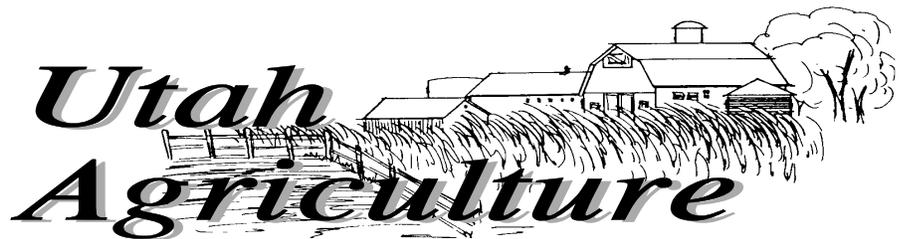




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Agricultural Prices

Utah: Mid-December 2006 prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers for baled alfalfa hay was \$105.00 per ton, \$6.00 higher than last month, and \$1.00 higher than last year. Other hay, at \$79.00 per ton, up \$4.00 from November 2006, and \$3.00 lower than December 2005. Barley was \$3.43 per bushel for the month of December 2006, up 71 cents from the previous month.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 121 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 6 points (4.9 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, corn, grapes, and broccoli. Lower prices were received for turkeys, cattle, hogs, and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of oranges, wheat, milk, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 6 points (5.2 percent) from December 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 123, increased 2 points (1.7 percent) from last month and 1 point (0.8 percent) from December 2005.

Average Prices Received by Farmers ¹

Commodity	Utah						United States					
	Barley		Alfalfa Hay, Baled		Other Hay, Baled		Barley		Alfalfa Hay, Baled		Other Hay, Baled	
Month	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
January	2.11	(2)	85.00	95.00	75.00	80.00	2.41	2.47	94.50	95.60	73.30	79.30
February	1.96	2.11	91.00	100.00	80.00	85.00	2.31	2.57	94.00	99.20	74.20	83.20
March	1.89	2.17	99.00	96.00	80.00	85.00	2.49	2.71	98.60	100.00	77.80	86.60
April	2.04	2.29	92.00	106.00	80.00	90.00	2.26	2.67	105.00	110.00	81.60	93.20
May	(2)	2.20	90.00	98.00	80.00	77.00	2.46	2.96	116.00	118.00	75.40	96.80
June	2.10	(2)	95.00	99.00	85.00	87.00	2.55	2.78	112.00	115.00	73.60	90.10
July	2.03	2.36	95.00	104.00	85.00	80.00	2.37	2.70	109.00	113.00	75.90	89.30
August	2.17	2.39	90.00	105.00	85.00	81.00	2.50	2.70	108.00	110.00	77.00	91.50
September	1.97	2.58	95.00	95.00	80.00	71.00	2.36	2.56	106.00	112.00	78.90	93.00
October	(2)	2.95	97.00	99.00	82.00	71.00	2.41	2.76	105.00	112.00	79.00	93.80
November	(2)	2.72	100.00	99.00	82.00	75.00	2.58	2.92	98.30	109.00	80.00	98.10
December	(2)	3.43	104.00	105.00	82.00	79.00	2.49	3.25	97.70	112.00	78.00	99.30

¹ December 2006 is mid-month price.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Dry Edible Beans

UTAH: Production of dry beans in Utah for 2006 was 2,000 hundredweight (cwt), down 21,000 cwt from last year. Utah dry bean growers harvested 500 acres in 2006, 4,000 acres less than 2005. Average yield of 350 pounds per acre is down 150 pounds per acre from last year.

UNITED STATES: Dry edible bean production is forecast at 23.8 million cwt for 2006, virtually unchanged from the October forecast but 11 percent below the revised 2005 production. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.53 million acres, 2 percent below the last forecast but virtually unchanged from the previous year's revised acreage. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,558 pounds per acre, an increase of 35 pounds from the October forecast but 188 pounds below the revised 2005 yield. Production is below a year ago in 13 of the 18 producing States. Production is down from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, great northern, small white, pinto, light red kidney, dark red kidney, small red, cranberry, and small chickpeas. Production increased from last year for navy, pink, black, blackeye, and large chickpeas.

Production in North Dakota is forecast at 7.62 million cwt, 11 percent below 2005. Harvested acres increased 12 percent, while the average yield, at 1,200 pounds per acre, is down 320 pounds from last year. Harvest was essentially complete by mid-October, slightly ahead of last year and the 5-year average. In Michigan, production is forecast at 3.87 million cwt, 1 percent below last year. Harvested area, at 215,000 acres, is 7 percent below 2005, while yield of 1,800 pounds per acre is 100 pounds above last season. By the beginning of October, harvest was 75 percent complete, but persistent rains during October made harvest of the remaining acreage difficult and increased abandoned acres. Harvest was 95 percent complete by the end of October. Nebraska growers produced 2.64 million cwt of dry beans, 32 percent less than last year. The average yield, at 2,150 pounds per acre, is down 100 pounds from the previous year. Production in Minnesota is forecast at 2.23 million cwt, 8 percent below last year. The average yield, at 1,650 pounds per acre, is down 150 pounds from 2005. Lower yields were attributed to dry, hot weather during the summer. Some growers had mold problems caused by wet conditions near harvest. Production in Utah is down 91 percent from last year, Kansas decreased 24 percent, Wyoming declined 23 percent, and South Dakota is down 19 percent. Wisconsin is 18 percent below last year, New York is 15 percent lower, California 11 percent, Colorado is 6 percent below the revised 2005 production, and Montana decreased 2 percent. Production in New Mexico is 38 percent above last year, Texas increased 12 percent, Oregon is up 8 percent, and Idaho growers produced 2 percent more than last year. Production in Washington is unchanged from 2005.

Dry Edible Beans: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by State and United States, 2004-2006

State	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre ²		Production		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt
CA	65.0	65.0	2,130	1,900	1,152	1,385	1,235
CO	80.0	65.0	1,650	1,900	1,039	1,320	1,235
ID	98.0	103.0	1,900	1,850	1,638	1,862	1,906
KS	12.5	10.0	2,200	2,100	153	275	210
MI	230.0	215.0	1,700	1,800	3,145	3,910	3,870
MN	135.0	135.0	1,800	1,650	1,150	2,430	2,228
MT	14.1	18.9	2,000	1,460	285	282	275
NE	172.0	123.0	2,250	2,150	2,376	3,870	2,644
NM	6.3	7.6	2,200	2,530	156	139	192
NY	23.0	18.0	1,230	1,330	247	282	239
ND	565.0	635.0	1,520	1,200	4,750	8,588	7,620
OR	8.8	9.8	2,000	1,940	116	176	190
SD	17.4	18.9	1,730	1,300	164	301	245
TX	15.3	18.0	1,520	1,450	140	233	261
UT	4.5	0.5	500	350	14	23	2
WA	48.0	55.0	1,650	1,440	609	792	792
WI	5.7	5.5	2,250	1,910	113	128	105
WY	33.0	27.0	2,350	2,200	541	776	594
US	1,533.6	1,530.2	1,746	1,558	17,788	26,772	23,843

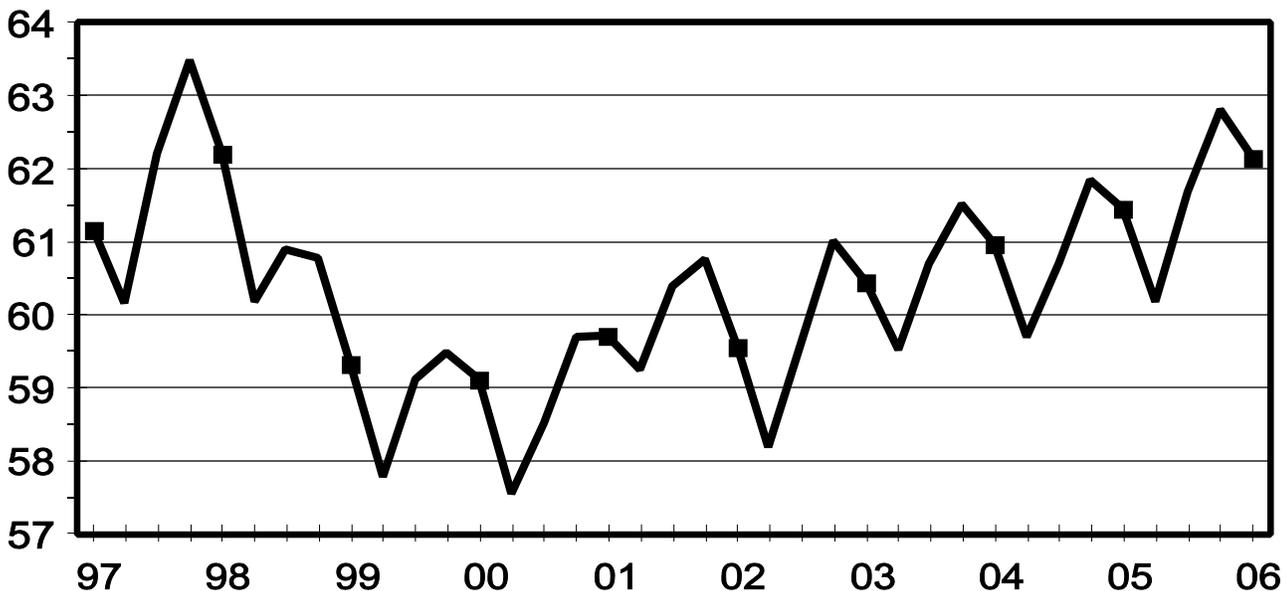
Hog Inventory

UTAH: Utah inventory of all hogs and pigs was estimated at 680,000 head as of December 1, 2006. The inventory was 1 percent less December 1, 2005. The December 1, 2006 **breeding inventory** of 103,000 head was 12 percent higher than the previous year. The **market inventory**, at 577,000 head, was 4 percent lower than December 1, 2005. The 2006 **pig crop** totaled 1,401,000 head, 76,000 head above 2005. The number of sows farrowed during the December 1, 2005 - November 30, 2006 period was 140,000 head, 1,000 head more than the previous year. The average litter size of 10.01 pigs was up from last year's average of 9.53.

UNITED STATES: U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006 was 62.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2005, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2006. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.09 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 56.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter. **The September-November 2006 pig crop**, at 26.6 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 3 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.13 for the September-November 2006 period, compared to 9.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1

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Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 45.9 million pounds in November 2006, up 3 percent from November of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for November 2006 totaled 56,400 head, 1 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,277 pounds, up 24 pounds from November 2005. **Hog slaughter** totaled 4,900 head up 29 percent from the previous year. The average live weight was 203 pounds, down 28 pounds from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during November 2006 totaled 2,800 head, remained the same as the previous year. Average live weight, at 132 pounds, was down 7 pounds from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in November, up 5 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in November 2005. **Beef production**, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, up 6 percent from November 2005. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,291 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 14.3 million pounds, 15 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 66,800 head, up 18 percent from November 2005. The average live weight was 14 pounds below last year, at 351 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.89 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.37 million head, 3 percent above November 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 273 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.3 million pounds, was down 3 percent from November 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,800 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago. **January to November 2006 commercial red meat production** was 43.5 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down slightly, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter, November 2005-2006 ¹

Item	Utah		United States	
	November		November	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Production (Million Pounds)				
Red Meat	44.5	45.9	3,942.7	4,137.2
Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)				
Cattle	55.8	56.4	2,668.1	2,841.2
Calves	1	1	56.4	66.8
Hogs	3.8	4.9	9,133.2	9,367.6
Sheep & Lamb	2.8	2.8	224.6	223.8
Average Live Weight (Pounds)				
Cattle	1,253	1,277	1,284	1,291
Calves	1	1	365	351
Hogs	231	203	272	273
Sheep & Lamb	139	132	140	137

¹ Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.