



# News Release

Media Contact: South Dakota Field Office, 605-323-6500, Email: nass-sd@nass.usda.gov

## MARCH PRICES MIXED

**SIOUX FALLS, March 28, 2008** -- Preliminary March prices were up from February for corn, soybeans, spring wheat, winter wheat, oats, and other hay, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for cows, steers and heifers, calves, and barrows and gilts were down, while sows were up.

For March, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$9.75, was up \$1.46 from last month and up \$5.18 from last March. The spring wheat price, at \$11.00, was 70 cents higher than last month and \$6.23 higher than last year. The March soybean price, at \$10.70, was 10 cents higher than last month and \$4.13 higher than last year. The corn price, at \$4.80, was up 38 cents from last month and up \$1.60 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$25.60, was down \$1.70 from last month but up \$9.60 from last year.

The preliminary March barrow and gilt price, at \$42.60, was down \$1.80 from last month and down \$4.10 from last year, while sows, at \$25.40, were up \$2.30 from February but down \$5.30 from March 2007.

The preliminary March steer and heifer price, at \$95.20, was down \$4.80 from February and down \$4.10 from March of last year. Calves, at \$118.00, were down \$4.00 from last month but unchanged from March 2007.

The March alfalfa price, at \$104.00 per ton, was down \$1.00 from last month but up \$11.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$88.00, was up \$2.00 from last month and up \$16.00 from March 2007.

### Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	March 2007 <sup>1</sup>	February 2008 <sup>1</sup>	March 2008 <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	3.20	4.42	4.80
Soybeans	Bu.	6.57	10.60	10.70
Sunflower	Cwt.	16.00	27.30	25.60
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.67	9.54	10.60
Winter	Bu.	4.57	8.29	9.75
Other Spring	Bu.	4.77	10.30	11.00
Barley, All	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	2.56	3.27	3.39
Hay, All	Ton	91.00	101.00	102.00
Alfalfa	Ton	93.00	105.00	104.00
Other	Ton	72.00	86.00	88.00
Cattle, All Beef <sup>3</sup>	Cwt.	94.20	94.90	91.00
Cows	Cwt.	48.00	53.80	52.90
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	99.30	100.00	95.20
Calves <sup>4</sup>	Cwt.	118.00	122.00	118.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	45.10	42.30	40.90
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	46.70	44.40	42.60
Sows	Cwt.	30.70	23.10	25.40
Lambs	Cwt.	104.00	105.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	30.30	22.40	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

Access this complete report at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/AgriPric//2000s/2008/AgriPric-03-28-2008.pdf>