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CALF PRICES AT RECORD HIGH FOR SEPTEMBER

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in Wyoming for agriculture commodities sold during September was 136 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was up 10 points (8 percent) from August but down 8 points (6 percent) from September 2004.

The **All Livestock Index** was unchanged from August but down 10 points (7 percent) from September 2004. Calf and steer and heifer prices were up from August, but cow and sheep prices were lower. Prices for cows and steers and heifers were lower than last year at this time, while calf, sheep, and lamb prices were higher. Calf prices averaged \$2.00 higher than in August, \$1.00 higher than September 2004, and a record for the month. Cow prices averaged \$1.10 below August and \$5.50 below September 2004. Steer and heifer prices were \$2.00 above August but \$8.00 below last year's price. Sheep prices were \$2.10 below August but 70 cents above September 2004. Lamb prices were unchanged from the August price but \$5.00 higher than a year ago.

The **All Crops Index** was up 8 points (8 percent) from August but down 1 point (1 percent) from September last year. Prices were lower than August for corn, oats, feed barley, dry beans, and alfalfa, while all wheat prices were higher. Feed barley, wheat, and dry beans were higher in September compared with September 2004, while corn and alfalfa were lower and oats and other hay remained unchanged. Corn was down 1 cent from August and down 60 cents from September 2004. Oats was down 5 cents from last month and unchanged from September 2004. Feed barley was down 2 cents from last month but up 22 cents from last year. Wheat was up 15 cents from August and up 17 cents from a year ago. Dry beans was down \$4.50 from August but still 20 cents higher than last year. Alfalfa hay was \$1.00 below both last month and last year. Other hay was unchanged from August and from September 2004.

The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 116, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (1 percent) from August. The Crop Index was down 5 points (4 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for corn, soybeans, hogs, onions, and potatoes. Higher prices were received for cattle, eggs, broilers, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Decreased average marketings of cattle, broilers, grapes, wheat, and dairy offset increased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, corn, and apples.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is unchanged from September 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, increased 1 point (1 percent) from last month and 2 points (2 percent) from September 2004.

WYOMING HAY PRODUCTION EXPECTED TO BE 12 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR

WYOMING: The October 1 forecast for all hay production in 2005 is up 12 percent from last year but down 6 percent from 2003. Total alfalfa production is expected to be 15 percent above last year, while other hay production in the State is expected to be up 6 percent from last year. Sugarbeet production is forecast down 6 percent from last year. Dry bean production is expected to be 40 percent above last year and the most since 2000.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 1.45 million tons, up 15 percent from 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. Harvested area is expected to total 580,000 acres with an average yield of 2.5 tons per acre. Acreage for harvest is up 130,000 acres from 2004, but the yield is down 0.3 tons per acre. **Other hay** production is forecast at 798,000 tons, up 6 percent from 2004 and 4 percent above 2003. Producers expect to harvest 570,000 acres of other hay with an average yield of 1.4 ton per acre. Last year other hay also averaged 1.4 tons per acre on 540,000 acres. **All hay** production is forecast at 2.25 million tons, up 12 percent from 2004 but down 6 percent from 2003.

Sugarbeet growers intend to harvest 35,600 acres in Wyoming this year with an expected average yield of 21.5 tons per acre. Total production would be 765,000 tons, down 6 percent from 2004 but 2 percent above 2003. Acreage for harvest is the same as last year. **Dry bean** production is expected to total 759,000 hundredweight from 33,000 harvested acres, up from last year's 541,000 hundredweight from 24,000 harvested acres. Average yield is also higher at 2,300 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds per acre from 2004. If realized, the dry bean yield will set a record for Wyoming. The previous high yield was 2,260 pounds per acre in 1997.

UNITED STATES: **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 75.9 million tons, up 1 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3.43 tons per acre, 0.04 ton below last year. Harvested area is forecast at 22.1 million acres, up 2 percent from 2004.

Other hay production is forecast at 76.9 million tons, down 7 percent from 2004. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.94 tons, down 0.11 ton from last year. Harvested area is 39.6 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 26.1 million hundredweight for 2005, 47 percent above last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.52 million acres, up 25 percent from last year. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,715 pounds per acre, 255 pounds above last year. Planted acres are estimated at 1.66 million acres, a 23 percent increase from 2004.

Sugarbeet production for 2005 is forecast at 26.7 million tons, 11 percent below last year's production. The average yield is forecast at 21.5 tons per acre, 1.4 tons below 2004. Growers in the 11 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, 5 percent below last year.

Corn production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but 8 percent below the record 2004 crop. If realized, this would be the second largest crop on record. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 146.1 bushels per acre, 14.3 bushels below last year. Farmers expect to harvest 74.3 million acres of corn for grain, up 1 percent from 2004.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2004; FINAL SMALL GRAINS AND OCTOBER 1 HAY AND ROW CROP FORECAST 2005

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2004	2005	2004	October 2005	2004	October 2005	2004	October 2005	05/04 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		
WYOMING									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	90	80	51	45	131	2/	6,681	2/	
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	150	160	135	145	26	30	3,510	4,350	124%
Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	10	9	6	7	40	45	240	315	131%
Oats (bu) 3/	50	55	15	12	53	50	795	600	75%
Barley (bu) 3/	90	75	75	60	94	93	7,050	5,580	79%
Sugarbeets (tons)	36.4	37.0	35.6	35.6	22.8	21.5	812	765	94%
Dry Beans (cwt)	25.0	34.0	24.0	33.0	22.50	23.00	541	759	140%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	--	--	450	580	2.80	2.50	1,260	1,450	115%
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	540	570	1.40	1.40	756	798	106%
All Hay (tons)	--	--	990	1,150	2.04	1.95	2,016	2,248	112%
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	80,930	81,642	73,632	74,333	160.4	146.1	11,807,217	10,857,440	92%
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	43,350	40,320	34,462	33,680	43.5	44.4	1,499,434	1,493,769	100%
Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	13,763	14,036	13,174	13,609	43.2	37.1	568,918	504,456	89%
Oats (bu) 3/	4,085	4,240	1,787	1,823	64.7	63.1	115,695	115,002	99%
Barley (bu) 3/	4,527	3,922	4,021	3,276	69.6	64.8	279,743	212,196	76%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,345.9	1,284.6	1,306.9	1,243.3	22.9	21.5	29,956	26,746	89%
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,354.3	1,659.8	1,219.3	1,522.1	14.60	17.15	17,799	26,109	147%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	--	--	21,707	22,118	3.47	3.43	75,383	75,940	101%
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	40,209	39,605	2.05	1.94	82,391	76,931	93%
All Hay (tons)	--	--	61,916	61,723	2.55	2.48	157,774	152,871	97%

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released January 12, 2006.

3/Year-end estimates.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, SEPTEMBER 2004, AUGUST 2005, AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2005								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		SEPTEMBER 2004	AUGUST 2005	SEPT 15 2005	SEPTEMBER 2004	AUGUST 2005	SEPT 15 2005	% OF PARITY
		DOLLARS			DOLLARS			
					PERCENT			
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
COWS	100#	56.50	52.10	51.00	53.10	51.30	50.40	--
STEERS & HEIFERS	100#	117.00	107.00	109.00	89.50	87.80	91.30	--
CALVES	100#	136.00	135.00	137.00	128.00	131.00	133.00	54
SHEEP	100#	42.30	45.10	43.00	41.20	42.30	1/	--
LAMBS	100#	115.00	120.00	120.00	100.00	108.00	1/	--
CROPS								
CORN	BU.	2.60	2.01	2.00	2.20	1.95	1.73	25
OATS	BU.	1.55	1.60	1.55	1.42	1.47	1.54	37
FEED BARLEY	BU.	1.68	1.92	1.90	1.64	1.79	1.89	--
ALL WHEAT	BU.	3.05	3.07	3.22	3.36	3.24	3.34	32
DRY BEANS	100#	21.80	26.50	22.00	22.90	21.30	20.20	38
ALFALFA HAY (BALED)	TON	75.00	75.00	74.00	97.50	109.00	107.00	--
OTHER HAY (BALED)	TON	69.00	69.00	69.00	74.30	74.80	74.60	--
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				
	SEPT 2004	AUGUST 2005	SEPT 15 2005	SEPT 2004	AUGUST 2005	SEPT 15 2005		
ALL COMMODITIES	144	126	136	116	117	116		
ALL CROPS	110	101	109	113	116	111		
ALL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS	150	140	140	118	117	121		

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.0 million head on September 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above September 1, 2004 and 2 percent above September 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.99 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 418,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 540,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.03 million, 6 percent above 2004 but 2 percent below 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during August, 5 percent below 2004 and 12 percent below 2003.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, SEPT. 1, 2004-2005 1/						
State	On Feed Aug. 1, 2005	Place- ments Aug. 2005	Market- ings Aug. 2005	Other Disapp. Aug. 2005	On Feed Sept. 1, 2005	On Feed Sept. 1, 2004
Thousand Head						
CO	820	155	200	5	770	930
KS	2,190	520	490	10	2,210	2,130
NE	1,730	415	365	10	1,770	1,800
TX	2,890	480	560	10	2,800	2,670
Other States	2,462	423	417	18	2,450	2,458
U.S.	10,092	1,993	2,032	53	10,000	9,988

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. PORK PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH FOR AUGUST

Commercial red meat production in Wyoming during August 2005 totaled 1.0 million pounds. This was up 74 percent from the previous month's production but down 3 percent from August 2004. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Nine hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in August, down 100 head from last year. Total live weight was 1,168,000 pounds, down 2 percent from August 2004. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,249 pounds, up 18 pounds from last year.

A total of 1,500 **hogs** and **pigs** were processed, down 100 head from last August. Total live weight, at 364,000 pounds, was down 8 percent from August 2004. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 249 pounds, down 4 pounds from last year.

Five hundred **sheep** and **lambs** were processed in August, up 100 head from August 2004. Live weight totaled 61,000 pounds, up 15 percent from last August. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 127 pounds, down 13 pounds from a year earlier.

January to August 2005 **commercial red meat production** totaled 4.8 million pounds, up 12 percent from the same period in 2004.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in August, up 6 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in August 2004.

Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.99 million head, up 6 percent from August 2004. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year to 1,267 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year and a record high for August. Hog kill totaled 8.98 million head, 3 percent above August 2004. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.4 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,300 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2005 commercial red meat production was 30.0 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 2004 AND 2005, Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	August 2004	August 2005	August 2004	August 2005	% 05/04	August 2004	August 2005	August 2004	August 2005	% 05/04
			1,000 Pounds				1,000 Pounds			
Cattle	1,000	900	1,192	1,168	98	2,820,500	2,990,100	3,530,871	3,788,210	107
Hogs	1,600	1,500	396	364	92	8,721,900	8,982,700	2,287,070	2,358,233	103
Sheep & Lambs	400	500	53	61	115	233,000	229,300	30,190	30,664	102

WYOMING MILK PRODUCTION INCREASES

WYOMING: The number of milk cows in Wyoming during July-September 2005 averaged 5,000 head. The number of cows was up 500 head from the previous quarter and up 700 head from the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during 2005's third quarter was 18.5 million pounds, up 8 percent from the previous three months and up 13 percent from the same quarter last year. Production was the most for the third quarter since 2000.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 44.0 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.05 million head, 27,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JUL-SEP, 2004 AND 2005					
State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	4.3	5.0	16.3	18.5	13.5
CA	1,733	1,763	9,133	9,360	2.5
CO	103	105	550	610	10.9
ID	430	466	2,358	2,684	13.8
MT	18	19	88	96	9.1
NE	61	60	254	264	3.9
SD	80	81	333	358	7.5
UT	88	88	416	427	2.6
WI	1,240	1,236	5,541	5,829	5.2
US	9,027	9,054	42,239	44,024	4.2

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

