT	WI	KS	ND	10	4
All Other	TX	MO	KY	TN	OK	KS	VA	SD	ND	NE	9	3
All	TX	CA	SD	NE	MO	KS	MN	IA	MT	KY	11	4
Total Acreage												
Principal Crops Planted	IA	IL	KS	TX	ND	MN	NE	SD	MO	IN	5	7
Principal Crops Harvested	IA	IL	KS	ND	MN	TX	NE	SD	MO	IN	4	7
Grain Storage, December 1												
On-Farm Capacity	IA	IL	MN	NE	ND	IN	SD	MO/OH		KS	5	7
Off-Farm Capacity	IL	IA	KS	NE	TX	MN	IN	OH	ND	WI	9	3
<b>Livestock on Hand - January 1, 2006</b>												
All Cattle & Calves	TX	KS	NE	CA	OK	MO	IA	SD	WI	CO	17	2
Cattle & Calves on Feed	TX	NE	KS	CO	IA	CA	SD	OK	AZ	MN	23	*
Cows That Have Calved	TX	CA	MO	OK	NE	SD	KS	WI	MT	IA	14	2
Milk	CA	WI	NY	PA	ID	MN	NM	TX	MI	OH	32	*
Beef	TX	MO	OK	NE	SD	KS	MT	KY	TN	IA	11	3
All Hogs - December 1, 2005	IA	NC	MN	IL	IN	NE	MO	OK	KS	OH	27	*
All Sheep & Lambs	TX	CA	WY	CO	SD	MT	UT	ID	IA	OR	17	2
<b>Livestock Production - 2005</b>												
Calf Crop	TX	CA/MO		OK	NE	SD	KS	MT	WI	IA	13	2
Lamb Crop	TX	WY	SD	MT	CA	UT	ID	IA	CO	OR	16	2
Pig Crop	NC	IA	MN	IL	OK	NE	MO	IN	KS	OH	24	*
Turkeys Raised	MN	NC	AR	VA	MO	CA	IN	PA	IA	SC	16	*
Wool Production	TX	WY	CA	CO	SD	MT	UT	ID	IA	OR	14	2
Honey Production	ND	CA	SD	FL	MN	MT	TX	WI	MI	NY	1	19

\* Less than one-half of one percent. 1/ North Dakota's percent of Nation's total.

## NORTH DAKOTA'S RANK IN AGRICULTURE (Continued)

Farmers and ranchers in the state maintained North Dakota's #1 ranking in the production of spring and durum wheat, barley, oats, canola, pinto beans, dry edible peas, lentils, flaxseed and sunflower in 2005 compared with other states. Navy bean production in North Dakota moved to first place in 2005, up from second place last year. North Dakota remained the second highest all wheat producing state in 2005, behind Kansas.

Durum wheat production in North Dakota accounted for 68 percent of the U.S. total, up from 59 percent in 2004, while spring wheat accounted for 44 percent, up from 43 percent last year. Canola production accounted for 92 percent of the U.S. total compared with 91 percent in 2004. Pinto bean production accounted for 50 percent of the U.S. total, up from 46 percent a year ago. Flaxseed, dry edible peas, sunflower, lentils, barley and oat production accounted for 92, 70, 44, 38, 27 and 12 percent of the U.S. total, respectively.

North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production in 2005 for the second consecutive year. North Dakota bee colonies produced 19 percent of the U.S. production, up from 17 percent in 2004. Sugarbeet production rank remained in third place, behind Minnesota and Idaho.

### North Dakota's Top Agricultural Commodities, 2005

2005 Rank in the U.S.	Commodity	Percent of Nation's Production
#1	Spring Wheat	44%
	Durum Wheat	68%
	Barley	27%
	Oats	12%
	Canola	92%
	All Sunflower	44%
	Oil Sunflower	45%
	Non-oil Sunflower	39%
	Flaxseed	92%
	All Dry Edible Beans	32%
	Pinto Beans	50%
	Navy Beans	34%
	Dry Edible Peas	70%
	Lentils	38%
Honey	19%	
#2	All Wheat	14%
#3	Sugarbeets	17%
#6	Potatoes	5%
#9	Soybeans	3%
	All Other Hay	3%
#10	Alfalfa Hay	4%
#11	All Hay	4%
#14	Corn for Grain	1%

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