



Farm Land Values

UTAH: Average farm real estate values, including land and buildings, were estimated at \$1,230 per acre on January 1, 2005, up from \$1,150 on January 1, 2004. Utah cropland was valued at \$2,900 per acre on January 1, 2005, the same as 2004, and down \$60 from 2003. Pastureland was valued at \$630 per acre on January 1, 2005, up \$110 an acre from 2004 and \$130 an acre from 2003.

UNITED STATES: Farm real estate values, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$1,510 per acre on January 1, 2005, up 11.0 percent from 2004. This is the largest percentage increase since 1981, when farm real estate values rose 11.1 percent from the previous year. The \$150 per acre increase is the largest dollar increase on record. The previous record was 1980, when values climbed \$109 per acre above the 1979 value. Cropland and pasture values rose by 11.3 and 9.5 percent, respectively, from January 1, 2004. Cropland values averaged \$1,970 per acre and pasture values averaged \$694 per acre on January 1, 2005, compared with \$1,770 and \$634 per acre, respectively, a year earlier. The value of other land and buildings increased 11.9 percent. The increase in farm real estate values was driven by a combination of factors, including low interest rates, high commodity production and prices, and strong demand for nonagricultural land uses. Nationally, survey data indicated that agricultural land with potential for immediate development (expected land use if sold) was valued at more than \$6,050 per acre. The survey also indicated that agricultural land with potential for future development was valued at nearly \$5,400 per acre, about \$1,400 higher than the 2004 indication. Demand for farm real estate as an investment continued to be strong.

Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 35.8 million pounds in July 2005, 5 percent above July of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for July 2005 totaled 46,400 head, 4 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,210 pounds, up 7 pounds from July 2004. **Hog slaughter** totaled 3,000 head, 6 percent below July 2004. The average live weight was 238 pounds, up 12 pounds from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during April 2005 totaled 2,000 head, down 400 head from the previous year. Average live weight, at 146 pounds, was up 18 pounds from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for

the United States totaled 3.62 billion pounds in July, down 2 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in July 2004. **Beef production**, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 2 percent from July 2004. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,254 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 12.4 million pounds, 7 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,600 head, down 15 percent from July 2004. The average live weight was 26 pounds above last year, at 350 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.51 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.66 million head, 5 percent below July 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 264 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.5 million pounds, was down 5 percent from July 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,800 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 6 pounds from July a year ago. **January to July 2005 commercial red meat production** was 25.9 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter,
July 2004-2005¹**

Item	Utah		United States	
	July		July	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Production (Million Pounds)				
Red Meat	34.2	35.8	3,707.9	3,615.9
Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)				
Cattle	44.7	46.4	2,787.2	2,718.4
Calves	1	1	68.8	58.6
Hogs	3.2	3.0	8,095.8	7,662.0
Sheep & Lamb	2.4	2.0	220.9	200.8
Average Live Weight (Pounds)				
Cattle	1,203	1,210	1,239	1,254
Calves	1	1	324	350
Hogs	226	238	262	264
Sheep & Lamb	128	146	128	134

¹ Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.



2005 UTAH STATE FAIR

September 8-18

"All Your Wildest Dreams Will Come True" at the 150th Utah State Fair, September 8-18. You are invited to be a part of the Sesquicentennial celebration, culture, heritage, and history. Below are some judging dates and times to mark on your calendar for this year's fair:

Sheep

Sat, 10th	4-H/FFA Breeding Sheep	4:00 pm
Sun, 11th	Montadale	10:00 am
" "	Corriedale	11:00 am
" "	Rambouillet	1:00 pm
" "	Columbia	3:00 pm
Wed 14th	Dorset	10:00 am
" "	Hampshire	11:00 am
" "	Suffolk	2:00 pm
Thur, 15th	4-H/FFA Sheep Market Lamb . . .	1:00 pm
Fri, 16th	4-H/FFA Sheep Market Lamb . .	12:00 pm

Beef Cattle

Fri, 9th	Dexter	12:00 pm
" "	Simmental	3:00 pm
" "	Gelbvieh.	5:30
Tue, 13th	Horned & Polled Hereford	10:00 am
" "	Angus	3:30 pm
Thur, 15th	Jr. Market Steer Showmanship . .	4:00 pm
Fri, 16th	4-H /FFA Market Steers	9:00 am
Sun, 18th	Other Recognized Breeds	10:00 am

Dairy Cattle

Sat, 10th	4-H/FFA Showmanship	10:00 am
" "	4-H/FFA Holstein & Jersey	11:00 am
Mon, 12th	Open Class Holstein & Jersey . .	11:00 am
Tue, 13th	Judging Dairy Cattle	10:00 am

Swine

Sat, 10th	Swine Open Class.	9:00 am
Fri, 16th	4-H/FFA Swine Market Hogs . . .	6:00 pm

Rabbits

Fri, 9th	Open Class Rabbits	9:00 am
Sat, 10th	Open Class Rabbits	9:00 am
Thur, 15th	4-H-Rabbit Showmanship	6:00 pm
Fri, 16th	Open Class & Pet	9:00 am
Sat, 17th	4-H/ FFA Rabbits	9:00 am

Poultry

Fri, 9th	Poultry	9:00 am
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Pigeons

Fri, 9th	Various Breeds	9:00 am
Thur, 15th	Various Breeds	9:00 am

Dairy Goats

Fri, 9th	4-H/FFA Showmanship	8:30 am
" "	4-H/FFA Dairy & Jr. Doe Show . .	10:30 am
Sat, 10th	4-H/FFA Dairy & Sr. Doe Show . .	10:00 am
Mon, 12th	Official Milking Competition	6:00 am
" "	Official Milking Competition	6:00 pm
Tue, 13th	Open Jr. Doe Show	10:00 am
Wed, 14th	Open Sr. Doe Show	9:00 am
Sat, 17th	Goats Boer Goats	10:00
Sun, 18th	Market Goat Show	10:00

Horse Arena Schedule

<u>Friday, 9th</u>	
Gaited Horses Halter Performance Classes . .	9:00 am
<u>Saturday, 10th</u>	
Quarter Horse Halter Performance	9:00 am
PRCA Rodeo	7:00 pm
<u>Sunday, 11th</u>	
Appaloose Halter & Performance Classes . .	9:00 am
PRCA Rodeo	7:00 pm
<u>Tuesday, 13th</u>	
Open Halter & Performance Classes	9:00 am
Open Halter & Performance Classes	1:00 pm
Open Halter & Performance Classes	7:00 pm
<u>Wednesday, 14th</u>	
Open Halter & Performance Classes	9:00 am
Open Halter & Performance Classes	1:00 pm
Draft Horse Pulling	7:00 pm
<u>Thursday, 15th</u>	
Open Halter & Performance Classes	9:00 am
Open Halter & Performance Classes	1:00 pm
Open Halter & Performance Classes	7:00pm
<u>Friday, 16th</u>	
Youth Performance Classes	1:00 pm
Championship Classes	7:00 pm

For further information, visit the Utah State Fair web site at www.utah-state-fair.com.

Crop Production Forecast

UTAH: Barley production is expected to be 2.6 million bushels, down 26 percent from 2004, and harvested acreage, at 30,000, is down 25 percent from the previous year. Average expected yield on August 1, at 85.0 bushels per acre, is 1 bushel below the 2004 yield. In recent years, Utah farmers have been harvesting fewer acres of barley for grain. **Dry beans**, at 20,000 cwt, is up from 14,000 cwt in 2004, and 16,000 cwt in 2003. Average yield is expected to be 450 pounds per harvested acre compared with 300 pounds in 2004. **Alfalfa hay production**, at 2.3 million tons, is up 9 percent from 2004. Yield at 4.2 tons per acre compares with 3.8 tons in 2004.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, down 12 percent from last year but 3 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 139.2 bushels per acre, down 21.2 bushels from the record high last year. With the exception of Michigan, forecast yields are lower in all of the Corn Belt States as warm, dry weather throughout the growing season depleted soil moisture levels and stressed the crop. Across the U.S., yields are forecast lower than last year in 29 of the 33 published corn States. The largest decreases occurred in Missouri, Illinois, and Kansas. Farmers expect to harvest 74.4 million acres of corn for grain, unchanged from June but up 1 percent from 2004. **All wheat** production, at 2.17 billion bushels, is down 2 percent from the July forecast but up slightly from 2004. Based on August 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.0 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushels from last month and 0.2 bushels below last year. **Other Spring wheat** production is forecast at 553 million bushels, down 6 percent from last month and 3 percent below 2004. Acreage intended for harvest is unchanged from last month. The U.S. yield is forecast at 40.6 bushels per acre, 2.6 bushels less than on July 1. Of the production total, 516 million is Hard Red Spring wheat, down 6 percent from last month. **Oats:** Production is forecast at 128 million bushels, 3 percent below the July 1 forecast but 10 percent above last year's 116 million bushels. The forecasted yield is 64.7 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from July 1 but unchanged from 2004. Growers expect to harvest 1.98 million acres for grain, unchanged from last month but up 10 percent from last year. **Barley:** Production for 2005 is forecast at 237 million bushels, down 3 percent from the July forecast and 15 percent below 2004. Based on August 1 conditions, producers expect to harvest an average of 68.2 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from July and down 1.2 bushels from last year. Area harvested, at 3.47 million acres, is unchanged from last month but down 14 percent from 2004. **Dry Beans:** U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 25.8 million cwt. in 2005, up 45 percent from last year and 15 percent above 2 years ago. Production is expected to be above last year in 16 of the 17 producing States. These increases are mostly the result of higher acreage. Eleven of the 17 States also have higher yields than last year. Acreage adjustments, since the June Acreage report, decreased planted acreage estimates less than 1 percent and reduced harvested expectations by 2 percent. Planted area is estimated at 1.67 million acres, 23 percent above last year and up 19 percent from 2 years ago. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.53 million acres, up 26 percent from last year and 14 percent above 2003. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,687 pounds per acre, an increase of 227 pounds from last year and 17 pounds more than 2 years ago. **Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures:** Production is forecast at 73.8 million tons, down 2 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3.34 tons per acre, a decrease of 0.13 tons from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 22.1 million acres, unchanged from June but up 2 percent from 2004. **Other Hay:** Production is forecast at 76.1 million tons, down 8 percent from 2004. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.92 tons, down 0.13 tons from last year. Harvested area, at 39.6 million acres, is unchanged from June but down 2 percent from the previous year.

Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) in June 2005, at 6 million pounds, was down 0.7 percent from June 2004, and 1.5 percent below May 2005. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 2.7 million gallons, up 8.7 percent from June 2004, and up 9.5 percent from May 2005.

UNITED STATES: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 761 million pounds, 6.4 percent above June 2004 but 3.1 percent below May 2005. **American type cheese** production totaled 321 million pounds, 4.1 percent above June 2004 but 3.5 percent below May 2005. **Butter** production was 104 million pounds in June, 5.2 percent above June 2004 but 12.8 percent below May 2005. **Hard ice cream** production at 90.3 million gallons, was up 6.0 percent from June 2004, and up 13.6 percent from May 2005.

Manufactured Dairy Production - June 2004-2005 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	Jun 2004	May ¹ 2005	Jun 2005	Jun 2004	May ¹ 2005	Jun 2005
1,000 Pounds						
Total Cheese	5,996	6,043	5,954	715,331	785,539	761,032
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream	2,503	2,485	2,720	85,245	79,510	90,324

¹ Revised.

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Agricultural Prices

Utah: Mid-August 2005 prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers for barley and other hay were the same as last month. Alfalfa hay was down from last month. Barley, at \$2.03 per bushel, was the same as the previous month's price but 27 cents below last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$90.00 per ton, \$5.00 below last month and \$3.00 above last year. Other hay, at \$85.00 per ton, was the same as last month and \$5.00 above August 2004.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 117, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.7 percent) while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and sweet corn. Higher prices were received for lettuce, peaches, strawberries, and turkeys. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of cattle, grapes, sweet corn, and calves offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and broilers. Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 3 points (2.5 percent) from August 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 120, is unchanged from last month but decreased 3 points

Average Prices Received by Farmers ¹

Commodity	Utah						United States					
	Barley		Alfalfa Hay, Baled		Other Hay, Baled		Barley		Alfalfa Hay, Baled		Other Hay, Baled	
Month	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
January	2.39	2.11	84.00	85.00	71.00	75.00	2.69	2.41	84.80	94.50	70.20	73.30
February	2.74	1.96	78.00	91.00	66.00	80.00	2.73	2.31	85.10	94.00	72.10	74.20
March	2.59	1.89	75.00	99.00	62.00	80.00	2.77	2.49	86.20	98.60	72.00	77.80
April	2.72	2.04	81.00	92.00	70.00	80.00	2.78	2.26	92.70	105.00	76.20	81.60
May	2.71	(2)	90.00	90.00	75.00	80.00	2.78	2.46	108.00	116.00	79.70	75.40
June	2.51	2.10	88.00	95.00	80.00	85.00	2.63	2.57	102.00	112.00	75.90	73.60
July	2.42	2.03	90.00	95.00	80.00	85.00	2.54	2.38	98.70	109.00	74.80	75.90
August	2.30	2.03	87.00	90.00	80.00	85.00	2.77	2.75	99.30	109.00	71.90	74.80
September	2.05		85.00		78.00		2.43		97.50		74.30	
October	1.96		86.00		80.00		2.29		100.00		73.80	
November	2.39		92.00		88.00		2.45		95.20		73.50	
December	1.91		87.00		83.00		2.49		92.10		72.40	

¹ August 2005 is mid-month price.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.