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Mid-June Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of June showed increases from May for alfalfa hay, potatoes, beef cattle, steers & heifers, and calves. Price declines were recorded for all barley, feed barley, dry beans, all wheat, and cows. All milk was unchanged.

Nationally, the June All Farm Products Index of Prices Received was 98 based on 1990-1992= 100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from May. Price decreases from May for cantaloupes, hogs, peaches, and hay more than offset prices increases for oranges, milk, cattle, and celery.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, June 1998-June 1999

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		June 1998	May 1999	June 1999 ^{1/}	June 1998	May 1999	June 1999	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	85.00	62.00	66.00	96.50	95.70	85.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.22	2.30	2.20	1.93	1.81	1.78	30
Feed	Bu.	2.21	2.01	1.80	1.82	1.61	1.65	--
Malting	Bu.	2.78	10/	10/	2.10	2.15	2.01	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	21.90	16.30	16.10	20.90	20.10	18.40	37
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	3.85	5.05	5.15	6.13	6.30	6.65	50
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	3.00	4.70	--	7.17	7.74	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.90	4.80	--	5.58	5.36	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.52	2.60	2.57	2.77	2.53	2.48	26
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	57.60	57.70	58.30	61.80	62.10	63.60	42
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	34.30	35.40	34.90	36.10	36.40	36.10	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	64.10	64.80	65.70	64.50	65.20	66.80	--
Calves	Cwt.	79.00	79.00	81.00	81.70	87.60	88.00	46
Lambs	Cwt.	82.00	71.00	--	88.90	82.80	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	13.40	11.60	11.60	14.10	12.80	^{7/} 13.20	^{8/} 45
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	13.40	11.60	--	14.10	12.80	^{7/} 13.20	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	13.23	11.00	--	13.10	11.50	^{7/} 12.00	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.56, fluid milk 3.55, mfg grade 3.64. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	May 1998	June 1998	May 1999		June 1999 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	103	102	99	99	98
Prices Paid	117	117	117	116	116
Ratio ^{1/}	88	87	85	85	84

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

U.S. Hog Inventory Down 3 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 1999, was 60.5 million head. This was 3 percent below June 1998, but 1 percent above the March 1, 1999.

The March - May 1998 U.S. pig crop, at 26.3 million head, was 3 percent less than 1998 but 4 percent more than 1997. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, 3 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter continues to increase, with an average of 8.80 pigs saved per litter for the March-May period. Last year the litter

rate averaged 8.75 pigs. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.94 million sows farrow during the June - August 1999 quarter, 4 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 1998 but virtually unchanged in 1997. Intended farrowings for September - November 1999, at 2.87 million sows are 4 percent below the same period last year and 2 percent below 1997.

Grain Stocks

Idaho's June 1 wheat stocks in all positions totaled 19.8 million bushels, down 24 percent from the 26.2 million bushels in storage June 1, 1998. On-farm storage, of 5.0 million bushels, was less than half of the 11.5 million bushels in storage a year ago. Off-farm stocks, of 14.8 million bushels, were up slightly from last year's 14.7 million bushels. Barley stocks in all positions June 1 totaled 15.1 million bushels, up 24 percent from last year's 12.1 million bushels. On-farm stocks totaled 7.0 million bushels, compared to a year ago when 3.9 million bushels were in storage. Off-farm stocks totaled 8.1 million bushels, compared to 1998's 8.2 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stocks in all positions June 1, 1999, were estimated at 944.9 million bushels, up 31 percent from June 1, 1998. Stocks on farms, at 277.7 million bushels, were up from

last year's 224.2 million bushels. Off-farm stocks totaled 667.2 million bushels, up 34 percent from last year. Barley stored in all positions on June 1, 1999, was estimated at 140.8 million bushels, 18 percent above the stocks of June 1, 1998. Of the total barley stocks on hand, 52.0 million are stored on farms, 19 percent more than a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 88.8 million bushels, were up 18 percent from a year ago. Oats stored in all positions on June 1, 1999, totaled 81.4 million bushels, 10 percent above June 1, 1998. Of the total oat stocks on hand, 40.7 million bushels were stored on farms. Off-farm stocks also totaled 40.7 million bushels. Corn stored in all positions on June 1, 1999, was estimated at 3.6 billion bushels, up 19 percent from June 1, 1998. Of the total stocks, 2.3 billion bushels were stored on farms, 23 percent more than last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.4 billion bushels, were up 12 percent from last year.

Grain Stocks, All Positions - June 1, 1997-1999

POSITION YEAR	IDAHO				UNITED STATES			
	WHEAT	BARLEY	OATS	CORN	WHEAT	BARLEY	OATS	CORN
<i>1,000 Bushels</i>								
ON-FARM								
1997	4,500	2,900	*	*	154,560	43,715	33,100	1,501,000
1998	11,500	3,900	*	*	224,210	43,700	34,500	1,830,000
1999	5,000	7,000	*	*	277,710	52,000	40,700	2,257,000
OFF-FARM ^{1/}								
1997	11,963	6,483	125	696	289,047	65,735	33,576	995,550
1998	14,735	8,219	162	737	498,268	75,533	39,498	1,209,757
1999	14,845	8,065	282	2,235	667,233	88,848	40,686	1,358,960
TOTAL								
1997	16,463	9,383	*	*	443,607	109,450	66,676	2,496,550
1998	26,235	12,119	*	*	722,478	119,233	73,998	3,039,757
1999	19,845	15,065	*	*	944,943	140,848	81,386	3,615,960

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. * Not published.

Idaho Wheat Production Declines Slightly

Idaho's total winter wheat production is down 15 percent from 1998 to 53,960,000 bushels. A total of 710,000 acres is expected to be harvested. This is down 8 percent from a year ago. Yield, as of July 1, is expected to be 76.0 bushels per acre, down from last year's 82.0 bushels per acre. Producers with spring wheat are expected to harvest 640,000 acres, up 130,000 acres from 1998. Average yield is estimated at 75.0 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushel lower than 1998. Total spring wheat production is forecast at 48,000,000 bushels, up 22 percent from 1998. Total barley production is forecast at 53,820,000 bushels, down 9 percent from last year's 59,280,000 bushels. Harvested acres, at 690,000, are down 70,000 acres from last year, and yield of 78.0 bushels per acre is equal to a year ago. Oat yield for grain is estimated at 73.0 bushels per acre, down from last year's 75.0 bushels per acre. Harvested acres are expected to be 25,000, down 5,000 from last year. Total oat production is expected to decrease 19 percent from 1998 to 1,825,000 bushels. Peach production,

estimated at 6.0 million pounds, is down 33 percent from 9.0 million pounds a year ago.

United States' winter wheat production is forecast at 1.67 billion bushels, up 4 percent from June 1, but down 11 percent from 1998. Based on July 1 conditions, yield is forecast 47.0 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from the last forecast, and 2.3 bushels per acre more than last year. Other spring wheat production is forecast at 527.5 million bushels, just below 1998. Yield is forecast at 35.3 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushels from a year ago. Barley production is forecast at 294.9 million bushels, down 16 percent from 1998, and down 18 percent from 1997. Yields are expected to average 60.3 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushels from last year. Oat production for grain is forecast at 161.3 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. The forecasted yield, at 61.1 bushels per acre, is up 0.7 bushels from last year's 60.4 bushels per acre. The 1999 peach crop is forecast at 2.50 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 1998 but 5 percent below 1997 for comparable states.

Small Grains: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho and United States 1998 and Forecasted July 1, 1999

STATE	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	1998	1999	1998	June 1, 1999	July 1, 1999	1998	1999
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>			<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
IDAHO							
Winter Wheat	770	710	82.0	76.0	76.0	63,140	53,960
Spring Wheat	510	640	77.0	--	75.0	39,270	48,000
Barley	760	690	78.0	--	78.0	59,280	53,820
Oats	30	25	75.0	--	73.0	2,250	1,825
UNITED STATES							
Winter Wheat	40,126	35,609	46.9	44.7	47.0	1,880,605	1,673,222
Spring Wheat	15,148	14,960	34.9	--	35.3	528,709	527,497
Barley	5,867	4,894	60.1	--	60.3	352,445	294,869
Oats	2,765	2,641	60.4	--	61.1	167,122	161,251

U.S. Dairy Products May 1999 Highlights

Butter production was 105 million pounds in May, 13.1 percent above May 1998 but 1.6 percent below April 1999.

American Type Cheese production totaled 319 million pounds, 6.9 percent above May 1998 and 0.2 percent above April 1999.

Total Cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 675 million pounds, 3.4 percent above May 1998 and 0.3 percent above April 1999.

Cream Cottage Cheese production was 31.5 million pounds, 3.2 percent above May 1998 and 0.2 percent above April 1999.

Lowfat Cottage Cheese production was 30.1 million pounds,

1.3 percent below May 1998 but 0.9 percent above April 1999.

Frozen Desserts: (Comparisons with May 1998)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) - 75.9 million gallons, down 5.8 percent.

Lowfat (total) - 39.0 million gallons, down 4.8 percent.

Nonfat (hard) - 3.39 million gallons, down 5.6 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 4.90 million gallons, up 1.4 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 8.96 million gallons, up 16.9 percent.

Dry Milk Products: (Comparisons with May 1998)

Nonfat dry milk

for human food - 135 million pounds, up 12.8 percent.

Dry whole milk - 11.6 million pounds, down 3.5 percent.

Dry buttermilk - 4.32 million pounds, down 16.6 percent.

Idaho Onion Acreage

Onion acreage planted in Idaho is expected to be 8,100 acres, a 1 percent decrease from 1998's acreage, and unchanged from the March intentions, and a 4 percent decrease from the 1997 acreage. Crop conditions are good due to the favorable weather these past two months, making the quality of onions prosper.

Nationally, summer storage onions are planted on 85,190 acres, a slight increase from the 1998 crop and a 2 percent decrease from the 1997 crop. This national acreage excludes California, where summer storage onions are mostly for processing. The California crop is expected from 32,500 acres this year, down 5 percent from last year's crop. Summer non-storage onion acreage is down 4 percent from 1998, and spring onion acreage increased 3 percent from last year.

Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 1997-99

Season and State	Acres			1999 As Percent of 1998
	1997	1998	1999	
Spring ^{1/}	40,600	38,900	40,000	103
Summer ^{1/}				
Non-storage				
Nevada ^{2/}	1,800	2,100		
New Mexico	7,900	7,300	7,200	99
Texas	4,200	4,200	3,800	90
Washington	900	850	850	100
Summer Non-storage Total	14,800	14,450	11,850	96 ^{5/}
Storage ^{3/}				
Colorado	18,000	16,500	15,500	94
IDAHO	8,400	8,200	8,100	99
Michigan	5,000	4,500	4,300	96
Minnesota	650	490	470	96
New York	12,500	13,100	13,000	99
Ohio	520	530	520	98
Oregon				
Malheur	12,200	12,200	13,000	107
West	7,600	7,600	7,300	96
Utah	2,400	2,500	2,500	100
Washington	17,800	17,300	18,300	106
Wisconsin	2,200	2,100	2,200	105
Summer Storage Subtotal	87,270	85,020	85,190	100
California ^{4/}	32,400	34,300	32,500	95
Summer Storage Total	134,470	133,770	129,540	97
U.S.	175,070	172,670	169,540	99 ^{5/}

^{1/} Estimates for 1998 revised. ^{2/} Estimate to be published in "Vegetables 1999 Summary" in January 2000. ^{3/} Yield and production for 1999 will be published September 10, 1999. ^{4/} Primarily processing. ^{5/} Percent excludes Nevada.