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## JULY PRICES RECEIVED MIXED

**SIOUX FALLS, July 31, 2006** -- Preliminary July prices were up from June for corn, sunflower, oats, winter wheat, spring wheat, and alfalfa hay according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for barrows and gilts, sows, and calves were down, while steers and heifers and cows were up.

For July, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$4.38, was up 42 cents from last month and up \$1.32 from last July. The spring wheat price, at \$4.80, was 63 cents higher than last month and \$1.23 higher than last year. The July soybean price, at \$5.30, was 8 cents lower than last month and \$1.06 lower than last year. The corn price, at \$1.99, was up 4 cents from last month and up 8 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$11.50, was up 60 cents from last month but down \$3.30 from last year.

The preliminary July barrow and gilt price, at \$51.50, was down \$4.40 from last month and down 40 cents from last year, while sows, at \$31.00, were down \$2.00 from June and down \$5.80 from July 2005.

The preliminary July steer and heifer price, at \$93.70, was up \$1.70 from June and up \$5.20 from July of last year. Calves, at \$128.00, were down \$2.00 from last month and down \$1.00 from July 2005.

The July alfalfa price, at \$70.00 per ton, was up \$4.00 from last month and up \$8.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$56.00, was unchanged from last month but up \$11.00 from July 2005.

**Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers**

Commodity	Unit	July 2005 <sup>1</sup>	June 2006 <sup>1</sup>	July 2006 <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	1.91	1.95	1.99
Soybeans	Bu.	6.36	5.38	5.30
Sunflower	Cwt.	14.80	10.90	11.50
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.25	4.09	4.64
Winter	Bu.	3.06	3.96	4.38
Other Spring	Bu.	3.57	4.17	4.80
Barley, All	Bu.	2.06	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	2.06	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	1.53	1.72	1.78
Hay, All	Ton	61.00	65.00	69.00
Alfalfa	Ton	62.00	66.00	70.00
Other	Ton	45.00	56.00	56.00
Cattle, All Beef <sup>3</sup>	Cwt.	80.30	81.90	82.50
Cows	Cwt.	55.70	47.90	49.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	88.50	92.00	93.70
Calves <sup>4</sup>	Cwt.	129.00	130.00	128.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	49.60	52.70	48.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	51.90	55.90	51.50
Sows	Cwt.	36.80	33.00	31.00
Lambs	Cwt.	128.00	105.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	39.60	24.70	NA

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Over 500 lbs. <sup>4</sup> Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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