



Wisconsin - Prices Received

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Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, steers and heifers, corn, and soybeans are expected to decrease from September to October. On the other hand, prices for milk, oats, potatoes, alfalfa hay, and other hay are expected to increase during the same period. The price for calves is expected to stay at about the same level as September.

As of mid-October, the average price Wisconsin farmers received for corn was \$3.58 per bushel, one cent below the average price in September, and 40 cents below October 2008. Nationwide, corn prices averaged \$3.54 per bushel in mid-October, down 83 cents from October of last year.

Wisconsin soybeans decreased 37 cents per bushel from September, for an average of \$9.50 per bushel in mid-October. This is a 38 cent per bushel decrease from October of last year. U.S. soybeans sold for \$9.74 per bushel in mid-October, down 21 cents from October 2008.

Oat prices in Wisconsin averaged \$1.86 per bushel in mid-October, a 9 cent increase from September. Nationally, oat prices were \$1.80 per bushel, \$1.46 below October 2008.

As of mid-October, alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$100.00 per ton, up \$5.00 from September. The average price for other hay types also increased \$5.00 from September, to \$70.00 per ton in mid-October.

Wisconsin steer and heifer prices averaged \$75.30 per hundred-weight (cwt.) in mid-October, \$1.20 below September. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter decreased 80 cents per cwt. from September to \$42.30 in mid-October. Calf prices in mid-October were \$124.00 per cwt., the same as in September.

At the U.S. level, steer and heifer prices in mid-October were \$8.90 per cwt. below a year ago, at \$84.00. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, at an average of \$43.70 per cwt., were down \$4.70 from October of last year. Calf prices fell \$3.00 per cwt. from October 2008 to \$103.00.

Wheat, barley, and hog monthly prices are not published separately for Wisconsin, but nationally, all wheat sold for \$4.56 per bushel in mid-October, a \$2.09 decrease from October 2008. U.S. winter wheat prices decreased \$1.68 from October of last year, averaging \$4.35 per bushel. Nationwide, barley sold for \$3.94 per bushel, \$1.79 below October 2008. Hog prices averaged \$37.20 per cwt., down \$11.30 from a year ago.

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Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		Oct. 2008	Sep. 2009	Oct. 15, 2009	Oct. 2008	Oct. 15, 2009
		Dollars per Unit			Dollars per Unit	
Milk cows 1/	Head	1,940.00	-	1,200.00	1,920.00	1,240.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	81.90	76.50	75.30	92.90	84.00
Cows 2/	Cwt.	49.50	43.10	42.30	48.40	43.70
Calves	Cwt.	140.00	124.00	124.00	106.00	103.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	18.80	13.50	14.40	17.80	13.80
Corn	Bu.	3.98	3.59	3.58	4.37	3.54
Oats	Bu.	2.85	1.77	1.86	3.26	1.80
Soybeans	Bu.	9.88	9.87	9.50	9.95	9.74
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	10.30	8.25	8.35	7.60	7.79
Fresh	Cwt.	14.80	9.90	-	17.59	-
Processing	Cwt.	6.25	7.80	-	5.61	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	115.00	95.00	100.00	171.00	109.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	80.00	65.00	70.00	118.00	98.50
Wheat, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	6.65	4.56
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	6.03	4.35
Barley, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	5.73	3.94
Dry Edible Beans 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	40.00	28.60
Apples, fresh use 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.425	0.310
Hogs, all 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	48.50	37.20

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October.
2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Monthly estimates for wheat, barley, dry beans, apples, and hogs are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO