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JANUARY PRICES MIXED

SIOUX FALLS, January 31, 2008 -- Preliminary January prices were up from December for corn, soybeans, spring wheat, winter wheat, oats, sunflower, alfalfa hay, and other hay, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for barrows and gilts, calves, and steers and heifers were down, while sows and cows were up from December.

For January, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$7.50, was up 65 cents from last month and up \$2.97 from last January. The spring wheat price, at \$8.20, was 62 cents higher than last month and \$3.50 higher than last year. The January soybean price, at \$10.30, was 60 cents higher than last month and \$4.18 higher than last year. The corn price, at \$3.90, was up 41 cents from last month and up \$1.00 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$21.50, was up \$2.00 from last month and up \$7.90 from last year.

The preliminary January barrow and gilt price, at \$36.80, was down \$3.70 from last month and down \$7.70 from last year, while sows, at \$22.50, were up 70 cents from December but down \$6.10 from January 2007.

The preliminary January steer and heifer price, at \$97.10, was down \$4.90 from December but up \$5.00 from January of last year. Calves, at \$114.00, were down \$4.00 from last month but up \$2.00 from January 2007.

The January alfalfa price, at \$104.00 per ton, was up \$2.00 from last month and up \$20.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$85.00, was up \$1.00 from last month and up \$16.00 from January 2007.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	January 2007 ¹	December 2007 ¹	January 2008 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	2.90	3.49	3.90
Soybeans	Bu.	6.12	9.70	10.30
Sunflower	Cwt.	13.60	19.50	21.50
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.59	7.22	7.86
Winter	Bu.	4.53	6.85	7.50
Other Spring	Bu.	4.70	7.58	8.20
Barley, All	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	2.36	2.96	3.08
Hay, All	Ton	81.00	99.00	101.00
Alfalfa	Ton	84.00	102.00	104.00
Other	Ton	69.00	84.00	85.00
Cattle, All Beef ³	Cwt.	84.20	86.80	88.20
Cows	Cwt.	45.40	43.60	44.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	92.10	102.00	97.10
Calves ⁴	Cwt.	112.00	118.00	114.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	42.40	38.40	34.90
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.50	40.50	36.80
Sows	Cwt.	28.60	21.80	22.50
Lambs	Cwt.	107.00	110.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	37.60	23.90	NA

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

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