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APRIL PRICES RECEIVED UP

SIOUX FALLS, April 30, 2007 -- Preliminary April prices were up from March for spring wheat, sunflower, alfalfa hay and other hay, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Preliminary prices for sows were down, while steers and heifers, calves, cows, barrows and gilts were up.

For April, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$4.55, was down 2 cents from last month but up 72 cents from last April. The spring wheat price, at \$4.92, was 15 cents higher than last month and 81 cents higher than last year. The April soybean price, at \$6.55, was 2 cents lower than last month but \$1.29 higher than last year. The corn price, at \$3.00, was down 20 cents from last month but up \$1.11 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$16.50, was up 50 cents from last month and up \$5.50 from last year.

The preliminary April barrow and gilt price, at \$47.50, was up 80 cents from last month and up \$5.00 from last year, while sows, at \$27.10, were down \$3.60 from March and down 60 cents from April 2006.

The preliminary April steer and heifer price, at \$103.00, was up \$3.70 from March and up \$8.60 from April of last year. Calves, at \$122.00, were up \$4.00 from last month but down \$5.00 from April 2006.

The April alfalfa price, at \$96.00 per ton, was up \$3.00 from last month and up \$31.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$78.00, was up \$6.00 from last month and up \$29.00 from April 2006.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	April 2006 ¹	March 2007 ¹	April 2007 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	1.89	3.20	3.00
Soybeans	Bu.	5.26	6.57	6.55
Sunflower	Cwt.	11.00	16.00	16.50
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.98	4.67	4.73
Winter	Bu.	3.83	4.57	4.55
Other Spring	Bu.	4.11	4.77	4.92
Barley, All	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	1.77	2.56	2.45
Hay, All	Ton	64.00	90.00	93.00
Alfalfa	Ton	65.00	93.00	96.00
Other	Ton	49.00	72.00	78.00
Cattle, All Beef ³	Cwt.	88.60	94.20	96.00
Cows	Cwt.	50.10	48.00	49.50
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	94.40	99.30	103.00
Calves ⁴	Cwt.	127.00	118.00	122.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	41.00	45.10	45.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	42.50	46.70	47.50
Sows	Cwt.	27.70	30.70	27.10
Lambs	Cwt.	90.00	104.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	27.10	30.30	NA

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

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