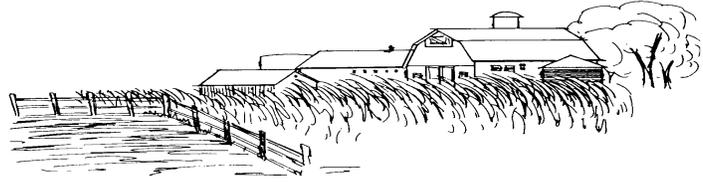




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## Agricultural Prices

**Utah:** Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-Sept 2004, compared with August 2004, were down for barley, and alfalfa hay, and up for other hay, lambs, and sheep according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lamb price for August 2004 was \$100.00 per cwt, up \$13.00 from September 2003. The August 2004 sheep price, at \$33.00 was \$5.00 above September 2003.

Barley, at \$2.09 per bushel, was down 21 cents from the previous month's price and 26 cents below last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$85.00 per ton, down \$2.00 from last month but \$4.00 above last year. Other hay, at \$78.00 per ton, was \$2.00 below last month but \$17.00 higher than September 2003.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, is 6 points (5.0 percent) below the August Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. The Crop Index, declined 7 points (5.9 percent) from August while the Livestock Index decreased 5 points (4.1 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for broccoli, wheat, grapes, oranges, and peaches. Lower prices were received for broilers, soybeans, cattle, corn, and lettuce. 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 soybeans, peanuts, corn, and apples offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat, and grapes. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 3 points (2.7 percent) from September 2003.

The Food Commodities Index declined 6 points (4.9 percent) from last month to 117. The index stands 5 points (4.5 percent) above September 2003.

### Average Prices Received by Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004 <sup>1</sup>	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Livestock &amp; Products</b>							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	87.00	100.00	( <sup>2</sup> )	95.10	97.80	( <sup>2</sup> )
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	28.00	33.00	( <sup>2</sup> )	32.50	38.50	( <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Crops</b>							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.35	2.30	2.09	2.88	2.79	2.56
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	81.00	87.00	85.00	86.70	97.40	95.50
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	61.00	80.00	78.00	68.20	70.00	65.70

<sup>1</sup> Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

<sup>2</sup> September data will be published next month.