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## INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY TEXAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodities	1990-92 = 100		
	November 2004	October 2005*	November 2005
All farm products . . . . .	105	112	114
All crops . . . . .	89	92	96
Livestock and products . .	113	122	124

\* Revised.

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodity and Unit	Texas			United States			U.S. parity prices November 2005 <sup>3/</sup>
	November 2004 <sup>1/</sup>	October 2005 <sup>1/</sup>	November 2005 <sup>2/</sup>	November 2004 <sup>1/</sup>	October 2005 <sup>1/</sup>	November 2005 <sup>2/</sup>	
<b>CROPS</b>							
Barley . . . . . Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	2.45	2.41	2.49	7.20
Corn . . . . . Dollars per bushel	2.68	2.50	2.35	2.05	1.82	1.79	7.10
Cotton, Upland . . . . . Cents per pound	3.95	44.50	44.50	43.20	48.50	48.20	181.00
Cottonseed . . . . . Dollars per ton	110.00	101.00	102.00	104.00	89.40	92.60	296.00
Grapefruit, all, 80-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4/</sup>	19.00	27.60	16.14	16.08	17.86	10.66	7.52
Hay, alfalfa, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	128.00	129.00	129.00	95.20	106.00	97.50	-
Hay, other, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	60.00	73.00	80.00	73.50	76.50	76.30	-
Hay, all, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	69.00	84.00	87.00	88.70	97.70	91.70	-
Oats . . . . . Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	1.51	1.59	1.46	4.22
Oranges, all, 85-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4/</sup>	5.00	-	6.55	5.34	4.85	8.82	11.00
Peanuts . . . . . Cents per pound	-	-	-	20.3	17.5	17.1	66.8
Potatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	5.02	5.54	6.09	16.00
Rice . . . . . Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	7.36	6.94	7.34	26.30
Sorghum grain . . . . . Dollars per cwt	3.48	3.38	3.37	3.06	2.99	2.81	11.60
Soybeans . . . . . Dollars per bushel	-	-	-	5.36	5.67	5.68	17.20
Sweetpotatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt	-	-	-	-	-	-	44.10
Wheat . . . . . Dollars per bushel	3.20	3.38	3.37	3.46	3.43	3.36	10.60
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>							
Beef cattle . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>5/</sup>	85.90	88.50	89.50	85.40	91.10	91.60	184.00
Cows . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>6/</sup>	48.90	42.80	42.20	48.70	46.60	45.80	-
Steers and heifers . . . . . Dollars per cwt	90.00	94.20	94.80	90.20	96.60	97.40	-
Calves . . . . . Dollars per cwt	127.00	133.00	131.00	123.00	134.00	132.00	250.00
Milk cows . . . . . Dollars per head <sup>7/</sup>	-	1,890.00	-	-	1,870.00	-	-
Hogs . . . . . Dollars per cwt	51.90	-	-	55.60	47.00	44.70	114.00
Lambs . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8/</sup>	114.00	107.00	-	99.90	108.00	-	223.00
Sheep . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8/</sup>	47.70	45.10	-	41.40	43.70	-	90.10
Broilers . . . . . Cents per pound <sup>9/</sup>	-	-	-	39.0	43.0	42.0	-
Eggs . . . . . Cents per dozen <sup>10/</sup>	44.0	25.0	49.0	43.7	31.4	48.2	179.0
Turkeys, live . . . . . Cents per pound	-	-	-	4871	52.9	54.9	108.0
All milk sold to plants . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>11/</sup>	16.30	18.90	15.70	16.20	15.50	15.10	37.60

<sup>1/</sup> Entire month. <sup>2/</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3/</sup> 1910-1914 Base. <sup>4/</sup> Equivalent on-tree price for all methods of sale. <sup>5/</sup> Cows, steers and heifers combined. <sup>6/</sup> Beef cows sold for slaughter and herd replacement and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. <sup>7/</sup> Milk cow (replacement) price published quarterly. <sup>8/</sup> Mid-month prices not estimated. <sup>9/</sup> Live weight equivalent price to producers, includes growers and contractors combined. <sup>10/</sup> Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by producers. <sup>11/</sup> Fat test percent: October all milk, Texas 3.76, U.S. 3.72; November all milk, Texas 3.82, U.S. 3.77.

## U. S. INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005
Prices Received . . . . .	733	*706	715	115	111	113
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates . . . . .	1,799	*1,920	1,909	135	*144	143
Ratio <sup>1/</sup> . . . . .	41	37	37	85	77	79

<sup>1/</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. \* Revised.

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AND LIVE WEIGHTS: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES <sup>1/</sup>**

Species	Texas			United States <sup>2/</sup>		
	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005
<b>HEAD SLAUGHTERED</b>	<i>Thousand head</i>					
Cattle .....	511.8	535.6	527.2	2,745.9	2,777.6	2,677.9
Calves .....	1.1	0.7	1.3	62.5	61.0	56.4
Hogs .....	28.8	28.4	32.1	8,969.7	8,869.9	9,117.1
Sheep and lambs .....	19.0	7.6	9.3	241.3	231.3	228.5
<b>TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT</b>	<i>Million pounds</i>					
Cattle .....	617.2	652.0	641.0	3,478.6	3,543.5	3,428.5
Calves .....	0.6	0.4	0.7	20.6	22.0	20.9
Hogs .....	7.2	6.9	8.1	2,395.7	2,349.2	2,449.5
Sheep and lambs .....	2.3	0.9	1.2	32.5	31.1	31.4

<sup>1/</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter. Excludes farm slaughter. <sup>2/</sup> Includes Hawaii; commercial slaughter not estimated in Alaska.

**POULTRY: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES**

Item	Texas			United States		
	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005
Average number of layers .....	18,515	17,409	17,790	345,056	*342,328	344,043
Egg production .....	411	373	401	7,659	*7,377	7,703
Table eggs <sup>1/</sup> .....	-	-	-	6,569	6,308	6,599
Hatching eggs <sup>1/</sup> .....	-	-	-	1,090	*1,070	1,104
Eggs per 100 layers .....	2,220	2,143	2,254	2,220	2,155	2,239
<b>HATCHERY PRODUCTION</b>						
Egg type <sup>1/</sup> .....	-	-	-	34,866	33,788	35,367
Broiler type .....	53,247	53,828	52,051	756,895	769,771	776,333
<b>PLACEMENTS</b>						
Turkey poults <sup>1/</sup> .....	-	-	-	20,806	22,747	21,416

<sup>1/</sup> Texas data not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations. \* Revised.

**FARM AND RANCH WORKERS, HOURS WORKED AND WAGE RATES: SOUTHERN PLAINS AND UNITED STATES**

Workers	Southern Plains <sup>1/</sup>			United States <sup>2/</sup>		
	October 10-16, 2004	July 10-16, 2005	October 9-15, 2005	October 10-16, 2004	July 10-16, 2005	October 9-15, 2005
<b>WORKERS HIRED FOR:</b>	<i>Thousands</i>					
150 days or more .....	32	47	51	606	662	620
149 days or less .....	12	16	13	245	274	220
<b>TOTAL HIRED</b> .....	44	63	64	851	936	840
	<i>Hours</i>					
Hours worked .....	40.3	36.5	39.1	40.5	40.6	42.0
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
<b>WAGE RATES FOR:</b>						
All hired .....	9.34	9.27	8.38	9.32	9.38	9.61
Field workers .....	8.44	8.07	7.60	8.62	8.61	8.90
Livestock workers .....	8.68	9.06	7.84	8.91	9.26	9.14

<sup>1/</sup> Oklahoma and Texas. <sup>2/</sup> Excludes Alaska and agricultural service workers. \* Revised.

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES**

Species	Texas			United States		
	October 2004	September 2005 <sup>1/</sup>	October 2005 <sup>1/</sup>	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005
<b>CATTLE</b>	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>		
Steers .....	245.0	-	-	1,304.1	1,476.4	1,360.9
Heifers .....	186.7	-	-	909.2	816.3	799.1
Dairy cows .....	12.2	-	-	197.1	190.2	199.9
Other cows .....	53.6	-	-	234.7	203.8	224.9
Bulls and stags .....	12.1	-	-	47.8	44.4	40.3
<b>Total <sup>2/</sup></b> .....	<b>509.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,693.0</b>	<b>2,731.0</b>	<b>2,625.2</b>
Calves .....	0.7	-	-	60.6	59.6	54.4
<b>HOGS</b>						
Barrows and gilts .....	21.7	-	-	8,598.5	8,486.7	8,741.3
Sows .....	5.4	-	-	263.6	265.7	263.4
Stags and boars .....	-	-	-	20.4	24.9	22.5
<b>Total <sup>2/</sup></b> .....	<b>27.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,882.5</b>	<b>8,777.4</b>	<b>9,027.2</b>
<b>SHEEP</b>						
Mature sheep .....	0.9	-	-	12.2	10.9	10.7
Lambs and yearlings .....	16.7	-	-	216.2	208.0	205.9
<b>Total <sup>2/</sup></b> .....	<b>17.7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>228.3</b>	<b>218.9</b>	<b>216.6</b>

<sup>1/</sup> State data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations beginning January 2005. <sup>2/</sup> Total based on unrounded data.

**POULTRY SLAUGHTER: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES <sup>1/</sup>**

Item	Number Inspected			Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight			Total Certified <sup>2/</sup>		
	Oct. 2004	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Oct. 2004	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Oct. 2004	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Oct. 2004	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005
<b>TEXAS</b>	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 pounds</i>			<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 pounds</i>		
Chickens:												
Young	55,678	54,000	56,738	283,707	278,195	301,228	5.10	5.15	5.31	220,639	213,590	232,916
<b>UNITED STATES</b>												
Chickens:	742,651	761,577	755,778	4,005,009	4,121,453	4,164,507	5.39	5.41	5.51	2,947,309	3,052,946	3,082,163
Young	730,516	750,054	744,580	3,934,785	4,054,271	4,098,221	5.39	5.41	5.50	2,903,614	3,011,119	3,040,591
Mature	12,135	11,523	11,198	70,224	67,182	66,286	5.79	5.83	5.92	43,695	41,827	41,572
Light	5,922	5,410	4,998	19,656	17,914	16,589	3.32	3.31	3.32	10,032	9,012	8,412
Heavy	6,213	6,113	6,200	50,568	49,268	49,697	8.14	8.06	8.02	33,663	32,815	33,160
Ducks	2,086	2,313	2,369	14,122	15,720	16,063	6.77	6.80	6.78	10,037	*11,298	11,472
Other poultry	-	-	-	1,770	1,691	1,786	-	-	-	1,074	1,020	1,072
Turkeys:	21,740	21,128	22,532	587,302	573,338	606,498	27.01	27.14	26.92	466,150	454,367	482,731
Young	21,525	20,940	22,345	581,292	568,488	601,680	27.00	27.15	26.93	461,535	450,637	479,084
Old	215	188	187	6,010	4,850	4,818	27.91	25.94	25.90	4,615	3,730	3,647
<b>TOTAL POULTRY</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,608,203</b>	<b>4,712,202</b>	<b>4,788,854</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,424,570</b>	<b>*3,519,631</b>	<b>3,577,438</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Federally inspected only. Total may not add due to rounding. <sup>2/</sup> Ready-to-cook weight.

**LIVESTOCK INSHIPMENTS AND OUTSHIPMENTS, BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2004-2005 <sup>1/</sup>**

Shipments by species	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	Year-to-date January - October	
				2004	2005
<b>INSHIPMENTS</b>					
<i>Number of head</i>					
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states <sup>2/</sup> .....	226,087	157,241	277,721	1,778,230	1,691,476
Other countries <sup>3/</sup> .....	73,894	33,811	45,291	769,093	477,761
Dairy cattle <sup>4/</sup> .....	7,850	9,222	11,351	47,576	82,158
Sheep and lambs <sup>5/</sup> .....	3,380	3,119	4,521	39,425	28,960
<b>OUTSHIPMENTS</b>					
<i>Number of head</i>					
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states <sup>6/</sup> .....	99,921	115,926	72,987	1,126,292	1,079,029
Other countries <sup>7/</sup> .....	0	0	0	1,028	0
Dairy cattle <sup>4/</sup> .....	777	1,318	2,639	20,752	24,047
Sheep and lambs <sup>8/</sup> .....	9,794	10,002	3,695	88,135	82,647

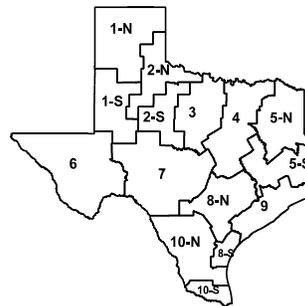
<sup>1/</sup> SOURCE: Health certificates issued by TAHC and USDA/APHIS/VIS. <sup>2/</sup> Inshipments of cattle and calves from other states exclude animals for slaughter. <sup>3/</sup> Inshipments of cattle and calves from other countries include animals for slaughter. <sup>4/</sup> Dairy herd replacement only; not included in "cattle and calves". <sup>5/</sup> Inshipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement from other states only and include animals for slaughter. <sup>6/</sup> Outshipments of cattle and calves to other states exclude animals for slaughter. <sup>7/</sup> Outshipments of cattle and calves to other countries include animals for slaughter. <sup>8/</sup> Outshipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement to other states and countries and include animals for slaughter.

**SALES OF LIVESTOCK AT AUCTION MARKETS, BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2004-2005 <sup>1/</sup>**

Species	Oct. 2004	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Year-to-date January-October	
				2004	2005
<i>1,000 head</i>					
Cattle & calves . . .	534	504	652	3,943	4,099
Hogs . . . . .	8	3	5	59	36
Sheep & goats . . . .	99	105	106	1,002	1,051

<sup>1/</sup> SOURCE: Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

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