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**PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS <sup>1/</sup>**

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices April 2008 <sup>9/</sup>
		April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	
		-Dollars-			-Dollars-			
Wheat (Winter) <sup>2/</sup>	Bu.	4.13	10.86	8.15	4.87	10.00	9.26	12.90
Corn	Bu.	3.72	5.48	5.95	3.39	4.70	5.13	8.15
Barley (All)	Bu.	2.25	3.94	3.97	3.07	4.17	4.53	8.89
Hay, Baled: All <sup>3/</sup>	Ton	106.00	162.00	143.00	124.00	139.00	152.00	—
Alfalfa <sup>3/</sup>	Ton	136.00	205.00	175.00	127.00	143.00	157.00	—
Other <sup>3/</sup>	Ton	101.00	155.00	138.00	115.00	128.00	140.00	—
All Tobacco	Lb.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Peanuts	Lb.	--	--	--	.183	.207	.201	.846
Soybeans	Bu.	7.01	12.76	12.72	6.88	11.50	11.80	20.10
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	0.31	--	--	.281	.344	.335	.773
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	--	--	8.71	8.37	8.75	20.00
Oats	Bu.	2.46	3.20	3.10	2.46	3.44	3.59	5.29
Beef Cattle <sup>10/</sup>	Cwt.	84.70	79.10	78.00	93.70	87.70	85.10	247.00
Cows	Cwt.	45.00	49.00	48.90	49.20	51.20	49.90	—
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	96.50	90.30	86.70	99.80	92.70	90.10	—
Calves	Cwt.	111.00	109.00	100.00	125.00	119.00	115.00	358.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	--	--	--	47.30	40.20	40.60	135.00
Milk: All, Wholesale <sup>4/ 8/</sup>	Cwt.	17.80	20.80	21.00	16.60	18.10	18.00	47.10
Fluid Consumption <sup>8/</sup>	Cwt.	17.80	20.80	21.00	16.60	18.00	18.00	—
Manufacture <sup>8/</sup>	Cwt.	--	--	--	15.90	18.30	17.60	—
Market Eggs <sup>3/ 5/</sup>	Doz.	0.71	1.36	0.97	.561	1.300	0.884	2.15
Broilers, Live <sup>6/</sup>	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.460	.460	.450	—
Turkeys, Live <sup>3/ 6/</sup>	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.468	.529	.550	1.35

-- No sales indicated or not available. 1/ Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. 2/ Parity price is for All Wheat. 3/ All prices are mid-month. 4/ Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Equivalent live weight returns to producers for most states. 7/ Discontinued. 8/ April 2008 fat test percent: all milk 3.68 fluid milk 3.68, mfg. grade 4.00. 9/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived by dividing the average of 10 seasons average prices 1996-2005, including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations, by 716 percent (120-month, Jan 1996-Dec 2005 average of the index of prices received by farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted. 10/ "Cows" and "Steers and Heifers" combined.

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### VIRGINIA'S WHEAT PRODUCERS EXPECT LARGER CROP

The 2008 wheat crop is expected to total 16 million bushels, according to the initial season forecast just released by the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. If realized, production will be up 22 percent from 2007 and 52 percent more than the 10.54 million bushels produced in 2006. Producers in the Commonwealth are expected to harvest 250,000 acres of wheat that will yield an average of 64 bushels per acre. The majority of the wheat crop is in good to excellent condition.

### U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 17 PERCENT

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.78 billion bushels, up 17 percent from 2007. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.3 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from the previous year.

Hard Red production is up 5 percent from a year ago to 1.01 billion bushels. Soft Red is up 54 percent and totals 551 million bushels. White production totals 215 million bushels, up 10 percent from a year ago. Of the White production total, 23.2 million bushels are Hard White and 192 million bushels are Soft White.



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### Winter Wheat

Years	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	(1,000 Acres)		(1,000 Acres)		(bushels/Acre)		(1,000 bushels)	
2003	210		160		46.0		7,360	
2004	210		180		55.0		9,900	
2005	180		160		63.0		10,080	
2006	190		155		68.0		10,540	
2007	230		205		64.0		13,120	
<b>2008</b>	<b>280</b>		<b>250</b>		<b>64.0</b>		<b>16,000</b>	
<b>Record High 1/</b>	<b>1937</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>1937</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>17,600</b>
<b>Record Low 1/</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1932</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>3,690</b>

1/ Record Highs and Lows are for the period 1930 - 2008.

**CATTLE AND CALVES PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, 2002-2007**

	Unit	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Cattle and Calves</b>							
On Hand First of Year <sup>1/</sup>	<i>thous.</i>	1,650	1,630	1,540	1,640	1,660	1,620
Births	<i>thous.</i>	730	710	720	750	740	740
Inshipments	<i>thous.</i>	14	12	12	12	12	12
Marketings <sup>2/</sup>	<i>thous.</i>	678	729	552	654	713	723
Farm Slaughter <sup>3/</sup>	<i>thous.</i>	5	5	5	5	5	5
Deaths	<i>thous.</i>	81	78	75	83	74	74
Production <sup>4/</sup>	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	520,845	430,293	465,832	484,781	476,878	507,743
Marketings <sup>2/</sup>	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	524,585	505,680	380,880	453,740	508,780	515,280
Cattle (Avg. per 100 lbs.)	<i>dollars</i>	59.10	63.80	79.20	84.80	77.20	78.80
Calves (Avg. per 100 lbs.)	<i>dollars</i>	81.40	87.10	109.00	122.00	114.00	106.00
Cash Receipts <sup>5/</sup>	<i>thous. dols.</i>	322,332	339,260	317,677	412,910	424,573	429,977
Value of Home Use	<i>thous. dols.</i>	9,763	10,216	13,901	14,620	14,126	14,076
Gross Income	<i>thous. dols.</i>	332,095	349,476	331,578	427,530	438,699	444,053

1/ Balance sheet estimates by State; the sum of inventory January 1, 2007, calf crop, and in-shipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory January 1, 2008.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and inter-farm sales within the state.

3/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

4/ Adjustment made for changes in inventory and for in-shipments.

5/ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter.

**HOG AND PIG PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, 2002-2007**

	Unit	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Hogs and Pigs</b>							
On Hand First of Year <sup>1/</sup>	<i>thous.</i>	415	400	380	375	490	365
Births	<i>thous.</i>	548	572	556	544	548	549
Inshipments	<i>thous.</i>	15	20	60	50	50	50
Marketings <sup>2/</sup>	<i>thous.</i>	544	573	579	429	656	517
Farm Slaughter <sup>3/</sup>	<i>thous.</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2
Deaths	<i>thous.</i>	32	37	40	48	65	75
Production <sup>4/</sup>	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	138,513	148,638	139,296	120,310	147,598	130,071
Marketings <sup>5/</sup>	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	138,792	146,332	144,850	105,300	163,130	128,410
Average Price Per 100 Lbs.	<i>dollars</i>	31.90	35.00	46.60	46.60	42.60	45.20
Cash Receipts <sup>6/ 7/</sup>	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	44,326	51,261	67,602	49,260	69,680	58,201
Value of Home Use	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	911	950	1,247	1,135	1,073	932
Gross Income	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	45,237	52,211	68,849	50,395	70,753	59,133

1/ Balance sheet estimates by State; the sum of inventory December 1, 2006, pig crop, and in-shipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory December 1, 2007.

2/ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the State.

3/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

4/ Adjustment made for changes in inventory and for in-shipments.

5/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and inter-farm sales within the State.

6/ Includes allowance for higher average price of state in-shipment and out-shipments of feeder pigs. 7/ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter.

**SHEEP AND LAMB PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, 2002-2007**

	Unit	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Sheep and Lambs</b>							
On Hand First of Year <sup>1/</sup>	<i>thous.</i>	59	62	55	61	67	72
Births	<i>thous.</i>	55	43	47	49	49	55
Inshipments	<i>thous.</i>	1	1	1	1	1	4
Marketings <sup>2/</sup>	<i>thous.</i>	41.5	40.0	31.0	30.0	31.0	34.0
Farm Slaughter <sup>3/</sup>	<i>thous.</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1
Deaths	<i>thous.</i>	10.5	10.0	10.0	13.0	13.0	15.0
Production <sup>4/</sup>	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	4,648	3,459	3,856	3,793	3,829	4,476
Marketings <sup>5/</sup>	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	4,140	4,283	3,113	2,945	3,135	3,245
Sheep	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	26.80	32.20	42.80	42.90	38.00	37.10
Lambs	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	80.60	93.00	101.00	108.00	101.00	104.00
Cash Receipts <sup>6/</sup>	<i>thous. dols.</i>	3,181	3,233	2,933	3,086	2,892	3,278
Value of Home Consumption	<i>thous. dols.</i>	164	188	206	219	203	314
Gross Income	<i>thous. dols.</i>	3,345	3,421	3,139	3,305	3,095	3,592

1/ Balance sheet estimates by State; the sum of inventory January 1, 2007, lamb crop, and in-shipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory January 1, 2008. 2/ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the state.

3/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

4/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for in-shipments.

5/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and inter-farm sales within the state.

6/ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter.

**POULTRY PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, 2003-2007 <sup>1/</sup>**

	Unit	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Eggs</b>						
Eggs Produced	<i>million</i>	744	761	823	806	794
Price Per Dozen <sup>2/</sup>	<i>cents</i>	118.0	110.0	98.3	99.4	119.0
Value of Production	<i>thous. dols.</i>	73,160	69,703	67,421	66,769	78,991
<b>Commercial Broilers <sup>3/</sup></b>						
Number Raised	<i>thous. head</i>	265,100	263,000	260,300	256,200	250,200
Pounds Produced	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	1,299,000	1,341,300	1,327,500	1,332,200	1,301,000
Price Per Pound <sup>4/</sup>	<i>cents</i>	34.0	44.0	43.0	36.0	43.0
Value of Production <sup>5/</sup>	<i>thous. dols.</i>	441,660	590,172	570,825	479,592	559,430
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Number Raised <sup>6/</sup>	<i>thous. head</i>	23,000	19,700	20,000	21,500	22,000
Pounds Produced	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	492,200	435,370	502,000	554,700	574,200
Price Per Pound <sup>7/</sup>	<i>cents</i>	36.0	42.0	46.0	47.0	52.0
Value of Production <sup>5/</sup>	<i>thous. dols.</i>	177,192	182,855	230,920	260,709	298,584
<b>Chickens <sup>8/</sup></b>						
Number Sold	<i>thous. head</i>	3,497	3,403	3,441	2,827	2,461
Pounds Sold	<i>thous. lbs.</i>	21,681	21,099	20,990	22,051	19,196
Price Per Pound	<i>cents</i>	7.2	6.3	7.4	8.4	8.4
Value of Production <sup>5/</sup>	<i>thous. dols.</i>	1,561	1,329	1,553	1,852	1,612

1/ Annual estimates cover the period from Dec. 1 the previous year through Nov. 30. 2/ Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs. 3/ Broiler production including other domestic meat-type breeds. 4/ Price per pound-Liveweight equivalent prices, derived from ready-to-cook (RTC) prices using the following formula; RTC price minus processing cost X (dressing percentage) = Liveweight equivalent price. 5/ Includes home consumption. 6/ Based on turkeys placed Sept. 1, previous year through August 31, current year. Excludes young turkeys lost. 7/ Prices are equivalent liveweight returns to producers. 8/ Estimates cover the 12 month period from Dec. 1, the previous year through Nov. 30 and excludes broilers.

**MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, 2002-2007**

	Unit	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Milk Cows on Farms <sup>1/</sup></b>	<i>thous.</i>	119	113	105	105	102	100
<b>Milk Production <sup>2/</sup></b>							
Milk Per Cow	<i>lbs.</i>	15,891	15,319	16,486	16,990	17,363	17,530
Milkfat Per Cow	<i>lbs.</i>	508	558	590	607	629	643
Total Milk	<i>mil. lbs.</i>	1,891	1,731	1,731	1,784	1,771	1,753
Total Milkfat	<i>mil. lbs.</i>	69.0	63.0	62.0	63.7	64.1	64.3
<b>Milk Used Where Produced</b>							
Fed to Calves <sup>2/</sup>	<i>mil. lbs.</i>	6	6	6	6	6	6
Milk, Cream & Butter	<i>mil. lbs.</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total Used on Farm	<i>mil. lbs.</i>	8	8	8	8	8	8
<b>Milk Marketed by Producers</b>							
Total Milk Marketings <sup>3/</sup>	<i>mil. lbs.</i>	1,883	1,723	1,723	1,776	1,763	1,745
Combined Price Per 100 lbs.	<i>dols.</i>	14.20	14.20	17.90	16.50	15.10	21.30
Cash Receipts	<i>thous. dols.</i>	267,386	244,666	308,417	293,040	266,213	371,685
<b>Value of Milk Used</b>							
Value of Milk Used Where Produced <sup>4/</sup>	<i>thous. dols.</i>	284	284	358	330	302	426
Gross Producer Income <sup>5/</sup>	<i>thous. dols.</i>	267,670	244,950	308,775	293,370	266,515	372,111
Value of Milk Produced <sup>4/ 6/</sup>	<i>thous. dols.</i>	268,522	245,802	309,849	294,360	267,421	373,389

1/ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

3/ Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk and equivalent amounts of milk for cream.

Includes milk produced by dealer's own herds, and small amounts sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds.

4/ Valued at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream.

5/ Cash receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption.

6/ Includes value of milk fed to calves.