



## Montana Agricultural Exports

### Montana's Agricultural Exports Decreased \$40 Million in 2002

The value of Montana's agricultural commodities exported during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 totaled \$267.7 million, \$39.9 million less than 2001 showing reduced output from severe drought conditions in the State. Wheat and wheat products remained Montana's leading export, making up 73% of the State's agricultural exports. Exports of wheat showed the largest change with the value of exports decreasing \$35.2 million from 2001. Feed grains and products exports were down \$8.0 million from 2001. Live animals and meat decreased \$0.5 million dollars from 2001. Feed and fodder exports increased \$2.2 million from 2001 along with vegetables and preparations which increased \$1.6 million.

In 2002, the U.S. exported \$53.3 billion worth of agricultural commodities, increasing just over one-half a billion dollars from 2001. The value of wheat exports was \$4.8 billion. The value of U.S. wheat exported showed the largest increase nationally, up \$278 million to the fourth largest export, making up 9% of all exports. The value of U.S. feed grains exported during 2002 increased \$245.5 million from a year earlier. Feeds and fodders showed the biggest decrease in exports, dropping \$192.5 million. Hides and skins also showed a significant decline, down \$156.9 million from 2001. Nationally, feed grains exports increased 4% from 2001, while live animals and meats declined 3%. The export value of feed grains made up 12.7% of U.S. exports, trailing only behind soybeans at 13.7%. Live animals and meat accounted for 11.4% of all exports.

Due to drought reduced production, Montana dropped from third to seventh place in ranking among states exporting wheat and wheat products for fiscal year 2002. Kansas climbed to the top wheat exporter position replacing North Dakota as number one. For 2002 the top wheat exporting states are Kansas followed by North Dakota, Washington, Texas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Montana, Ohio, Idaho and Colorado. Considering the export of all products, California remained on top, followed by Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, and Minnesota. Montana dropped to thirty-fourth position for export of all products.

#### Agricultural Exports for Montana and the United States

COMMODITY	MONTANA			UNITED STATES		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Million Dollars						
Wheat and Products	260.7	231.9	196.7	4,586.0	4,508.8	4,787.1
Feed Grains and Products	28.9	22.6	14.6	6,605.7	6,533.7	6,779.2
Fruits and Preparations	--	--	--	3,380.2	3,501.7	3,433.5
Vegetables and Preparations	13.4	12.5	14.1	4,440.4	4,511.2	4,551.0
Live Animals and Meat	12.0	13.4	12.9	6,406.6	6,293.5	6,097.4
Hides and Skins	0.8	1.2	0.9	1,428.4	1,932.9	1,776.0
Poultry and Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	2,235.4	2,518.6	2,279.3
Fats, Oils and Greases	0.2	0.2	0.2	421.5	320.0	454.4
Dairy Products	--	--	--	998.5	1,120.9	1,030.7
Feeds and Fodders	27.5	20.0	22.2	1,859.8	2,143.7	1,951.2
Seeds	3.5	2.9	2.8	771.8	727.1	839.2
Other	2.5	2.7	2.9	17,609.6	18,586.3	19,314.6
<b>ALL COMMODITIES</b>	<b>349.7</b>	<b>307.6</b>	<b>267.7</b>	<b>50,743.8</b>	<b>52,698.5</b>	<b>53,293.6</b>

Fiscal year ending September 30. Totals may not add due to rounding.

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