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Thank You to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

## CATTLE PRICES SLIGHTLY HIGHER BUT SHEEP LOWER

The *Index of Prices Received* by farmers and ranchers in Wyoming for agricultural commodities sold during April was 102 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was unchanged from March, but up 2 points (2 percent) from April 2002. The All Livestock Index was also unchanged from last month, but up 2 points (2 percent) from last year. The average price for cows, steers and heifers, and calves were higher than the previous month, but average prices for sheep and lambs were lower. The All Crops Index was down 2 points (2 percent) from March, but up 3 points (3 percent) from April 2002. The average prices for corn, oats, and dry beans were higher than the previous month, but the average prices for feed barley and wheat were lower. The price for alfalfa hay and other hay was unchanged from March. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The *Index of Prices Received for Livestock*, at 97, was unchanged from March, but was up 2 points from April 2002. Sheep prices were \$5.30 lower than March, but \$13.60 higher than last year. Lamb prices averaged \$2.00 lower than March but \$32.40 higher than April 2002. Steer and heifer prices were up \$1.30 from March but unchanged from last year. Cow prices were up \$1.10 from March but also unchanged from last April. Calf prices averaged \$1.30 higher than in March but down \$2.00 from last year.

The *Index of Prices Received for Crops*, at 120, was down 2 point from March, but up 3 points from last year. Wheat was down 9 cents from March, but 44 cents higher than April 2002. Alfalfa hay was unchanged from March but up \$10.00 from last year. Other hay prices were also unchanged from March but \$11.00 higher than last year. The average corn price was up 10 cents from March and up 88 cents from April 2002. Oats was up 5 cents from March and 25 cents higher than last year. Feed barley was down 1 cent from March. Dry beans averaged 50 cents higher than in from March but down \$9.80 from last April.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April is 101, based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2 percent) from the March index. Higher prices for cattle, lettuce, onions, and soybeans offset lower prices for tomatoes, broilers, wheat, and hogs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Increased marketings of strawberries, cattle, oranges, and milk offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and wheat.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 7 points (7 percent) from April 2002. Higher prices for cattle, corn, soybeans, and broilers more than offset lower prices for potatoes, dry beans, celery, and lemons.

## LIVESTOCK CASH RECEIPTS DOWN 11 PERCENT IN WYOMING

Wyoming stock growers received \$725.3 million in cash receipts from cattle, sheep, and hog sales during 2002, down 11 percent from the previous year's \$817.1 million.

**Cattle and calf** marketing receipts, at \$687.0 million, accounted for 95 percent of the total receipts. Cattle receipts were down 9 percent from 2001. Lower average prices more than offset a 2 percent increase in total pounds marketed to hold cash receipts down. The 2002 calf crop was also 7 percent smaller than in 2001. The average price for cattle marketed was down \$9.30 per hundredweight (cwt.) to \$71.90, and calf prices decreased \$13.40 to \$92.60 per cwt.

**Hog and pig** sales in 2002 totaled \$14.3 million, down 60 percent from the record high established in 2001. While marketed increased 19 percent from 2001, total pounds marketed fell by 41 percent due to more lower weight pigs. The average price also declined by \$12.30 from \$43.60 per cwt. in 2001 to \$31.30 in 2002. The decrease in pounds marketed coupled with the lower price led to the decline in cash receipts. The 2002 pig crop was 17 percent larger than in 2001.

Cash receipts for **sheep and lambs** marketed in 2002 totaled \$24.0 million, up 4 percent from 2001. While the quantity marketed declined 5 percent, the average price for lambs marketed was up \$8.10 per cwt. to \$78.90, more than offsetting the decline in pounds marketed. Sheep prices declined \$.90 to \$29.10 per cwt. The lamb crop was off 1 percent from 2001

**UNITED STATES:** Total 2002 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals decreased 10 percent to \$48.0 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 79 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 20 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for hogs and pigs, but decreased for both cattle and calves and sheep and lambs. Average prices were down from 2001 levels for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep while lambs showed an increase.

Cash receipts from marketings of **cattle and calves** decreased from \$40.4 billion in 2001 to \$38.0 in 2002, a 6 percent decrease. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 55.9 billion pounds in 2002, up 1 percent from 2001. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$66.50 a decrease of \$4.80 from 2001. For calves, the annual average price decreased \$9.60 to \$96.40.

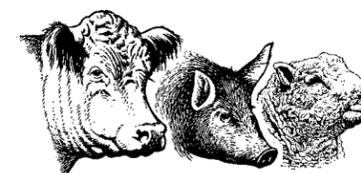
Cash receipts from **hogs and pigs** totaled \$9.6 billion during 2002, down 23 percent from 2001. Marketings increased to 27.3 billion pounds in 2002, up 2 percent from 2001. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight decreased from \$44.30 in 2001 to \$33.40 in 2002.

Cash receipts from marketings of **sheep and lambs** in 2002 were \$431 million, up 8 percent from 2001. Marketings increased 2 percent to 652 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for sheep decreased from \$34.60 in 2001 to \$28.20 in 2002, while for lambs the annual average price increased \$7.20 to \$74.10.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, APRIL 2002, MARCH 2003, AND APRIL 15, 2003								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			% OF PARITY
		APR 2002	MAR 2003	APR 15 2003	APR 2002	MAR 2003	APR 15 2003	
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	42.00	40.90	42.00	40.10	39.50	40.10	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	79.00	77.70	79.00	70.60	76.70	79.30	—
Calves	100#	103.00	99.70	101.00	101.00	97.00	99.10	46
Sheep	100#	27.40	46.30	41.00	26.00	40.20	1/	—
Lambs	100#	72.60	107.00	105.00	64.70	97.10	1/	—
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	2.07	2.85	2.95	1.91	2.33	2.35	35
Oats	Bu.	1.80	2.00	2.05	1.99	2.08	1.98	48
Feed Barley	Bu.		2.16	2.15	1.79	2.30	2.34	—
All Wheat	Bu.	2.82	3.35	3.26	2.83	3.54	3.34	35
Dry Beans	100#	27.30	17.00	17.50	27.50	15.20	15.50	31
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	104.00	114.00	114.00	103.00	96.20	96.20	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	98.00	109.00	109.00	79.50	82.30	86.40	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996.  
NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.						
1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
	APR 2002	MAR 2003	APR 15 2003	APR 2002	MAR 2003	APR 15 2003
All Commodities	100	102	102	94	99	101
All Crops	117	122	120	100	105	111
All Livestock and Products	95	97	97	89	93	93



## MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME, WYOMING 2001-02

Year	Production 1/ 1,000 Pounds	Marketings 2/ 1,000 Pounds	Average Price per 100 lbs.		Value of Production 1,000 Dollars	Cash Receipts 3/ 1,000 Dollars	Gross Income 3/	
			(Cattle) Dollars	(Calves) Dollars				
<b>Cattle and Calves</b>								
2001	652,685	904,550	81.20	106.00	542,823	758,166	764,691	
2002	604,365	926,685	71.90	92.60	444,815	686,961	692,879	
<b>Sheep and Lambs</b>								
2001	31,248	39,129	30.00	70.80	19,155	23,072	23,257	
2002	30,777	37,030	29.10	78.90	21,412	24,024	24,238	
<b>Hogs and Pigs</b>								
2001	72,829	76,875	43.60		33,331	35,828	36,327	
2002	45,714	45,300	31.30		14,307	14,336	14,696	
<b>Total Meat Animals</b>								
2001	756,762	1,020,554	—	—	595,309	817,066	824,275	
2002	680,856	1,009,015	—	—	480,534	725,321	731,813	

1/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for shipments.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State.

3/ Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter. Gross income includes value of home consumption.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 8 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.70 million head on April 1, 2003. Inventory was 8 percent below April 1, 2002 and 7 percent below April 1, 2001.

Placements in March totaled 2.04 million, 5 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 276,000, 600-699 pounds were 390,000, 700-799 pounds were 744,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 632,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2002 and 6 percent below 2001.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, APR 1, 2002-2003 1/						
State	On Feed Mar 1, 2003	Place- ments Mar 2003	Market- ings Mar 2003	Other Disapp. Mar 2003	On Feed Apr 1, 2003	On Feed Apr 1, 2002
Thousand Head						
CO	990	165	180	5	970	1,120
KS	2,240	510	410	20	2,320	2,420
NE	2,190	320	310	10	2,190	2,300
TX	2,560	600	480	10	2,670	2,900
Oth						
Sts.	2,546	447	423	17	2,553	2,837
U.S.	10,526*	2,042	1,803	62	10,703	11,577

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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## U.S. LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION RECORD LOW FOR MARCH

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during March 2003 totaled 400,000 pounds, up 3 percent from March 2002 but down 8 percent from the previous month. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Five hundred *cattle* were slaughtered in March, down one hundred head from a year earlier. Total liveweight was 611,000 pounds, down 3 percent from March 2002. Average liveweight of cattle slaughtered was 1,219 pounds, 85 pounds lighter than last year.

Four hundred *hogs* and *pigs* were processed, up 100 head from last year. Total liveweight, at 101,000 pounds, was up 49 percent from March 2002. Average liveweight of hogs slaughtered was 259 pounds, up 1 pound from last year.

One hundred *sheep* and *lambs* were processed in March totaling 13,000 pounds liveweight. Average liveweight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 127 pounds, down 15 pounds from a year earlier.

January - March red meat production, at 1,600,000 pounds, was 23 percent above the same period in 2002.

**UNITED STATES:** Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.70 billion pounds in March, up 1 percent from the 3.68 billion pounds produced in March 2002.

**Beef production**, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, up 1 percent from March 2002. The average live weight was 1,234 pounds, down 7 pounds from March a year ago.

**Pork production** totaled 1.62 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.15 million head, 2 percent above March 2002. The average live weight was 268 pounds, up 1 pound from March a year ago.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 18.2 million pounds, was down 18 percent from March 2002 and a new record low for March. Sheep slaughter totaled 264,100 head, 19 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, unchanged from March a year ago.

January - March red meat production was 11.27 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent, pork up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton down 15 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, MARCH 2002 AND 2003 Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	%	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	%
	1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds				
<b>Cattle</b>	600	500	628	611	97	2,737,700	2,770,200	3,397,480	3,417,508	101
<b>Hogs</b>	300	400	68	101	149	7,986,500	8,152,100	2,132,885	2,181,874	102
<b>Sheep &amp; Lambs</b>	100	100	10	13	130	324,300	264,100	44,622	36,411	82

## U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION PROJECTED TO RECOVER FROM RECENT LOWS

Based on conditions around May 1, winter wheat production in Wyoming this year is expected to total 4.16 million bushels, up 82 percent from 2002. Production would also be 44 percent more than in 2001, 2 percent more than in 2000, but still 32 percent less than in 1999. The average yield per harvested acre is forecast at 26 bushels, up 7 bushels from 2002 and up 2 bushels from the 2001 average yield. The total acreage expected to be harvested for winter wheat this year is 160,000 acres, up 40,000 acres from last year and 2001 but 10,000 acres less than in 2000.

**UNITED STATES:** Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.56 billion bushels, up 37 percent from 2002 which was the lowest level since 1970. Production would be up 15 percent from 2001 and at about the same level as the 2000 crop. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 42.9 bushels per acre, 4.4 bushels more than last year. Grain area totals 36.4 million acres, up 23 percent from last season.

## WYOMING HAY STOCKS REMAIN LOW

Hay stocks on Wyoming farms and ranches totaled 200,000 tons as of May 1, 2003, up 11 percent from the same time last year and up 32 percent from the May 1, 2001 stocks. Stocks on May 1 were still only about one fourth as large as on May 1, 2000. Small hay crops coupled with dry conditions limiting pasture and extending hay feeding periods have resulted in extremely low stocks over the past three years.

**UNITED STATES:** Hay stocks on farms and ranches in the U.S. totaled 22.2 million tons as of May 1, down 1 percent from 2002 but 5 percent above May 1, 2001.

WINTER WHEAT, 2002 AND MAY 1, 2003 FORECAST, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.							
State	Acres Harvested		Yield per acre		Production		
	2002	Indicated 2003	2002	Indicated 2003	2002	Indicated 2003	% 2003/2002
	1,000		Bushels		1,000 Bushels		
<b>WYOMING</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>182</b>
Colorado	1,650	2,200	22.0	30.0	36,300	66,000	182
Kansas	8,100	9,700	33.0	40.0	267,300	388,000	145
Montana	750	1,700	28.0	36.0	21,000	61,200	291
Nebraska	1,520	1,650	32.0	38.0	48,640	62,700	129
Oklahoma	3,500	4,700	28.0	34.0	98,000	159,800	163
Texas	2,700	3,700	29.0	31.0	78,300	114,700	146
Washington	1,750	1,800	59.0	62.0	103,250	111,600	108
UNITED STATES	29,651	36,447	38.5	42.9	1,142,802	1,563,314	137