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Prices received by farmers, selected commodities, Oregon and United States

Commodity	Unit	Oregon			United States		
		Entire month		Preliminary	Entire month		Preliminary
		May 2005	Apr 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Apr 2006	May 2006
		Dollars	*Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Dollars*
		Field crops					
Wheat, all	Bu	3.69	3.42	3.47	3.31	3.81	4.07
Wheat, winter	Bu	3.64	3.38	3.40	3.23	3.76	4.10
Wheat, spring	Bu	3.96	3.71	3.90	3.37	3.94	4.10
Barley	Bu	2.16	2.24	2.20	2.46	2.67	2.70
Oats	Bu	*	*	*	1.64	1.75	1.76
Hay, all (baled) [2]	Tons	102.00	117.00	115.00	107.00	106.00	114.00
Hay, alfalfa (baled) [2]	Tons	110.00	127.00	121.00	116.00	110.00	118.00
Hay, other (baled) [2]	Tons	90.00	107.00	107.00	75.40	93.20	96.80
Potatoes	Cwt	7.15	6.50	6.80	6.23	7.97	8.29
		Vegetables and fruits [1]					
Onions, fresh [3]	Cwt	-	-	-	19.70	9.81	16.40
Sweet corn, fresh [3]	Cwt	-	-	-	18.10	27.20	16.10
Pears, fresh	Tons	-	-	-	498.00	413.00	470.00
Apples, fresh	Lb	-	-	-	0.174	0.247	0.238
Strawberries, fresh	Cwt	-	-	-	54.90	60.10	60.40
		Livestock and livestock products					
Cows [4]	Cwt	53.50	44.00	43.00	58.30	48.50	48.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt	111.00	102.00	102.00	96.10	89.30	85.80
Beef cattle [5]	Cwt	93.80	84.60	84.30	92.10	84.80	81.80
Calves	Cwt	128.00	125.00	122.00	143.00	135.00	132.00
Lambs [6]	Cwt	104.00	85.00	-	114.00	86.80	-
Sheep [6]	Cwt	47.50	40.00	-	43.70	34.90	-
Milk, all [7]	Cwt	14.50	14.20	14.10	14.70	12.10	12.00
Fat test percent	Pct	3.58	3.70	3.64	3.61	3.68	3.63
Eggs, all [1 2]	Doz	-	-	-	0.456	0.512	0.439
Eggs, market [1 2]	Doz	-	-	-	0.243	0.318	0.231

* Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms or insufficient sales reported to establish a price. [1] Oregon not published monthly. [2] Mid-month price. [3] F.O.B. shipping point. [4] Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. [5] "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. [6] Entire month. [7] Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

Index summary table

Indexes/Ratios	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	May 2005	May 2006	May 2005	Apr* 2006	May 2006
	United States				
Prices received	756	723	119	113	114
Prices paid	1,859	1,950	140	146	146
Ratio [1]	-	-	85	77	78
Parity Ratio [2]	41	37	-	-	-
	Oregon				
Commodity group					
All farm products	717	803	118	147	133
All crops	662	804	118	156	143
Livestock [3]	856	798	117	112	109

[1] Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.
[2] Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100)
[3] Includes livestock and livestock products.
* Revised.

Feed price ratios: United States, May 2006

Feed price ratio [1 2]	2005	2006	
	May	Apr *	May
Broiler Feed	6.9	5.6	5.5
Market egg feed	4.6	6.2	4.4
Hog-corn	27.7	19.6	21.8
Milk-feed	2.93	2.46	2.33
Steer and heifer-corn	48.5	42.3	39.5
Turkey-feed	6.9	7.4	7.3

[1] Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current US prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.
[2] Feed price ratio definitions are available in the national release.
* Revised.

Agricultural Chemical Use – Fall Potatoes

Fall Potatoes: Eight fall producing States were included in the 2005 survey: Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin. **Nitrogen** averaged 4.1 applications per field with a total of 180.3 million pounds applied to 99 percent of the fall potato acreage. **Phosphate** was applied to 98 percent of the fall potato acres, with a total of 132.5 millions pounds applied. A total of 145.4 million pounds of **Potash** were applied to 92 percent of the planted acreage. **Sulfur** recorded 41.3 million pounds applied to 72 percent of the acres planted.

Fall potatoes: Planted acreage and fertilizer use, program states and total, 2005

State	Planted acreage	Percent of acres treated and total applied							
		Nitrogen		Phosphate		Potash		Sulfur	
	1,000 acres	*Percent*	*Mil. lbs.*	*Percent*	*Mil. lbs.*	*Percent*	*Mil. lbs.*	*Percent*	*Mil. lbs.*
CO	58	92	9.4	86	7.9	64	3.2	89	2.6
ID	325	100	72.9	99	56.9	92	40.0	82	21.7
ME [1]	58	100	10.2	100	10.1	100	11.9	-	-
MI	44	99	9.2	94	4.9	100	10.2	58	1.4
MN	46	100	8.2	100	5.0	81	7.7	55	0.7
ND	92	100	14.7	100	8.4	96	13.7	54	1.3
WA	154	100	37.8	98	30.2	92	38.2	89	9.5
WI	68	100	17.9	99	9.1	99	20.5	72	4.1
Total [2]	845	99	180.3	98	132.5	92	145.4	72	41.3

[1] Insufficient reports to publish data for one or more of the fertilizer primary nutrients.
[2] Total is for the eight fall-producing potato States surveyed for pesticide applications in 2005.

Fall potatoes: Planted acreage and pesticide use, program states and total, 2005

State	Planted acreage	Area receiving and total applied							
		Herbicide		Insecticide		Fungicide		Other	
	1,000 acres	*Percent*	*1,000 lbs.*	*Percent*	*1,000 lbs.*	*Percent*	*1,000 lbs.*	*Percent*	*1,000 lbs.*
CO	58	78	101	57	10	78	87	34	9,678
ID	325	90	694	65	331	81	813	49	37,732
ME	58	100	35	91	18	100	607	12	46
MI	44	98	68	97	20	98	391	2	55
MN	46	97	33	97	10	98	578	8	7
ND	92	89	57	76	11	96	854	7	15
WA	154	96	328	97	517	99	1,394	70	17,171
WI	68	99	78	97	62	99	810	49	3,327
Total [1]	845	92	1,394	79	979	90	5,534	40	68,031

[1] Total is for the eight fall-producing potato States surveyed for pesticide applications in 2005.

Agricultural Chemical Use – Corn

Corn: Nitrogen was applied to 96 percent of the 2005 corn planted acreage in the 19 Program States: Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin. Corn growers applied an average of 138 pounds of nitrogen per acre per crop year. **Phosphate** was applied to 81 percent of the corn acreage in the Program States at an average rate of 58 pounds peracre per crop year. **Potash,** applied at 84 pounds per acre per crop year, was applied to 65 percent of the acreage planted to corn. For the first time, **Sulfur** use was included in the survey and 13 percent of the acres planted received an application at an average rate of 12 pounds per acre per crop year.

Corn: Planted acreage and fertilizer use, program states and total, 2005

State	Planted acreage	Percent of acres treated and total applied							
		Nitrogen		Phosphate		Potash		Sulfur	
	1,000 acres	*Percent*	*Mil. lbs.*	*Percent*	*Mil. lbs.*	*Percent*	*Mil. lbs.*	*Percent*	*Mil. lbs.*
CO	1,100	89	126.2	63	24.4	21	4.2	33	3.3
GA	270	98	38.7	86	16.1	87	24.5	53	2.5
IL	12,100	98	1,728.3	84	780.4	84	1,160.5	4	14.9
IN	5,900	100	869.3	93	420.2	88	648.2	14	8.1
IA	12,800	92	1,653.2	70	579.0	71	762.3	5	4.5
KS	3,650	97	482.1	81	112.7	26	34.9	17	5.3
KY [1]	1,250	98	210.5	78	75.5	77	86.9	-	-
MI	2,250	97	277.8	88	89.6	81	148.4	21	3.7
MN	7,300	94	953.9	86	378.1	77	400.3	9	8.2
MO	3,100	99	489.5	79	149.5	78	180.1	19	10.0
NE	8,500	99	1,162.5	75	237.3	22	38.8	30	35.0
NY [1]	990	94	62.2	88	33.2	79	34.9	-	-
NC	750	97	90.5	74	25.5	86	53.1	18	1.1
ND	1,410	99	169.3	94	58.8	38	13.3	8	0.9
OH	3,450	99	551.7	87	224.9	76	264.5	12	3.2
PA	1,350	88	108.4	64	40.7	58	37.4	6	3.0
SD	4,450	95	477.7	79	154.2	37	41.9	13	5.5
TX	2,050	94	282.0	81	73.9	28	10.6	29	6.9
WI	3,800	93	380.9	84	118.8	84	191.7	22	9.1
Total [2]	76,470	96	10,114.7	81	3,592.8	65	4,136.5	13	125.9

[1] Insufficient reports to publish data for one or more of the fertilizer primary nutrients.
[2] Total is for the nineteen corn-producing States surveyed for pesticide applications in 2005.

Corn: Planted acreage and pesticide use, program states and total, 2005

State	Planted acreage	Area receiving and total applied							
		Herbicide		Insecticide		Fungicide		Other	
	1,000 acres	*Percent*	*1,000 lbs.*	*Percent*	*1,000 lbs.*	*Percent*	*1,000 lbs.*	*Percent*	*1,000 lbs.*
CO	1,100	90	1,494	24	252	-	-	-	-
GA	270	91	495	14	25	-	-	-	-
IL [1]	12,100	99	30,967	52	1,426	-	-	-	-
IN [1]	5,900	97	14,136	41	722	-	-	-	-
IA	12,800	96	24,726	11	187	-	-	-	-
KS	3,650	87	7,436	11	89	-	-	-	-
KY	1,250	100	3,187	18	26	-	-	-	-
MI [1]	2,250	99	5,145	14	153	-	-	-	-
MN	7,300	10	10,361	12	214	-	-	-	-
MO	3,100	96	7,707	11	41	-	-	-	-
NE	8,500	98	18,416	20	456	-	-	-	-
NY	990	96	2,325	21	146	-	-	-	-
NC	750	98	1,669	17	130	-	-	-	-
ND [1]	1,410	99	1,094	-	-	-	-	-	-
OH [1]	3,450	99	9,322	9	215	-	-	-	-
PA	1,350	97	3,346	21	154	-	-	-	-
SD	4,450	100	6,036	12	239	-	-	-	-
TX	2,050	94	3,344	24	236	-	-	-	-
WI	3,800	97	6,369	22	134	-	-	-	-
Total [1 2]	76,470	97	157,575	23	4,849	*	93	-	-

* Applied on less than one percent of acres.
[1] Insufficient reports to publish for one or more pesticide classes.
[2] Total is for the nineteen corn-producing States surveyed for pesticide applications in 2005.

Farm Labor

There were 956,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 9-15, 2006, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 718,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 238,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $9.79 per hour during the April 2006 reference week, up 44 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of $8.96 per hour, up 40 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned $9.30 per hour compared with $9.14 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at $9.07 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States
Weeks of April 10-16, 2005 and April 9-15, 2006 [1]

United States and region		Hired workers				Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers
		Number of workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Field	Livestock	Field and livestock	
			150 days or more	149 days or less					
		1,000	*1,000*	*1,000*	*Hours per week*	*Dollars per hour*	*Dollars per hour*	*Dollars per hour*	*Dollars per hour*
Pacific [2]	2005	64	47	17	40.2	8.87	10.78	9.23	9.95
	2006	65	52	13	37.5	9.24	10.13	9.45	10.10
Mountain I [3]	2005	24	20	4	44.5	7.89	8.49	8.23	8.43
	2006	23	19	4	44.1	9.20	8.57	8.81	9.22
California	2005	182	147	35	45.0	8.62	9.60	8.76	9.48
	2006	137	117	20	43.1	8.95	10.85	9.22	10.19
United States [4]	2005	753	600	153	39.9	8.56	9.14	8.72	9.35
	2006	718	580	138	40.8	8.96	9.30	9.07	9.79

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers.
[2] Includes Oregon and Washington.
[3] Includes Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.
[4] Excludes AK.

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