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SEPTEMBER PRICES RECEIVED MIXED

SIOUX FALLS, September 28, 2006 -- Preliminary September prices were up from August for winter wheat and spring wheat, while prices for corn, soybeans, sunflower, oats, and alfalfa hay were down, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for steers and heifers and cows were up, while prices for barrows and gilts and calves were down.

For September, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$3.94, was up 17 cents from last month and up 68 cents from last September. The spring wheat price, at \$4.05, was 8 cents higher than last month and 28 cents higher than last year. The September soybean price, at \$4.81, was 23 cents lower than last month and 70 cents lower than last year. The corn price, at \$1.97, was down 3 cents from last month but up 26 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$11.70, was down 60 cents from last month and down \$1.10 from last year.

The preliminary September barrow and gilt price, at \$51.90, was down \$1.90 from last month but up 50 cents from last year, while sows, at \$34.20, were down 50 cents from August and down \$5.80 from September 2005.

The preliminary September steer and heifer price, at \$106.00, was up \$7.60 from August and up \$2.00 from September of last year. Calves, at \$141.00, were down \$4.00 from last month but up \$2.00 from September 2005.

The September alfalfa price, at \$79.00 per ton, was down \$1.00 from last month but up \$11.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$60.00, was down \$2.00 from last month but up \$8.00 from September 2005.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	September 2005 ¹	August 2006 ¹	September 2006 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	1.71	2.00	1.97
Soybeans	Bu.	5.51	5.04	4.81
Sunflower	Cwt.	12.80	12.30	11.70
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.58	3.90	4.01
Winter	Bu.	3.26	3.77	3.94
Other Spring	Bu.	3.77	3.97	4.05
Barley, All	Bu.	1.99	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	1.99	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	1.53	1.80	1.76
Hay, All	Ton	64.00	77.00	74.00
Alfalfa	Ton	68.00	80.00	79.00
Other	Ton	52.00	62.00	60.00
Cattle, All Beef ³	Cwt.	97.90	90.40	99.20
Cows	Cwt.	52.90	48.40	49.10
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	104.00	98.40	106.00
Calves ⁴	Cwt.	139.00	145.00	141.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	50.00	51.10	49.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	51.40	53.80	51.90
Sows	Cwt.	40.00	34.70	34.20
Lambs	Cwt.	133.00	108.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	44.30	23.20	NA

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

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