



# News Release

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## MOST PRICES DOWN FROM LAST MONTH

**SIOUX FALLS, July 31, 2008** -- Preliminary July prices were up from June for corn, soybeans, and oats, 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 cows were up.

For July, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$8.00, was down \$1.63 from last month but up \$2.95 from last July. The spring wheat price, at \$8.70, was \$1.60 lower than last month but \$3.35 higher than last year. The July soybean price, at \$13.00, was 50 cents higher than last month and \$5.90 higher than last year. The corn price, at \$5.75, was up 20 cents from last month and up \$2.47 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$28.00, was down \$1.50 from last month but up \$9.00 from last year.

The preliminary July barrow and gilt price, at \$54.90, was down \$1.30 from last month but up \$1.30 from last year, while sows, at \$21.00, were down \$5.80 from June and down \$15.00 from July 2007.

The preliminary July steer and heifer price, at \$100.00, was unchanged from June but up \$2.00 from July of last year. Calves, at \$105.00, were down \$7.00 from last month and down \$22.00 from July 2007.

The July alfalfa price, at \$111.00 per ton, was down \$7.00 from last month but up \$19.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$85.00, was down \$18.00 from last month but up \$9.00 from July 2007.

### Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	July 2007 <sup>1</sup>	June 2008 <sup>1</sup>	July 2008 <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	3.28	5.55	5.75
Soybeans	Bu.	7.10	12.50	13.00
Sunflower	Cwt.	19.00	29.50	28.00
Wheat, All	Bu.	5.12	10.10	8.51
Winter	Bu.	5.05	9.63	8.00
Other Spring	Bu.	5.35	10.30	8.70
Barley, All	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	2.51	3.35	3.40
Hay, All	Ton	89.00	117.00	108.00
Alfalfa	Ton	92.00	118.00	111.00
Other	Ton	76.00	103.00	85.00
Cattle, All Beef <sup>3</sup>	Cwt.	87.10	90.10	90.00
Cows	Cwt.	54.30	57.00	60.10
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	98.00	100.00	100.00
Calves <sup>4</sup>	Cwt.	127.00	112.00	105.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	51.00	52.10	49.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	53.60	56.20	54.90
Sows	Cwt.	36.00	26.80	21.00
Lambs	Cwt.	110.00	120.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	22.00	23.80	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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