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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 for feed barley, dry beans, all wheat, beef cattle, steers and heifers, and all milk. Price declines were recorded for alfalfa hay, malting barley, potatoes, and cows. Prices remained unchanged for calves.

Nationally, the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in August was 101 based on 1990-1992=100, up 1 point (1.0 percent) from the July index. Higher prices for corn, wheat strawberries and lettuce more than offset decreased prices for hogs, broilers, grapes, and potatoes.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, August 2001-August 2002

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		August 2001	July 2002	August 2002 ^{1/}	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	125.00	102.00	99.00	105.00	102.00	101.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.98	2.88	2.87	2.41	2.11	2.36	37
Feed	Bu.	1.95	2.07	2.10	1.54	1.85	1.82	--
Malting	Bu.	3.07	2.96	2.95	2.85	2.47	2.82	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	18.00	23.40	23.50	17.40	24.50	22.10	46
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	6.05	8.95	7.00	7.61	10.80	8.64	64
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	9.40	12.40	--	13.30	17.30	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.70	5.60	--	4.61	6.07	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.04	3.09	3.19	2.74	3.21	3.60	38
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	65.90	57.60	59.10	70.60	63.80	63.60	40
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	40.30	34.40	33.00	43.10	37.40	36.10	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	71.60	64.50	64.80	73.50	66.60	66.30	--
Calves	Cwt.	101.00	84.00	84.00	106.00	94.90	94.70	45
Lambs	Cwt.	52.00	73.00	--	54.80	75.70	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	15.10	10.30	10.40	16.50	11.20	7/11.20	8/33
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	15.10	10.30	--	16.50	11.20	7/11.30	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	15.50	9.30	--	15.20	9.50	7/9.80	--

^{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 3.56, fluid milk 3.56, mfg grade 3.62. ^{8/} Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. ^{9/} Including milk diverted to manufacturing. ^{10/} Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	July 2001	August 2001	July 2002		August 2002 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	108	110	100	100	101
Prices Paid	124	124	123	124	124
Ratio ^{1/}	87	89	81	81	81

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

Idaho Potatoes - Production 2000-2001

Final disposition numbers show Idaho's 2001 potato crop, at 120 million cwt, a 6.1 percent decrease from earlier estimates. Field run yield of 345 cwt is 3 cwt below previous estimate. Harvested acres of 348,000 acres were down 15.7 percent from 2000 and the lowest harvested acreage since 1988 when 347,000 acres were harvested. The first production estimates for the 2002 crop will be available on November 12, 2002

Potatoes: Acres, Yield And Production, 2000 And 2001

STATES	CROP OF 2000				CROP OF 2001			
	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION
	PLANTED	HARVESTED			PLANTED	HARVESTED		
<u>FALL CROP:</u>	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.
California	8.7	8.7	430	3,741	3.2	3.2	445	1,424
Colorado	75.8	75.6	370	27,972	68.1	67.8	315	21,357
IDAHO, ALL	415.0	413.0	369	152,320	350.0	348.0	345	120,200
10 SW Co.	28.0	28.0	490	13,720	23.0	23.0	450	10,350
Other Areas	387.0	385.0	360	138,600	327.0	325.0	338	109,850
Indiana	3.0	2.8	280	784	3.1	2.9	320	928
Maine	64.0	64.0	280	17,920	62.0	62.0	265	16,430
Massachusetts	2.8	2.5	255	638	2.9	2.8	265	742
Michigan	49.0	47.5	315	14,963	46.0	45.0	310	13,950
Minnesota	66.0	59.0	360	21,240	59.0	55.0	335	18,425
Montana	11.5	11.3	310	3,503	10.5	10.3	320	3,296
Nebraska	26.0	24.7	410	10,127	22.5	22.4	375	8,400
Nevada	7.0	7.0	450	3,150	6.5	6.5	360	2,340
New Mexico	6.8	6.8	400	2,720	4.2	4.2	340	1,428
New York	22.0	21.3	280	5,964	23.5	23.3	255	5,942
North Dakota	124.0	110.0	245	26,950	118.0	110.0	240	26,400
Ohio	4.4	4.2	270	1,134	4.4	4.3	255	1,097
Oregon, ALL	57.0	56.5	543	30,683	45.0	44.5	466	20,730
Malheur Co.	10.5	10.5	425	4,463	9.0	9.0	410	3,690
Other Areas	46.5	46.0	570	26,220	36.0	35.5	480	17,040
Pennsylvania	13.5	13.0	270	3,510	14.0	13.5	235	3,173
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	275	138	0.5	0.5	280	140
South Dakota	3.5	2.8	290	812	2.8	2.7	240	648
Utah	1.5	1.5	290	435	1.3	1.3	265	345
Washington	175.0	175.0	600	105,000	160.0	160.0	590	94,400
Wisconsin	86.0	84.5	400	33,800	84.0	83.0	385	31,955
TOTAL FALL	1,223.0	1,192.2	392	467,504	1,091.5	1,073.2	367	393,750
U.S. 1/	1,383.7	1,348.0	381	513,621	1,247.7	1,222.2	358	437,888

1/ Includes winter, spring, summer and fall crops.

U.S. Sugarbeet Yield Down & Corn Yield Up

Based on conditions as of September 1, Idaho's sugarbeet yield is forecast at 25.6 tons per acre, 0.6 ton above the August forecast but 1 percent below 2001. Production is forecast at 5.38 million tons, 16 percent more than last year's production. Area expected for harvest is estimated at 210,000, 17 percent more than a year ago.

Nationally, sugarbeet production is forecast at 28.5 million tons, 3 percent more than the August forecast and 11 percent above last year's production. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.37 million acres.

This is 1 percent higher than the August estimate and 10 percent above last year. The yield is forecast at 20.8 tons per acre, 0.4 tons above the August forecast and slightly above 2001. Corn production is forecast at 8.85 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from last month and down 7 percent from 2001. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 125.4 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushels from August but down 12.8 bushels from last year. If realized, both yield and production would be at their lowest since 1995.

Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2001 and Forecasted 2002

CROP	UNIT	HARVESTED ACREAGE		YIELD			PRODUCTION		2002 AS A PERCENT OF 2001
		2001	2002	2001	2002		2001	2002	
					Aug 1	Sep 1			
		<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>
IDAHO: 1/ Sugarbeets	Tons	179.0	210.0	25.9	25.0	25.6	4,636	5,376	116
UNTIED STATES: Sugarbeets	Tons	1,243.6	1,370.8	20.7	20.4	20.8	25,787	28,495	111
Corn for Grain	Bu.	68,808	70,541	138.2	125.2	125.4	9,506,840	8,848,529	93

1/ Idaho corn for grain data available January 2003.

Idaho Apple, Prune and Plum Production Decreases

Idaho apple, prune and plum production are down from last year. Apple production for 2002 is forecast at 70.0 million pounds, down 10.0 million pounds from last year's crop. Prune and plum production in Idaho is expected to total 2,000 tons, down from last year's 3,000 tons. If realized production for both apples, prunes and plums would be the lowest since 1999.

The nation's 2002 apple production is expected to total 9.21 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2001 and 14 percent from 2000. Decreased production in Eastern and Central States more than offset projected increases in the Western States. Prune and Plum production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 15,200 tons, down 28 percent from last year and 36 percent below 2000.

Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2001 - 2002

State	Apples 1/		Prunes & Plums		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	
		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Tons</i>	
California	700.0	600.0	--	--	
Idaho	80.0	70.0	3,000	2,000	
Michigan	880.0	550.0	3,600	200	
New York	1,000.0	720.0	--		
North Carolina	120.0	160.0	--		
Oregon	142.0	140.0	9,000	7,000	
Pennsylvania	480.0	470.0	--		
Utah	30.0	15.0	--		
Virginia	310.0	250.0	--		
Washington	5,100.0	5,500.0	5,600	6,000	
West Virginia	115.0	100.0	--		
UNITED STATES	9,629.1	9,205.6	21,200	15,200	

1/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees.

U.S. Dairy Products July 2002 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 670 million pounds, 0.8 percent below July 2001 and 2.7 percent below June 2002.

American type cheese production totaled 302 million pounds, 3.0 percent above July 2001 but 2.6 percent below June 2002.

Butter production was 93.9 million pounds in July, 11.5 percent above July 2001, but 3.1 percent below June 2002.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with July 2001)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) --- 82.6 million gallons, up 0.6 percent.

Lowfat (total) ---39.4 million gallons, down 5.0 percent.

Nonfat (hard) ---1.49 million gallons, down 9.7 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 5.52 million gallons, up 9.6 percent

Frozen Yogurt (total) ---7.39 million gallons, up slightly.

Nonfat dry milk for human food: (compared with July 2001) ---
124 million pounds, up 5.9 percent.