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

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DRY BEAN PRICES DECLINE

The *Index of Prices Received* by farmers and ranchers in Wyoming for agriculture commodities sold during October was 138 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 1 point (1 percent) from September but up 1 point (1 percent) from October 2004.

The *All Livestock Index* was down 2 points (1 percent) from September but up 3 points (2 percent) from October 2004. Steer and heifer prices were up from September, while cows, sheep, and lamb prices were lower. Calf prices remained unchanged from last month. Prices for cows, steers and heifers, and sheep were lower than last year at this time, while lamb prices were higher and calf prices remained unchanged. Cow prices averaged \$1.90 below September and \$3.00 below October 2004. Steer and heifer prices were \$2.00 above September but \$8.00 below last year's price. Calf prices were unchanged from September and from October 2004. Sheep prices were 70 cents below September and 60 cents below last year's price. Lamb prices were \$4.00 below the September price but \$4.00 higher than a year ago.

The *All Crops Index* was down 4 points (4 percent) from September and down 10 points (9 percent) from October last year. Prices were lower than September for corn and dry beans, while oats, alfalfa hay, and other hay remained unchanged. The price for all wheat was higher than last month. Corn, dry beans, alfalfa hay, and other hay were lower in October compared with October 2004, while oats and wheat were higher. Wheat was up 14 cents from September and up 26 cents from a year ago. Corn was down 10 cents from September and down 70 cents from October 2004. Oats was unchanged from last month but 8 cents higher than October 2004. Dry bean prices were down 90 cents from September, down \$6.20 from last year, and the lowest since August 2004. Alfalfa hay and other hay were unchanged from last month but were \$5.00 and \$4.00 below October 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 October, at 110, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 7 points (6 percent) from September. The Crop Index was down 11 points (10 percent) while the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for broilers, corn, eggs, and soybeans. Higher prices were received for cattle, sweet corn, wheat, and turkeys.

The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Decreased average marketings of dairy, sweet corn, grapes, and wheat offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was down 4 points (4 percent) from October 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, decreased 6 points (5 percent) from last month and 3 points (3 percent) from October 2004.

WYOMING AVERAGE SUGARBEET YIELD LOWER

WYOMING: The November 1 forecast for Wyoming's sugarbeet crop indicates production will be down 4 percent from last year due a lower average yield per acre. Last year, Wyoming producers experienced the highest yield per acre since 1981.

Sugarbeet growers intend to harvest 35,600 acres this year, unchanged from last year, but up 1,900 acres from 2003. Yield is expected to average 21.9 tons per acre, up 0.4 ton from the October 1 forecast but down 0.9 ton from 2004. Total production in 2005 is expected to be 780,000 tons, down 4 percent from 2004 but up 4 percent from 2003.

United States: Corn for grain production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but 7 percent below 2004. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 148.4 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from October but 12.0 bushels below last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the second largest on record, behind last year.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 27.3 million tons, 2 percent above the October forecast but 9 percent below last year's production. The yield is forecast at 22.0 tons per acre, up 0.5 ton from October but 0.9 ton below 2004. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, fractionally below last month and 5 percent below last year.

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

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2004	2005	2004	November 2005	2004	November 2005	2004	November 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	21.9	812	780	96%
Dry Beans (cwt) 4/	25.0	34.0	24.0	33.0	22.50	23.00	541	759	140%
Alfalfa Hay (tons) 4/	--	--	450	580	2.80	2.50	1,260	1,450	115%
Other Hay (tons) 4/	--	--	540	570	1.40	1.40	756	798	106%
All Hay (tons) 4/	--	--	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	148.4	11,807,217	11,032,105	93%
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	1,239.3	22.9	22.0	29,956	27,254	91%
Dry Beans (cwt) 4/	1,354.3	1,659.8	1,219.3	1,522.1	14.60	17.15	17,799	26,109	147%
Alfalfa Hay (tons) 4/	--	--	21,707	22,118	3.47	3.43	75,383	75,940	101%
Other Hay (tons) 4/	--	--	40,209	39,605	2.05	1.94	82,391	76,931	93%
All Hay (tons) 4/	--	--	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.

4/Forecasts carried forward from October.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, OCTOBER 2004, SEPTEMBER 2005, AND OCTOBER 15, 2005. U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			% OF PARITY
		OCT 2004	SEPT 2005	OCT 15 2005	OCT 2004	SEPT 2005	OCT 15 2005	
		Dollars			Dollars			
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	54.00	52.90	51.00	49.80	49.80	47.70	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	118.00	108.00	110.00	91.10	92.30	96.00	—
Calves	100#	132.00	132.00	132.00	126.00	133.00	132.00	53
Sheep	100#	42.60	42.70	42.00	40.40	43.30	1/	—
Lambs	100#	118.00	126.00	122.00	97.70	110.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.60	2.00	1.90	2.14	1.90	1.74	25
Oats	Bu.	1.52	1.60	1.60	1.45	1.54	1.46	—
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.68	2/	2/	1.58	1.82	1.86	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.10	3.22	3.36	3.43	3.35	3.54	33
Dry Beans	100#	25.70	20.40	19.50	24.50	18.00	17.00	32
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	79.00	74.00	74.00	100.00	107.00	106.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	73.00	69.00	69.00	73.80	74.60	76.50	—

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		
	OCT 2004	SEPT 2005	OCT 15 2005	OCT 2004	SEPT 2005	OCT 15 2005
All Commodities	137	139	138	114	117	110
All Crops	114	108	104	111	112	101
All Livestock and Products	139	144	142	118	122	122

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down Slightly

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly below October 1, 2004 but up 3 percent from October 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.87 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.55 million head, down 11 percent from 2004.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.36 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 5 percent below 2003. Net placements were 2.30 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 550,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 735,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during September, 7 percent below 2004 and 10 percent below 2003.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during September 2005 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was down 48 percent from the previous month's production and down 22 percent from September 2004. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Six hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in September, down 100 head from last year. Total live weight was 670,000 pounds, down 22 percent from September 2004. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,194 pounds, up 15 pounds from last year.

A total of 500 **hogs** and **pigs** were processed, down 100 head from last September. Total live weight, at 145,000 pounds, was down 8 percent from September 2004. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 270 pounds, up 5 pounds from last year.

Two hundred **sheep** and **lambs** were processed in September, unchanged from September 2004. Live weight totaled 24,000 pounds, down 4 percent from last September. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 140 pounds, up 7 pounds from a year earlier.

January to September 2005 **commercial red meat production** totaled 5.3 million pounds, up 8 percent from the same period in 2004.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 2004 AND 2005, Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Sept 2004	Sept 2005	Sept 2004	Sept 2005	% 05/04	Sept 2004	Sept 2005	Sept 2004	Sept 2005	% 05/04
	1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds				
Cattle	700	600	856	670	78	2,737,100	2,777,600	3,463,716	3,543,498	102
Hogs	600	500	157	145	92	8,999,200	8,869,900	2,387,426	2,349,204	98
Sheep & Lambs	200	200	25	24	96	243,900	231,300	32,370	31,136	96

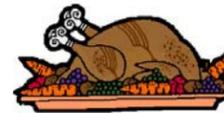
CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 1, 2004-2005 1/						
State	On Feed Sept 1, 2005	Place- ments Sept 2005	Market- ings Sept 2005	Other Disapp. Sept 2005	On Feed Oct 1, 2005	On Feed Oct 1, 2004
Thousand Head						
CO	770	280	145	5	900	1,020
KS	2,210	510	455	15	2,250	2,220
NE	1,770	500	320	10	1,940	1,940
TX	2,800	550	510	10	2,830	2,770
Oth						
Sts.	2,450	515	386	17	2,562	2,552
U.S.	10,000	2,355	1,816	57	10,482	10,502

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.

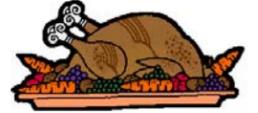
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How to Pick Out Your Thanksgiving Turkey



If you want leftovers, plan on 1.5 lbs/person. (Raw weight in the package, usually stated on the tag that's attached to the top of the packaged turkey)

If you want a turkey that is guaranteed free of pinfeathers, broken bones, large bruises, cuts, and tears to the skin, select a turkey with a Seal stating USDA Grade A Shield. Though, nearly all turkeys in the U.S. are inspected by the USDA for wholesomeness and bear the agency's inspection seal.

Buy Turkeys with pop-up timers, therefore, when it pops up, there's no guessing on whether the turkey is done or not. Easy is a MUST during the Hectic Holidays! But if you do decide to buy one without a pop-up timer, use a meat thermometer and check the turkey in several locations. When the thigh has reached 180 degrees, the rest of the turkey should be safely cooked at around 160 degrees.

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Countdown_to_the_Holiday/index.asp

Leftover Recipes

Easy Tex-Mex Turkey Casserole
(3rd Prize at the 2002 Utah State Fair) Serves 8

Ingredients:

5 cups cooked turkey, cubed
1 package (24 oz) frozen hash brown potatoes
1 can (10 3/4 oz) cream of mushroom soup
2 cans (10 3/4 oz) cream of chicken soup
1 medium onion, chopped
1 red or green bell pepper
2 Tbs green pepper sauce
1 tsp powdered cumin
taco chips
1 cup cheddar cheese, grated

Directions:

Place frozen potatoes in bottom of a 9" x 11" ungreased baking dish. Spread turkey over potatoes. Heat soups, onion, peppers, pepper sauce, and cumin in a medium saucepan until mixture starts to boil and flavors are blended. Pour over turkey. Bake for 20 minutes in a pre-heated 350°F oven. Top with enough taco chips to cover the casserole, then sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake 10 more minutes. Serve hot with more chips.

Focaccia Turkey Sandwich with Basil Salsa Serves 6

Ingredients:

Salsa:
2 tomatoes, diced
1 large cucumber, peeled and diced
2 Tbs chopped green onion
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
2 Tbs lemon juice
1 Tbs olive oil
1 tsp minced garlic
1/4 tsp black pepper

Sandwich:

2 flat loaves focaccia bread (1/2 lb each)
3 leaves lettuce
3/4 lb thinly sliced cooked turkey breast OR
smoked turkey breast
4 oz shaved provolone cheese

Directions:

Salsa: Combine salsa ingredients in a medium bowl, cover, and allow to stand 1 hour.

Sandwich: Place one focaccia loaf upside down on a large plate. Arrange lettuce over bread and top with turkey, salsa, and cheese. Place other focaccia loaf over top. Slice into wedges and serve.