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LIVESTOCK PRICES FALL SLIGHTLY

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during September was 138 percent of the 1990-1992 base, according to Kim Faircloth with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. The index was down 5 points (3 percent) from both last month and September 2007. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 134, was down 5 points (4 percent) from August and down 8 points (6 percent) from September 2007. Prices for all livestock were down from last year except for cows and lambs. Compared to last month, prices were down for all livestock except lamb prices were unchanged. Cow prices averaged \$53.00 per hundredweight, down \$4.70 from August but up \$4.00 from last year. Steer and heifer prices, at \$107.00 per hundredweight, were down \$2.00 from last month and down \$6.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$120.00 per hundredweight, down \$4.00 from last month and down \$11.00 from last year. Sheep prices, at \$22.00, were down \$2.30 from August and \$2.20 below last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$106.00, were unchanged from August but up \$5.00 from last year.

The **All Crops Index**, at 175, was up 22 points (14 percent) from August and up 21 points (14 percent) from last September. Alfalfa hay prices were above both last month and last year while other hay prices were slightly below. Alfalfa hay, up \$1.00 from last month and up \$2.00 from last year, came in at \$116.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$108.00 per ton, was down \$4.00 from last month and down \$1.00 from last year.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 154 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.3 percent) from August. The Crop Index is down 3 points (1.7 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (2.2 percent). Producers received lower prices for wheat, hogs, soybeans, and broilers and higher prices for lettuce, turkeys, eggs, and cottonseed. 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 marketings of soybeans, corn, apples, and potatoes offset decreased marketings of cattle, wheat, broilers, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 14 points (10 percent) from September 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 152, decreased 1 point (0.7 percent) from last month but increased 9 points (6.3 percent) from September 2007.

**PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, SEPTEMBER 2007, AUGUST 2008, AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2008
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY**

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		SEP 2007	AUG 2008	SEP 15 2008	SEP 2007	AUG 2008	SEP 15 2008	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	49.00	57.70	53.00	49.30	57.40	56.00	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	113.00	109.00	107.00	98.30	100.00	99.50	—
Calves	100#	131.00	124.00	120.00	126.00	116.00	116.00	30
Sheep	100#	24.20	24.30	22.00	26.70	26.30	1/	—
Lambs	100#	101.00	106.00	106.00	99.00	99.60	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.50	2/	2/	3.28	5.26	5.17	59
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.47	3.15	2.92	52
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	4.47	4.55	4.28	—
All Wheat	Bu.	6.88	7.57	2/	6.76	7.64	6.91	50
Dry Beans	100#	26.60	2/	2/	24.50	38.00	39.10	56
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	114.00	115.00	116.00	135.00	180.00	176.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	109.00	112.00	108.00	111.00	126.00	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		
	SEP 2007	AUG 2008	SEP 15 2008	SEP 2007	AUG 2008	SEP 15 2008
All Commodities	143	143	138	140	156	154
All Crops	154	153	175	142	177	174
All Livestock and Products	142	139	134	138	137	134