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# South Dakota PRICES RECEIVED

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## GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK PRICES DOWN

**SIoux FALLS, July 30, 2004** – Preliminary July grain and livestock prices are mostly down from last month, with the exception of alfalfa and other hay and cows, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. Compared to last year, preliminary July crop and livestock prices were up, with the exception of barley.

The preliminary July corn price, at \$2.35, was 44 cents lower than June but up 34 cents from last year. The July soybean price, at \$8.35, was down 78 cents from last month but up \$2.72 from 2003. The preliminary all wheat price for July, at \$3.45, was down 29 cents from last month but was 40 cents above last year. The winter wheat price, at \$3.31, was down 23 cents from last month but up 43 cents from last July. The spring wheat price, at \$3.53, was down 33 cents from last month but up 20 cents from last year.

The preliminary all hay price, at \$65.00 per ton, was down \$1.00 from June but up \$3.00 from 2003. The alfalfa price, at \$67.00 per ton, was unchanged from last month but up \$5.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$57.00, was up \$7.00 from last month and up \$6.00 from 2003.

The preliminary July all beef cattle price, at \$85.30, was down \$4.30 from last month but up \$13.20 from last year. Steers and heifers, at \$94.40, were down \$5.60 from June but were \$14.50 above last year. Calves, at \$124.00, were down \$10.00 from last month but were \$17.00 above last July.

July's preliminary all hog price, at \$56.80, was down 40 cents from last month but up \$12.50 from July 2003. Barrows and gilts were \$11.70 above last year, while sows were up \$16.80 from 2003.

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COMMODITY	UNIT	July 2003 1/	June 2004 1/	July 2004 2/
----- DOLLARS -----				
Corn	Bu.	2.01	2.79	2.35
Soybeans	Bu	5.63	9.13	8.35
Sunflower	Cwt.	10.30	13.00	12.10
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.05	3.74	3.45
Winter	Bu.	2.88	3.54	3.31
Other Spring	Bu.	3.33	3.86	3.53
Barley, All	Bu.	2.61	2.43	2.39
Feed	Bu.	1.96	2.10	NA
Malt	Bu.	2.74	2.47	2.39
Oats	Bu.	1.31	1.57	1.32
Hay, All	Ton	62.00	66.00	65.00
Alfalfa	Ton	62.00	67.00	67.00
Other	Ton	51.00	50.00	57.00
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	72.10	89.60	85.30
Cows	Cwt.	48.80	54.80	58.10
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	79.90	100.00	94.40
Calves 4/	Cwt.	107.00	134.00	124.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	44.30	57.20	56.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	46.30	59.00	58.00
Sows	Cwt.	33.20	46.40	50.00
Lambs	Cwt.	92.00	114.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	26.00	29.50	NA

1/ Full month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Over 500 lbs. 4/ Under 500 lbs. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. 6/ Insufficient data to establish price. NA = Not Available.

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