



Mid-August Prices Received by Farmers

Prices Received
 Potato Production
 Crop Production
 Fruit Production
 Dairy Products

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

Nationally, the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in August was 108 based on 1990-1992=100, up 3 points (2.9 percent) from the July index. Higher prices for wheat, dairy, cattle, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for grapes, cantaloupe, soybeans, and hogs.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, August 2002-August 2003

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		August 2002	July 2003	August 2003 ^{1/}	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	99.00	85.00	87.00	101.00	92.70	91.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	3.05	2.96	3.02	2.68	2.74	2.58	40
Feed	Bu.	2.21	2.38	2.25	2.05	2.23	2.02	--
Malting	Bu.	3.11	3.09	3.10	2.93	3.08	2.84	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	23.50	12.40	18.00	23.20	16.80	17.90	36
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	7.05	3.70	4.45	8.00	6.43	7.71	56
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	11.40	2.40	--	15.30	8.34	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	5.20	4.60	--	4.91	5.32	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.52	3.22	3.41	3.63	2.95	3.44	36
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	59.20	68.20	74.30	64.40	75.80	78.50	49
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	33.80	42.40	41.70	36.40	44.90	44.80	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	64.80	75.90	81.40	67.30	78.80	81.70	--
Calves	Cwt.	84.00	99.00	102.00	94.90	103.00	105.00	49
Lambs	Cwt.	72.00	84.00	--	75.30	89.40	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	10.50	11.90	12.80	11.30	12.00	7/13.00	8/37
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	10.50	11.90	--	11.30	12.00	7/13.00	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	9.90	12.70	--	9.90	11.50	7/12.60	--

^{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 3.65. ^{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 2002	August 2002	July 2003		August 2003 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	99	100	104	105	108
Prices Paid	123	124	127	127	127
Ratio ^{1/}	80	81	82	83	85

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

Idaho Potatoes - Production 2001-2002

Final disposition numbers show Idaho's 2002 potato crop, at 133 million cwt, unchanged from earlier estimates. Field run yield of 358 cwt is also unchanged from the previous estimate. Harvested area of 373,000 acres was up 7 percent from 2001, which was the lowest harvested acreage since 1988. The first production estimates for the 2003 crop will be available on November 12, 2003.

Potatoes: Acres, Yield And Production, 2001 And 2002

STATES	CROP OF 2001				CROP OF 2002			
	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION
	PLANTED	HARVESTED			PLANTED	HARVESTED		
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	1,000 Acres		Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.
FALL CROP:								
California	3.2	3.2	445	1,424	8.2	8.2	520	4,264
Colorado	68.1	67.8	315	21,357	71.6	71.5	390	27,885
IDAHO, ALL	350.0	348.0	345	120,200	375.0	373.0	358	133,385
10 SW Co.	23.0	23.0	450	10,350	27.0	27.0	455	12,285
Other Areas	327.0	325.0	338	109,850	348.0	346.0	350	121,100
Indiana	3.1	2.9	320	928	2.9	2.8	260	728
Maine	62.0	62.0	265	16,430	64.0	64.0	265	16,960
Massachusetts	2.9	2.8	265	742	3.3	3.2	255	816
Michigan	46.0	45.0	310	13,950	46.5	45.5	305	13,878
Minnesota	59.0	55.0	335	18,425	61.0	55.0	340	18,700
Montana	10.5	10.3	320	3,296	10.5	10.4	310	3,224
Nebraska	22.5	22.4	375	8,400	22.0	21.8	395	8,611
Nevada	6.5	6.5	360	2,340	7.6	7.6	350	2,660
New Mexico	4.2	4.2	340	1,428	4.0	4.0	400	1,600
New York	23.5	23.3	255	5,942	22.5	22.0	250	5,500
North Dakota	118.0	110.0	240	26,400	118.0	102.0	230	23,460
Ohio	4.4	4.3	255	1,097	4.3	4.2	215	903
Oregon, ALL	45.0	44.5	466	20,730	50.0	49.8	501	24,936
Malheur Co.	9.0	9.0	410	3,690	8.0	8.0	400	3,200
Other Areas	36.0	35.5	480	17,040	42.0	41.8	520	21,736
Pennsylvania	14.0	13.5	235	3,173	15.0	14.0	185	2,590
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	280	140	0.5	0.5	235	118
South Dakota	2.8	2.7	240	648	1.1	1.1	300	330
Utah	1.3	1.3	265	345	0.8	0.8	305	244
Washington	160.0	160.0	590	94,400	165.0	165.0	560	92,400
Wisconsin	84.0	83.0	385	31,955	85.0	83.0	375	31,125
TOTAL FALL	1,091.5	1,073.2	367	393,750	1,138.8	1,109.4	373	414,317
U.S. 1/	1,247.7	1,222.2	358	437,888	1,304.6	1,270.3	362	459,802

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

U.S. Sugarbeet Yield Up & Corn Yield Down

Based on conditions as of September 1, Idaho's sugarbeet yield is forecast at 27.6 tons per acre, 0.2 ton above the August forecast and 14 percent above 2002. Production is forecast at 5.71 million tons, 12 percent more than last year's production. Area expected for harvest is estimated at 207,000 acres, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Nationally, sugarbeet production is forecast at 30.7 million tons, 1 percent more than the August forecast and 11 percent above last year's production. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.35 million acres. This is slightly

higher than the August estimate, but 1 percent below last year. The yield is forecast at 22.8 tons per acre, 0.1 tons above the August forecast and 12 percent above 2002. Corn production is forecast at 9.94 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month, but up 10 percent from 2002. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 138.5 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from August, but up 8.5 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the second largest on record.

Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2002 and Forecasted 2003

CROP	UNIT	HARVESTED ACREAGE		YIELD			PRODUCTION		2003 AS A PERCENT OF 2002
		2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003	
					Aug 1	Sep 1			
		<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>
IDAHO: 1/ Sugarbeets	Tons	210.0	207.0	24.3	27.4	27.6	5,103	5,713	112
UNTIED STATES: Sugarbeets	Tons	1,361.1	1,348.1	20.4	22.7	22.8	27,718	30,673	111
Corn for Grain	Bu.	69,313	71,815	130.0	139.9	138.5	9,007,659	9,944,418	110

1/ Idaho corn for grain data available January 2003.

Idaho Apple, Prune and Plum Production

Idaho apple, prune and plum production are up from last year. Apple production for 2003 is forecast at 85.0 million pounds, up 5.0 million pounds from last year's crop. Prune and plum production in Idaho is expected to total 3,000 tons, up from last year's 2,000 tons.

The nation's 2003 apple production is expected to total 9.27 billion pounds, up 8 percent from last year but 2 percent below 2001. Compared to 2002, production increases in the Eastern and Central States more than offset a projected decrease in the Western States. Prune and Plum production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 14,700 tons, down 6 percent from last year and 31 percent below 2001.

Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2002 - 2003

State	Apples 1/		Prunes & Plums	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Tons</i>	
California	470.0	510.0	--	--
Idaho	80.0	85.0	2,000	3,000
Michigan	500.0	970.0	250	3,000
New York	680.0	1,020.0	--	--
North Carolina	160.0	140.0	--	--
Oregon	202.0	120.0	8,000	3,700
Pennsylvania	370.0	440.0	--	--
Utah	7.0	30.0	--	--
Virginia	250.0	300.0	--	--
Washington	5,150.0	4,900.0	5,400	5,000
West Virginia	95.0	95.0	--	--
UNITED STATES	8,555.6	9,266.6	15,650	14,700

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

U.S. Dairy Products July 2003 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 712 million pounds, 2.9 percent above July 2002 but 0.3 percent below June 2003.

American type cheese production totaled 300 million pounds, 1.8 percent below July 2002 and 2.4 percent below June 2003.

Butter production was 79.2 million pounds in July, 16.1 percent below July 2002 and 5.5 percent below June 2003.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with July 2002)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) --- 82.5 million gallons, down 0.6 percent.

Lowfat (total) --- 42.1 million gallons, up 16.3 percent.

Nonfat (hard) --- 1.88 million gallons, up 21.6 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 5.22 million gallons, down 4.8 percent

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 5.85 million gallons, down 13.0 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food: (compared with July 2002)
---120 million pounds, down 7.4 percent.