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## HAY PRICES WELL ABOVE LAST YEAR

**WYOMING:** April hay prices were well above last year, according to the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. Compared to last month, all classes of hay increased by \$5.00 per ton. **Alfalfa hay**, up \$59.00 from last year, came in at \$160.00 per ton. **Other hay**, at \$135.00 per ton, was \$42.00 higher than last year.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 177 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 7 points (3.8 percent) from March. The Crop Index is down 5 points (2.4 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 7 points (4.4 percent). Producers received lower prices for broilers, corn, cattle, and eggs and higher prices for soybeans, onions, hay, and oranges. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of cattle, strawberries, milk, and broilers offset the decreased marketing of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) from April 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 166, decreased 5 points (2.9 percent) from last month but is unchanged from April 2011.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS - WY AND U.S.: APRIL 2012 WITH COMPARISONS								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES 3/			
		APR 2011	MAR 2012	APR 2012	APR 2011	MAR 2012	APR 2012	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	1/	1/	1/	78.90	84.20	84.90	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	1/	1/	1/	122.00	132.00	129.00	—
Calves	100#	1/	1/	1/	147.00	184.00	179.00	46
Sheep	100#	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	—
Lambs	100#	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	—
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	6.36	6.35	6.14	52
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	3.54	3.79	3.60	48
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	4.89	4.75	4.56	—
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	7.37	6.68	6.31	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	2/	31.80	47.10	47.90	56
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	101.00	155.00	160.00	161.00	201.00	207.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	93.00	130.00	135.00	105.00	139.00	140.00	—

1/ Price discontinued.

2/ Price withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

3/ Price data source for livestock is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.

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

PRICES RECEIVED INDEXES - UNITED STATES: APRIL 2012 WITH COMPARISONS			
1990-92 = 100 BASIS	UNITED STATES		
	APR 2011	MAR 2012	APR 2012
All Commodities	176	184	177
All Crops	200	210	205
All Livestock and Products	156	160	153