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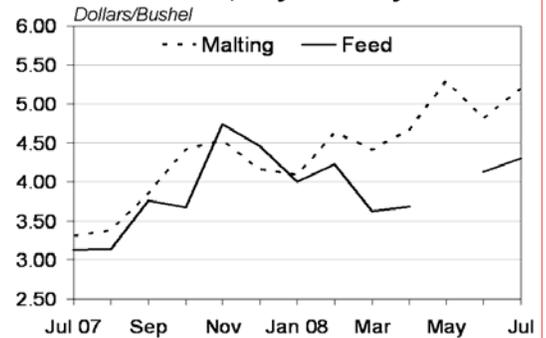
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AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota
The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in July is 218 percent of the 1990-1992 base.

This is up 46 percent from last year and 86 percent above two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 248 percent of the base, is up 56 percent from July 2007 and the All Livestock and Products Index, at 118 percent, is up 1 percent from last year. July indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

**Barley Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota, July 2007-July 2008**



¹ May 2008 feed barley price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

**Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota and United States, July 2008**

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price July 2008
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	
Wheat, All	Bu	5.68	10.50	8.78	5.17	7.62	7.29	13.60
Durum	Bu	6.72	14.60	12.50	6.69	8.41	10.80	NA
Spring	Bu	5.54	10.10	8.40	5.43	10.10	8.48	NA
Winter	Bu	5.11	9.93	9.00	5.13	7.51	7.09	NA
Corn	Bu	3.26	5.30	5.60	3.32	5.48	5.61	8.61
Oats	Bu	2.06	3.18	3.10	2.32	3.49	3.57	5.60
Barley, All	Bu	3.26	4.79	5.07	3.46	4.75	4.61	9.40
Feed	Bu	3.13	4.13	4.30	3.27	5.53	4.68	NA
Malting	Bu	3.30	4.82	5.20	3.49	4.50	4.57	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	17.90	27.90	28.40	18.20	28.20	28.30	42.90
Oil	Cwt	17.60	27.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	18.80	29.80	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All ¹	Ton	56.00	72.00	70.00	131.00	161.00	164.00	NA
Alfalfa ¹	Ton	58.00	75.00	72.00	137.00	172.00	177.00	NA
Other ¹	Ton	40.00	54.00	54.00	113.00	130.00	130.00	NA
Canola	Cwt	14.70	25.40	25.50	14.50	25.30	25.50	39.10
Flaxseed	Bu	8.14	18.00	18.50	8.14	18.00	18.50	23.00
Soybeans	Bu	7.18	12.70	13.20	7.56	13.20	14.20	21.30
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	22.80	28.50	32.40	28.50	33.00	38.20	69.20
Navy	Cwt	22.70	33.90	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	22.80	28.20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	5.95	7.90	7.30	8.48	10.78	11.42	21.10
Fresh ²	Cwt	³	8.25	NA	11.33	18.61	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	³	7.90	NA	6.53	6.54	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	68.40	66.60	70.70	89.00	92.00	95.70	261.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	95.00	96.00	98.00	93.00	96.40	100.00	NA
Cows	Cwt	54.00	54.00	56.00	51.50	54.30	56.40	NA
Calves	Cwt	122.00	112.00	110.00	126.00	118.00	115.00	378.00
Sheep	Cwt	23.00	25.00	NA	29.20	24.80	NA	119.00
Lambs	Cwt	104.00	115.00	NA	98.70	102.00	NA	296.00
Hogs	Cwt	53.20	50.80	NA	52.20	53.30	52.50	143.00

¹ Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. ² Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. ³ Insufficient sales to establish a price. NA=Not applicable.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES (Continued)

United States

The July All Farm Products Index is 161 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 2 percent from the June index and 16 percent above the July 2007 index. **ALL CROPS:** The July index is 186, up 2 percent from June and 32 percent above July 2007.

The Food Grains index, at 246, is 4 percent below the previous month but 42 percent above a year ago. The Feed Grains & Hay index is 236, up 2 percent from last month and 53 percent above a year ago.

The Oil-Bearing Crops index, at 254, is up 7 percent from June and 87 percent higher than July 2007. The Livestock and Products Index, at 138, is 1 percent above last month and up 1 percent from July 2007.



Index Numbers of Farm Prices North Dakota and United States, July 2008

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008
Prices Received	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	149	228	218	139	158	161
Crops	159	261	248	141	183	186
Food Grains	202	337	311	173	256	246
Feed Grains & Hay	153	231	240	154	231	236
Oil Bearing Crops ¹	140	245	253	136	238	254
Potatoes & Dry Beans ²	108	121	113	146	184	197
Livestock and Products	117	112	118	137	137	138
Meat Animals	108	101	110	120	123	126
Dairy Products	152	155	152	165	148	149
Other Livestock Products ³	130	129	130	148	154	154
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	162	189	191
Ratio ⁴	NA	NA	NA	86	84	84

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

2008 NORTH DAKOTA WHEAT VARIETIES

North Dakota

Glenn is the leading spring wheat variety in North Dakota for the second year in a row with nearly 1.90 million acres planted statewide. It accounts for 27.9 percent of the 6.80 million acres of spring wheat planted in 2008. Steele-ND ranks second with 9.2 percent of the spring wheat acreage. Freyr represents 8.6 percent of the spring wheat planted and ranks third. Briggs and Alsen rank fourth and fifth, respectively, both with 7.6 percent of the spring wheat acres planted. Howard is sixth with 5.1 percent of the spring wheat acreage. Kelby accounts for 4.1 percent of the spring wheat acreage. The top seven varieties account for 70.1 percent of the spring wheat planted in 2008. North Dakota continues to rank first in spring wheat planted acreage in the United States, with 47.9 percent of the nation's total acreage.

Lebsock and Mountrail maintain their rankings as the top two Durum wheat varieties planted in 2008. Lebsock accounts for 26.7 percent of the Durum wheat planted acreage and Mountrail accounts for 21.0 percent. Ben ranks third in Durum wheat acreage with 10.3 percent, and Divide ranks fourth with 7.6 percent. Pierce is fifth with 7.5 percent of the Durum wheat planted acres. The top five varieties account for 73.1 percent of the Durum acreage in North Dakota. Once again, North Dakota ranks first in Durum wheat planted acreage with 64.0 percent of the nation's estimated 2.66 million acres planted.

Jerry accounts for 50.5 percent of the 2008 winter wheat planted acreage in North Dakota, marking the fifth year as the most popular winter wheat variety. CDC Falcon remains in second place with 13.9 percent of the winter wheat acreage. Jagalene and Wesley rank third and fourth, respectively, with 10.4 and 6.2 percent. The top four varieties account for 81.0 percent of the winter wheat acreage planted in North Dakota.

Spring Wheat

Glenn is the top spring wheat variety with 27.9 percent of the 6.80 million acres of spring wheat planted. It is the leading spring wheat variety in every district but the southwest and the southeast. Released in 2005 by NDSU, Glenn has semi-dwarf height, strong straw strength, medium-early maturity, very high test weight and superior milling and baking quality.

Steele-ND ranks second with 9.2 percent of the spring wheat acreage. It is the leading spring wheat planted in the southwest. Released in 2004 by NDSU, Steele-ND has semi-dwarf height, medium straw strength, medium maturity, high test weight and good milling and baking quality.

Freyr ranks third for the second straight year with 8.6 percent of the spring wheat acreage in 2008. Released in 2004 by AgriPro, Freyr has semi-dwarf height, strong straw strength, medium maturity, average test weight and good milling and baking quality.

Briggs ranks fourth in 2008 with 7.6 percent of the spring wheat acreage. It is the top variety in the southeast for the second year in a row. Released in 2002 by South Dakota State University, Briggs has semi-dwarf height, medium straw strength, medium-early maturity, average test weight and average milling and baking quality.

Durum Wheat

Lebsock is the most popular Durum wheat variety with 26.7 percent of the 1.70 million acres of Durum wheat planted. Lebsock has ranked first among Durum wheat varieties since 2004. A 1999 North Dakota release, Lebsock is characterized by medium height, strong straw strength, medium maturity and good overall quality.

Mountrail ranks second for the fifth year in a row with 21.0 percent of the Durum wheat acreage. For the seventh straight year it is the most popular variety in the northwest district. Released in 1998, Mountrail has medium height, strong straw strength, late maturity and average overall quality.

Ben ranks third with 10.3 percent of the total Durum wheat acreage. Ben has decreased in percentage since 2000. Ben is a 1996 North Dakota release characterized by medium height, strong straw strength, medium maturity and average overall quality.

Divide ranks fourth in Durum acreage planted with 7.6 percent. Released in 2005, Divide has medium height, strong straw strength, medium maturity and excellent overall quality.

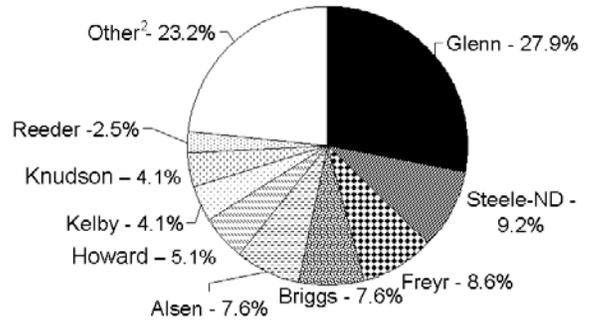
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**Spring Wheat Varieties: Percent of Acreage Planted¹
North Dakota, 2004-2008**

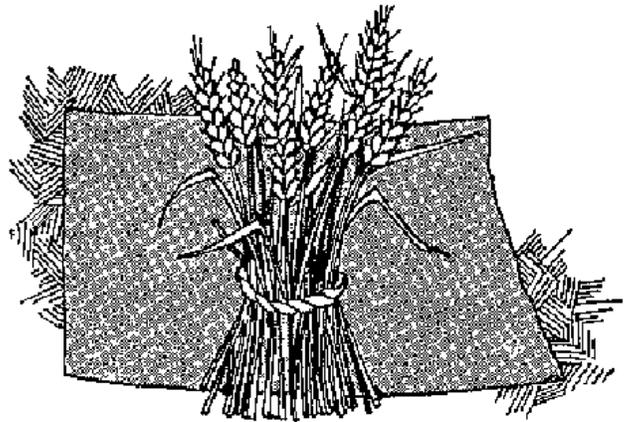
Variety	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
					Pct	Acres Planted
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000</i>
Glenn	0.0	0.0	1.7	20.9	27.9	1,898.6
Steele-ND	0.0	1.4	9.3	9.1	9.2	626.0
Freyr	0.0	1.6	5.9	9.5	8.6	585.3
Briggs	7.6	12.7	14.1	9.2	7.6	517.4
Alsen	28.9	23.1	21.4	15.1	7.6	515.1
Howard	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	5.1	347.7
Kelby	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	4.1	281.5
Knudson	6.7	6.7	5.4	4.4	4.1	276.1
Reeder	13.3	16.2	11.2	8.8	2.5	173.2
Faller	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.2	146.6
Choteau	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	1.7	113.8
Granite	3.4	7.3	5.5	1.9	1.6	109.7
Dapps	0.0	1.2	3.0	1.4	1.3	91.5
Kuntz	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.3	90.1
Granger	0.0	0.3	1.5	2.2	1.2	83.4
Traverse	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.1	77.8
Parshall	7.1	5.8	2.7	1.1	1.0	64.7
Oklee	0.3	1.4	2.5	1.9	0.9	63.2
Grandin	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.7	45.2
Amidon	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.6	43.0
Other ²	30.2	20.3	13.8	10.4	9.6	650.1
All Varieties	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	6,800.0

¹ Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. ² Other includes varieties not listed and unknown varieties.

**Spring Wheat Varieties
Percent¹ of Acreage Planted
North Dakota, 2008**



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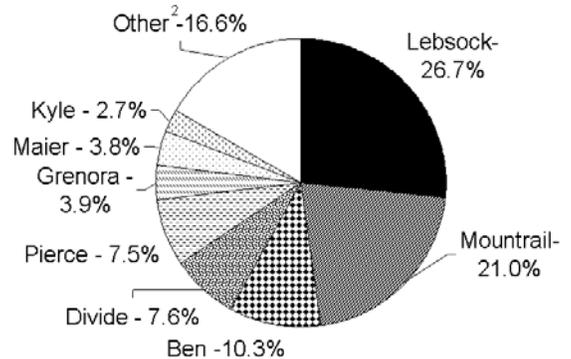


**Durum Wheat Varieties: Percent of Acreage Planted¹
North Dakota, 2004-2008**

Variety	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
					Pct	Acres Planted
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000</i>
Lebsock	27.9	28.3	29.7	28.3	26.7	454.2
Mountrail	21.3	25.5	27.3	23.8	21.0	357.7
Ben	20.2	16.4	13.4	11.7	10.3	174.6
Divide	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	7.6	129.6
Pierce	2.9	6.4	8.4	13.1	7.5	126.8
Grenora	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.9	65.8
Maier	3.7	2.6	4.3	2.3	3.8	64.3
Kyle	4.1	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.7	46.0
Dilse	2.0	2.5	4.0	3.8	2.6	43.7
Alkabo	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.2	36.9
Grande Doro	0.0	0.6	0.2	1.3	1.3	22.2
Plaza	1.1	2.0	0.0	1.4	1.3	21.8
Other ²	16.8	11.7	9.7	8.5	9.2	156.4
All Varieties	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,700.0

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**Durum Wheat Varieties
Percent¹ of Acreage Planted
North Dakota, 2008**



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2008 NORTH DAKOTA BARLEY VARIETIES

North Dakota

North Dakota continues to rank first in barley acreage planted in the United States, accounting for 36 percent of the nation's 4.13 million acres. Planted acreage in North Dakota is 1.50 million in 2008, up 2 percent from last year. This is the highest acreage planted in North Dakota since 2004.

Recommended Malting Varieties

Tradition is the leading North Dakota barley variety for the third straight year. It accounts for 37.4 percent of the total barley acres planted.

Lacey is the second most planted barley variety in North Dakota. It represents 17.6 percent of the total barley acres planted.

Stellar-ND ranks third and accounts for 10.6 percent of the barley acres planted in North Dakota. Stellar-ND has increased in its percentage of acres planted every year since its release in 2005

Feeding and Other Varieties

Haybet is the most popular feed variety for the sixth consecutive year, and ranks eighth overall with 1.4 percent of the total barley acres planted. Haybet, a two-row hooded variety, is grown extensively for hay and forage.

Logan is second among feed varieties and was planted on 7,200 acres in 2008. This two-row feed barley ranked ninth among barley varieties planted in North Dakota. Logan was released in 1995 by North Dakota State University.

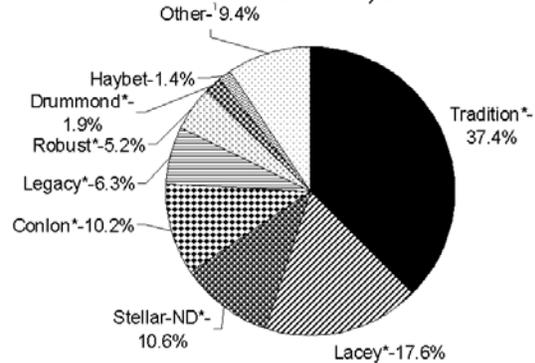
Stark is the third most popular feed variety in 2008 and ranks twelfth among North Dakota barley varieties. This feed variety was planted on 4,400 acres. It is a two-row barley released in 1991.

**Barley Varieties: Percent of Acreage Planted
North Dakota, 2004-2008**

Variety	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
					Pct	Acres Planted
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000</i>
Tradition*	3.4	6.8	25.9	30.0	37.4	561.1
Lacey*	12.0	17.4	15.3	13.9	17.6	264.4
Stellar-ND*	0.0	0.3	4.3	10.1	10.6	159.5
Conlon*	7.5	7.9	10.6	10.1	10.2	153.1
Legacy*	13.1	11.9	6.8	7.8	6.3	93.9
Robust*	43.7	37.3	19.9	13.6	5.2	78.6
Drummond*	5.5	5.5	3.7	2.6	1.9	28.2
Haybet	3.5	3.9	3.7	2.6	1.4	20.9
Logan	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.5	7.2
Excel	2.0	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.3	5.1
CDC Copeland*	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.8	0.3	4.7
Stark	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	4.4
Conrad*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.2
Stander*	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.3	0.3	4.1
Scarlett*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.8
Other ¹	8.0	7.0	4.8	5.5	7.1	106.8
All Varieties	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,500.0

¹ Other includes varieties not listed and unknown varieties. * Recommended for malting by the American Malting Barley Association for 2008.

**Barley Varieties
Percent of Acreage Planted
North Dakota, 2008**



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