



# Range Review

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to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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### WHEAT PRICES CONTINUE TO CLIMB

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during February was 119 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 4 points (3 percent) from January but up 5 points (4 percent) from February 2007. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 111, was down 3 points (3 percent) from January and unchanged from February 2007. Prices for all livestock were up from last year except for sheep, steers, and heifers. Prices were up or unchanged for all livestock except for calves and steers and heifers compared to last month. Cow prices averaged \$49.00 per hundredweight, up \$4.50 from January and \$3.80 above last year. Steer and heifer prices, at \$95.00 per hundredweight, were down \$5.00 from last month and down \$2.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$120.00 per hundredweight, down \$1.00 from last month but up \$6.00 from February 2007. Sheep prices, at \$28.00, were unchanged from January but \$5.60 below last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$102.00, were unchanged from last month and up \$9.90 from last year.

The **All Crops Index**, at 168, was up 2 points (1 percent) from January and up 33 points (24 percent) from last February. All crop prices were higher than last month with the exception of oats and other hay. All crop prices were higher than last year with the exception of oats and other hay. Corn averaged \$4.00 per bushel, up 14 cents from January and 97 cents above last year. Wheat averaged \$9.50, up \$1.80 from January and up \$4.77 from last year. Dry beans averaged \$30.00 per hundredweight in February, up 10 cents from January and up \$6.20 from last year. Alfalfa hay, up \$7.00 from last month and up \$1.00 per ton from last year, was \$110.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$103.00 per ton, was down \$2.00 from both last month and last year.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 145 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from January. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for wheat, soybeans, corn, and hogs and lower prices were received for milk, lettuce, broccoli, and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and eggs offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 17 points (13 percent) from February 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 145, decreased 1 point (0.7 percent) from last month but increased 17 points (13 percent) from February 2007.

### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, FEBRUARY 2007, JANUARY 2008, AND FEBRUARY 15, 2008 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		FEB 2007	JAN 2008	FEB 15 2008	FEB 2007	JAN 2008	FEB 15 2008	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	45.20	44.50	49.00	47.00	46.30	49.70	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	97.00	100.00	95.00	91.40	93.40	93.20	—
Calves	100#	114.00	121.00	120.00	114.00	117.00	118.00	35
Sheep	100#	33.60	28.00	28.00	37.30	31.90	1/	—
Lambs	100#	92.10	102.00	102.00	94.80	97.50	1/	—
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	3.03	3.86	4.00	3.44	3.97	4.25	55
Oats	Bu.	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.35	2.96	2.97	59
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	3.15	4.85	4.29	—
All Wheat	Bu.	4.73	7.70	9.50	4.71	7.93	10.40	85
Dry Beans	100#	23.80	29.90	30.00	25.40	27.30	29.50	47
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	109.00	103.00	110.00	115.00	135.00	138.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	105.00	105.00	103.00	108.00	118.00	122.00	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 2/ Insufficient sales

**NOTE:** Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

### INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
	FEB 2007	JAN 2008	FEB 15 2008	FEB 2007	JAN 2008	FEB 15 2008
<b>All Commodities</b>	114	123	119	128	145	145
<b>All Crops</b>	135	166	168	138	158	159
<b>All Livestock and Products</b>	111	114	111	120	131	132

## WYOMING JANUARY COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 20 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER

**Commercial red meat** production in *Wyoming* during January 2008 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was up 20 percent from last month but unchanged from January 2007. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Seven hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in January, down 100 head from last year. Total live weight was 819,000 pounds, down 10 percent from January 2007. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,144 pounds, down 21 pounds from last year.

A total of 300 **hogs and pigs** were processed, down 100 hogs from last year. Total live weight, at 86,000 pounds, was down 19 percent from January 2007. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 273 pounds, up 7 pounds from last year.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in January, down 100 head from last year. Total live weight, at 17,000 pounds, was down 4,000 pounds from January 2007. Average live weight of sheep and lambs was 132 pounds, down 4 pounds from last year.

**United States: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.42 billion pounds in January, up 8 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in January 2007.

**Beef production**, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 4 percent from January 2007. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,291 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.16 billion pounds, 14 percent above the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.6 million head, 13 percent above January 2007. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 14.8 million pounds, was 2 percent below January 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 213,400 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, unchanged from January a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 2007 AND 2008, Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Jan. 2007	Jan. 2008	Jan. 2007	Jan. 2008	08/07	Jan. 2007	Jan. 2008	Jan. 2007	Jan. 2008	08/07
			1,000 Pounds	Percent				1,000 Pounds	Percent	
<b>Cattle</b>	800	700	906	819	90	2,798,700	2,898,600	3,596,488	3,728,434	104
<b>Hogs</b>	400	300	106	86	81	9,365,500	10,557,100	2,535,127	2,875,461	113
<b>Sheep &amp; Lambs</b>	200	100	21	17	81	216,700	213,400	30,197	29,649	98

## U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION SETS ALL TIME RECORD HIGH IN 2007

**WYOMING:** Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during 2007 totaled 6.1 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 6.2 million pounds in 2006. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

A total of 7,000 **cattle** were slaughtered in 2007, unchanged from 2006. Total liveweight, at 8.30 million pounds, was virtually unchanged from last year. The average liveweight of cattle slaughtered was 1,188 pounds, up 1 pound from 2006.

In 2007, 5,000 **hogs and pigs** were processed, compared with 4,900 in 2006. Total liveweight of hogs slaughtered was 1.31 million pounds, virtually unchanged from last year. The average liveweight of 264 pounds was down 1 pound from 2006.

A total of 1,600 **sheep and lambs** were processed in 2007, unchanged from last year. Total liveweight, at 228,000 pounds, was 6 percent above 2006. The average liveweight of sheep and lambs slaughtered, at 145 pounds, was 9 pounds heavier than last year.

**United States: Total red meat production** for the United States totaled 48.8 billion pounds in 2007, 2 percent higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in **commercial plants** totaled 48.7 billion pounds. **On-farm production** totaled 135 million pounds.

**Beef production** totaled 26.5 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. **Veal production** totaled 146 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year. **Pork production**, at 22.0 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 188 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2006.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** during 2007 totaled 34.3 million head, up 2 percent from 2006, with federal inspection comprising 98.4 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,269 pounds, down 2 pounds from a year ago. **Steers** comprised 51.3 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, **heifers** 30.3 percent, **dairy cows** 7.4 percent, **other cows** 9.4 percent, and **bulls** 1.6 percent.

**Commercial calf slaughter** totaled 758,100 head, 7 percent higher than a year ago with 98.2 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 303 pounds, down 39 pounds from a year earlier.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 109.2 million head, 4 percent higher than 2006 with 99.1 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 269 pounds. **Barrows and gilts** comprised 96.5 percent of the total federally inspected hog slaughter.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter**, at 2.69 million head, was down slightly from the previous year with 93.9 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight was unchanged from 2006 at 136 pounds. **Lambs and yearlings** comprised 95.4 percent of the total federally inspected sheep slaughter.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT FEBRUARY 1

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on February 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2007 but 1 percent below February 1, 2006. This is the second highest February 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

**Placements** in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million, 6 percent above 2007 but 19 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 467,000, 700-799 pounds were 525,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 395,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during January totaled 1.86 million, 1 percent above 2007 and 3 percent above 2006.

**Other disappearance** totaled 60,000 during January, 38 percent below 2007 and 28 percent below 2006.

## CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, FEB 1, 2007-2008 1/

State	On Feed Jan 1, 2008	Place- ments Jan 2008	Market- ings Jan 2008	Other Disapp. Jan 2008	On Feed Feb 1, 2008	On Feed Feb 1, 2007
Thousand Head						
CO	1,100	180	185	5	1,090	1,040
KS	2,480	405	445	10	2,430	2,430
NE	2,530	380	390	10	2,510	2,540
TX	2,960	400	420	10	2,930	2,800
Oth Sts.	3,027	422	418	25	3,006	2,916
U.S.	12,097	1,787	1,858	60	11,966	11,726

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## U.S. – CANADIAN CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

This publication is a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and NASS to release the number of cattle and calves by class and calf crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the U.S. cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on February 1, 2008.

**All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada** combined totaled 110.6 million head on January 1, 2008, down slightly from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 47.7 million head, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in the United States** as of January 1, 2008, totaled 96.7 million head, slightly below the 97.0 million on January 1, 2007 but virtually unchanged from the 96.7 million two years ago.

**All cattle and calves in Canada** as of January 1, 2008, totaled 13.9 million head, down 1 percent from the 14.2 million on January 1, 2007, and 5 percent below the 14.7 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.97 million, was down 1 percent from the 6.02 million on January 1, 2007, and 5 percent below the 6.27 million from two years ago.

### CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, UNITED STATES & CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2007-2008 1/

CLASS	UNITED STATES			CANADA		
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Cattle and Calves	97,003	96,669	100	14,155	13,945	99
Cows and Heifers that have Calved	42,023	41,777	99	6,015	5,971	99
Beef Cows	32,891	32,553	99	5,010	4,982	99
Milk Cows	9,132	9,224	101	1,005	989	98
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	20,086	20,003	100	2,031	2,049	101
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,877	5,670	96	587	595	101
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,310	4,457	103	480	471	98
Other Heifers	9,899	9,876	100	964	983	102
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	17,222	17,305	100	1,145	1,102	96
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,215	2,207	100	245	247	101
Calves Under 500	15,456	15,378	99	4,720	4,577	97
Calf Crop 2/	37,361			5,476		

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding

2/ January to December Calf Crop.

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### WYOMING HONEY PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT

**WYOMING:** Honey production during 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 3.44 million pounds, up 4 percent from production in 2006. There were 43,000 bee colonies in Wyoming during 2007 with an average production of 80 pounds per colony. In 2006, there were 39,000 colonies averaging 85 pounds per colony.

Honey stocks in Wyoming on December 15, 2007 totaled 894,000 pounds, up 80 percent from December 15, 2006. The average price received by producers for honey sold in 2007 was 103 cents per pound, up from 100 cents in 2006. The total value of production was \$3.54 million, up 7 percent from 2006.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. There were 2.44 million colonies producing honey in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Yield per colony averaged 60.8 pounds, down 6 percent from the 64.7 pounds in 2006. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested.

Producer honey stocks were 52.5 million pounds on December 15, 2007, down 13 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

The 2007 all honey price was 103.2 cents, down slightly from 103.6 cents in 2006. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel.

### HONEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2006-2007

State	Number of Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks Dec. 15 1/		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000</i>		<i>Lbs</i>		<i>1,000 Lbs</i>				<i>Cents</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
CO	36	33	75	51	2,700	1,683	1,458	892	110	112	2,970	1,885
ID	95	92	44	41	4,180	3,772	2,592	1,848	100	108	4,180	4,074
MT	132	135	79	68	10,428	9,180	1,981	2,203	96	94	10,011	8,629
NE	47	45	73	49	3,431	2,205	3,843	1,477	94	98	3,225	2,161
SD	225	255	47	52	10,575	13,260	10,575	10,608	95	93	10,046	12,332
UT	23	25	50	39	1,150	975	265	224	101	112	1,162	1,092
<b>WY</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>3,543</b>
U.S.	2,393	2,442	64.7	60.8	154,907	148,482	60,548	52,484	103.6	103.2	160,484	153,233

1/ Stocks held by producers, does not include stocks under loan.