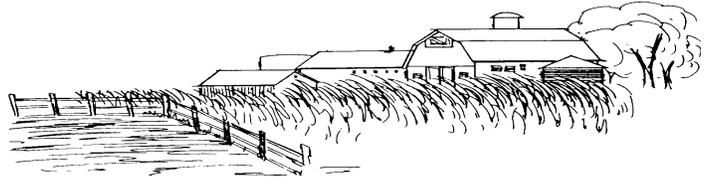


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## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

**UTAH:** Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-January 2004, compared with December 2003, were down for barley, alfalfa hay, and other hay, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. The lamb price for December 2003 was \$98.00 per cwt, up \$7.00 from January 2003. The December 2003 sheep price, at \$38.00, was down \$1.00 from January 2003. Barley, at \$2.30 per bushel, was down 14 cents from the previous month's price and 28 cents below January 2003. Baled alfalfa hay was \$84.00 per ton, down \$3.00 from last month and \$10.00 below January 2003. Other hay, at \$71.00 per ton, was down \$5.00 from last month, but \$11.00 higher than January 2003.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 111, based on 1990-92=100, is 2 points (1.8 percent) below the December Index. The Livestock Products Index is down 5 points (4.5 percent) from December while the All Crops Index is unchanged. Lower prices received for cattle, lettuce, milk, and tomatoes more than offset higher commodity prices for broilers, soybeans, corn, and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of cattle, soybeans, corn, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of cotton, grapes, tobacco, and cottonseed.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (11 percent) from January 2003. The Food Commodities Index, at 112, is 3 points (2.6 percent) below last month but 14 points (14 percent) above January 2003.