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Mid-August Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of August showed increases from July for all barley, feed barley, malting barley, alfalfa hay, potatoes, steers & heifers, calves, and all milk. Price declines were recorded for dry beans, all wheat, and cows. Beef cattle remain unchanged.

For the United States, the August All Farm Products Index of Prices Received was 98 based on 1990-92= 100, up 3 points (3.2 percent) from July. Price increases from July for milk, hogs, wheat, and corn more than offset price decreases for broilers, potatoes, oranges, and tomatoes.

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

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		August 1998	July 1999	August 1999 ^{1/}	August 1998	July 1999	August 1999	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	91.00	88.00	91.00	90.20	82.00	81.50	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.53	2.05	2.50	2.07	2.04	2.13	36
Feed	Bu.	1.70	1.69	1.80	1.49	1.48	1.58	--
Malting	Bu.	3.03	2.77	2.80	2.60	2.50	2.63	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	21.10	16.30	16.20	19.60	19.30	19.10	38
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	3.60	5.95	6.05	5.55	7.34	5.80	44
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	2.80	7.20	--	6.39	9.87	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.80	5.50	--	5.01	5.20	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	1.89	2.59	2.55	2.38	2.23	2.43	25
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	53.60	59.50	59.50	57.40	62.60	62.90	42
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	33.30	34.00	33.30	34.20	37.70	37.00	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	58.10	65.10	65.30	59.70	65.20	65.60	--
Calves	Cwt.	73.00	77.00	80.00	76.90	89.20	89.00	46
Lambs	Cwt.	71.30	75.70	--	80.10	77.00	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	14.40	13.80	15.70	15.50	13.70	7/ 14.90	8/ 49
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	14.40	13.80	--	15.50	13.80	7/ 14.90	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	14.38	13.80	--	14.60	13.20	7/ 14.80	--

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 3.54, fluid milk 3.54, mfg grade 3.62. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	July 1998	August 1998	July 1999		August 1999 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	102	101	94	95	98
Prices Paid	116	116	116	116	116
Ratio ^{1/}	88	87	81	82	84

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

Barley And Spring Wheat Yields Increase From Previous Month

Based on conditions as of September 1, Idaho's spring wheat yield is forecast at 77.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the August 1 forecast and equal to last year's yield. Production of 49,280,000 bushels from 640,000 harvested acres is 25 percent above 1998. Idaho's all wheat production is expected to be 101,820,000 bushels, down 1 percent from 1998. Barley yield is expected to be 76.0 bushels per acre, an increase of 2 bushels from August 1, but below last year's yield of 78.0 bushels per acre. Total production of 52,440,000 bushels from 690,000 harvested acres is down 12 percent from last year. Expected sugarbeet production of 5,313,000 tons from 210,000 acres is up 3 percent from last month's forecast, but down 3 percent from 1998. The forecasted yield is 25.3

tons per acre, an increase of 0.7 tons from last month, but down from last year's 27.1 tons per acre.

Nationally, all wheat production is forecast at 2.31 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the August forecast and 10 percent below last year's production. Spring wheat production is expected to total 508 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month and down 4 percent from 1998. Barley production is forecast at 283 million bushels, up slightly from August, but 20 percent below 1998 production. Sugarbeet production is expected to total a record high 33.6 million tons, 3 percent above the previous record in 1998.

Harvested Acreage, Yield, and Production - Idaho & U.S., 1998 - September 1999

CROP	UNIT	HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		1999 AS PERCENT OF 1998
		1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
		<i>Thousand Acres</i>				<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>
IDAHO:								
All Wheat	Bu.	1,280	1,350	80.0	75.4	102,410	101,820	99
Winter Wheat	Bu.	770	710	82.0	74.0	63,140	52,540	83
Spring Wheat ^{1/}	Bu.	510	640	77.0	77.0	39,270	49,280	125
Corn for Grain	Bu.	52	55	150.0	155.0	7,800	8,525	109
Oats	Bu.	30	25	75.0	68.0	2,250	1,700	76
Barley	Bu.	760	690	78.0	76.0	59,280	52,440	88
All Hay	Tons	1,430	1,430	3.9	3.8	5,549	5,477	99
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	1,130	1,150	4.3	4.3	4,859	4,945	102
Sugarbeets	Tons	203.0	210.0	27.1	25.3	5,501	5,313	97
Dry Beans ^{2/}	Lbs.	103.0	103.0	2,050	2,100	2,112	2,163	102
UNITED STATES:								
All Wheat	Bu.	59,002	54,467	43.2	42.3	2,550,383	2,306,671	90
Winter Wheat	Bu.	40,126	35,609	46.9	47.4	1,880,605	1,688,582	90
Spring Wheat ^{1/}	Bu.	15,148	14,960	34.9	33.9	528,709	507,727	96
Corn for Grain	Bu.	72,604	70,955	134.4	132.2	9,761,085	9,380,947	96
Oats	Bu.	2,765	2,631	60.4	61.6	167,122	162,096	97
Barley	Bu.	5,867	4,834	60.1	58.5	352,445	282,585	80
All Hay	Tons	60,016	62,051	2.5	2.6	151,338	160,769	106
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	23,642	23,968	3.5	3.5	82,010	83,160	101
Sugarbeets	Tons	1,451.7	1,525.5	22.5	22.0	32,606	33,629	103
Dry Beans ^{2/}	Lbs.	1,913.9	1,903.0	1,611	1,656	30,828	31,506	102

^{1/} Spring wheat other than durum. ^{2/} Yield in pounds, production in 1,000 cwt.

Milk Production Up 13 Percent

Idaho milk production during August 1999 totaled 577 million pounds, up 13 percent from the same month last year and up 2 percent from July 1999. Average milk production per cow in August 1999 was 1,780 pounds, up 60 pounds from August 1998 and up 20 pounds from July 1999. The average number of milk cows in August was 324,000 head, 28,000 more than in August 1998 and 3,000 more than in July 1999.

Nationally, August milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.5 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from production in these same States in August 1998. July revised production, at 11.6 billion pounds, was up 2.4 percent from July 1998. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,488 pounds for August, 45 pounds above August 1998. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 33,000 head more than August 1998 and 3,000 head more than July 1999.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, August 1998-1999

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		1999 As Percent of 1998
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona	132	135	1,410	1,580	186	213	115
California	1,426	1,472	1,590	1,765	2,267	2,598	115
Florida	159	158	1,040	1,100	165	174	105
IDAHO	296	324	1,720	1,780	509	577	113
Illinois	127	122	1,320	1,280	168	156	93
Indiana	135	136	1,320	1,330	178	181	102
Iowa	222	215	1,403	1,400	311	301	97
Kentucky	140	132	985	975	138	129	93
Michigan	304	292	1,535	1,540	467	450	96
Minnesota	550	545	1,360	1,375	748	749	100
Missouri	169	160	1,055	1,040	178	166	93
New Mexico	218	235	1,710	1,635	373	384	103
New York	701	702	1,420	1,460	995	1,025	103
Ohio	263	259	1,350	1,430	355	370	104
Pennsylvania	623	615	1,435	1,455	894	895	100
Texas	347	346	1,195	1,095	415	379	91
Vermont	160	161	1,420	1,440	227	232	102
Virginia	123	118	1,210	1,210	149	143	96
Washington	247	248	1,840	1,910	454	474	104
Wisconsin	1,366	1,366	1,425	1,410	1,947	1,926	99
20 STATE TOTAL	7,708	7,741	1,443	1,488	11,124	11,522	104

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U.S. Dairy Products July 1999 Highlights

Butter production was 78.3 million pounds in July, 22.8 percent above July 1998 but 8.9 percent below June 1999.

American Type Cheese production totaled 301 million pounds, 8.2 percent above July 1998 and 1.1 percent above June 1999.

Total Cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 646 million pounds, 5.8 percent above July 1998 but 4.0 percent below June 1999.

Cream Cottage Cheese production was 31.6 million pounds, 7.5 percent below July 1998 but 4.0 percent above June 1999.

Lowfat Cottage Cheese production was 31.6 million pounds, 2.5 percent below July 1998 and 0.5 percent below June 1999.

Frozen Desserts: (Comparisons with July 1998)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) - 86.0 million gallons, down 0.9 percent.

Lowfat (total) - 42.0 million gallons, down 4.9 percent.

Nonfat (hard) - 3.37 million gallons, down 5.0 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 5.36 million gallons, down 2.0 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) - 7.72 million gallons, down 8.8 percent.

Dry Milk Products: (Comparisons with July 1998)

Nonfat Dry Milk

for Human Food - 102 million pounds, up 18.5 percent.

Dry Whole Milk - 8.96 million pounds, down 24.8 percent.

Dry Buttermilk - 2.74 million pounds, down 8.0 percent.

Idaho Onion Production

Onion production in Idaho state is expected to be 5.3 million cwt., a 14 percent increase from 1998's production of 4.6 million cwt. Idaho's yield is forecast to be 670 cwt. per acre, up from 580 cwt. last year. Idaho onion growers feel this crop to be the best in recent years. There was some hail damage reported in isolated areas of Idaho, but the overall size and condition of this year's onion crop is very good.

Nationally, production of summer storage onions is forecast

at 36.5 million cwt., 2 percent more than 1998 but 5 percent less than in 1997. Harvested acreage, at 82,550, is down slightly from last year, and yield, at 442 cwt. per acre, is 11 cwt. more than in 1998. This production total does not include California, where summer storage onions are mostly for processing. California production is forecast at 12.5 million cwt., a 13 percent decrease from last year. Washington production, at 8.8 million cwt., is expected to be 4 percent above 1998.