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DRY BEAN PRICES REMAIN LOW

The ***Index of Prices Received*** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during November was 128 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 16 points (11 percent) from October but up 5 points (4 percent) from November 2004.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 132, was down 16 points (11 percent) from October but up 7 points (6 percent) from November 2004. The combined all beef price was lower than last month due to a higher percentage of cows sold. This lowered the all livestock index. Calf and sheep prices were up from October, while cow and steer and heifer prices were lower. Lamb prices remained unchanged from last month. Prices for steers and heifers, calves, sheep, and lambs were higher than last year at this time, while cow prices were lower. Cow prices averaged 50 cents below October and 80 cents below November 2004. Steer and heifer prices were $1.00 below October but $5.00 above last year's price. Calf prices averaged $1.00 higher than last month and $11.00 higher than November 2004. Sheep prices were $2.60 above October and $5.50 above last year's price. Lamb prices were unchanged from October but $2.00 higher than a year ago.

The **All Crops Index**, at 106, was up 1 point (1 percent) from October but down 7 points (6 percent) from November last year. Prices for feed barley, wheat, alfalfa hay, and other hay were higher than last month, while oats and dry beans remained unchanged. The price for corn was lower than last month. All prices were lower in November compared with November 2004, except oats. Corn was down 5 cents from October and down 15 cents from November 2004. Oats was unchanged from last month but 8 cents higher than November 2004. Feed barley was up 1 cent from October but down 18 cents from last year at this time. Wheat was up 4 cents from October but down 6 cents from last November. Dry beans was unchanged from October but were down $8.80 from last year and the lowest since February 2004. Alfalfa hay and other hay were both up $2.00 from last month but were $1.00 below November 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 November, at 113, based on1990-92=100, increased 2 points (2 percent) from October. The Crop Index was up 1 point (1 percent) while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (1 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for eggs, oranges, potatoes, cucumbers, and cattle. Lower prices were received for lettuce, dairy, hogs, broilers, and tomatoes.

The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of dairy, cattle, cotton, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and sweet corn.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index was down 2 points (2 percent) from November 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 119, increased 3 points (3 percent) from last month but decreased 3 points (2 percent) from November 2004.

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

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		NOV 2004	OCT 2005	NOV 15 2005	NOV 2004	OCT 2005	NOV 15 2005	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	50.80	50.50	50.00	48.70	46.60	45.80	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	114.00	120.00	119.00	90.20	96.60	97.40	—
Calves	100#	130.00	140.00	141.00	123.00	134.00	132.00	53
Sheep	100#	40.50	43.40	46.00	41.40	43.70	1/	—
Lambs	100#	118.00	120.00	120.00	99.90	108.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.55	2.45	2.40	2.05	1.82	1.79	25
Oats	Bu.	1.52	1.60	1.60	1.51	1.59	1.46	35
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.68	1.49	1.50	1.78	1.81	1.88	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.31	3.21	3.25	3.46	3.43	3.36	32
Dry Beans	100#	26.80	18.00	18.00	25.90	18.80	18.90	35
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	77.00	74.00	76.00	95.20	106.00	97.50	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	72.00	69.00	71.00	73.50	76.50	76.30	—

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		
	NOV 2004	OCT 2005	NOV 15 2005	NOV 2004	OCT 2005	NOV 15 2005
All Commodities	123	144	128	115	111	113
All Crops	113	105	106	112	103	104
All Livestock and Products	125	148	132	119	122	121

RECORD AVERAGE YIELD FORECAST FOR WYOMING DRY BEAN CROP

WYOMING: The December 1 forecast of production for Wyoming's dry bean crop indicates production is up 40 percent from last year and 18 percent higher than 2003. The 2005 production is expected to increase to 759,000 hundredweight, due to 9,000 more acres planted and harvested than last year and a record high average yield per acre. Production would be the largest since the 2000 crop.

All dry bean production is forecast at 759,000 hundredweight, up from 541,000 in 2004 and 645,000 in 2003, but below the 2000 production of 762,000 hundredweight. A total of 33,000 acres were harvested with a record high average yield forecast at 2,300 pounds per acre. Yield would be up 50 pounds per acre from last year and 80 pounds higher than the 2003 crop. The previous record yield was 2,260 pounds per acre in 1997.

Pinto bean production rose 37 percent to 656,000 hundredweight or 86 percent of the total. Production of **great northern beans** rose 62 percent to 34,000 hundredweight or 4 percent of the total. **Navy beans** comprised 3 percent of the total at 21,000 hundredweight and the remaining 48,000 hundredweight, or 6 percent of the production, was in various other varieties.

UNITED STATES: U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 27.2 million hundredweight for 2005, up 4 percent from the October forecast and 53 percent above last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.57 million acres, 3 percent above the last forecast and up 29 percent from 2004. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,731 pounds per acre, an increase of 16 pounds from the October forecast and 272 pounds above a year ago. Production is above a year ago in 16 of the 17 producing States.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2004; FINAL SMALL GRAINS AND DECEMBER 1 DRY BEAN 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) 4/	36.4	37.0	35.6	35.6	22.8	21.9	812	780	96%
Dry Beans (cwt)	25.0	34.0	24.0	33.0	22.50	23.00	541	759	140%
Alfalfa Hay (tons) 5/	--	--	450	580	2.80	2.50	1,260	1,450	115%
Other Hay (tons) 5/	--	--	540	570	1.40	1.40	756	798	106%
All Hay (tons) 5/	--	--	990	1,150	2.04	1.95	2,016	2,248	112%
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/ 4/	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) 4/	1,345.9	1,284.6	1,306.9	1,239.3	22.9	22.0	29,956	27,254	91%
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,354.3	1,663.3	1,219.3	1,570.7	14.59	17.31	17,788	27,184	153%
Alfalfa Hay (tons) 5/			21,707	22,118	3.47	3.43	75,383	75,940	101%
Other Hay (tons) 5/	--	--	40,209	39,605	2.05	1.94	82,391	76,931	93%
All Hay (tons) 5/	--	--	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 November.
5/Forecasts carried forward from October.

Have a safe and wonderful Holiday!

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 1 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on November 1, 2005. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2004 and 4 percent above November 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.80 million, 3 percent above 2004 and 1 percent above 2003. Net placements were 2.74 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 880,000, 600-699 pounds were 790,000, 700-799 pounds were 600,000, and 800pounds and greater were 525,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of October since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during October, 12 percent below 2004 and 43 percent below 2003.

Cattle on Feed: 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, November 1, 2004-2005 1/

State	On Feed Oct. 1, 2005	Place-ments Oct. 2005	Market-ings Oct. 2005	Other Disapp. Oct. 2005	On Feed Nov 1, 2005	On Feed Nov. 1, 2004
	Thousand Head					
CO	900	290	155	5	1,030	1,090
KS	2,250	580	400	20	2,410	2,400
NE	1,940	660	310	10	2,280	2,210
TX	2,830	670	520	10	2,970	2,880
Oth Sts.	2,562	595	359	13	2,785	2,754
U.S.	10,482	2,795	1,744	58	11,475	11,334

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.
*Revised

U.S. Beef Production Down 2 Percent From Previous Year; Pork Up 2 Percent

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during October 2005 totaled 300,000 pounds. This was down 43 percent from the previous month's production and down 2 percent from October 2004. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Three hundred ***cattle*** were slaughtered in October, down 100 head from last year. Total live weight was 408,000 pounds, down 9 percent from October 2004. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,200 pounds, up 38 pounds from last year.

A total of 200 ***hogs*** and ***pigs*** were processed, up 100 head from last October. Total live weight, at 56,000 pounds, was up 81 percent from October 2004. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 277 pounds, up 35 pounds from last year. One hundred ***sheep*** and ***lambs*** were processed in October, unchanged from October 2004. Live weight totaled 8,000 pounds, up 33 percent from last October. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 132 pounds, up 17 pounds from a year earlier.

January to October 2005 ***commercial red meat production*** totaled 5.6 million pounds, up 8 percent from the same period in 2004.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in October 2004.

Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.68 million head, down 2 percent from October 2004. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,280 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.12 million head, 2 percent above October 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.8 million pounds, was down 3 percent from October 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 228,500 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2005 commercial red meat production was 37.8 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was virtually unchanged from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, OCTOBER 2003 AND 2004, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Oct. 2004	Oct. 2005	Oct. 2004	Oct. 2005	% 05/04	Oct. 2004	Oct. 2005	Oct. 2004	Oct. 2005	% 05/04
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
Cattle	400	300	448	408	91	2,745,900	2,677,900	3,478,639	3,428,477	99
Hogs	100	200	31	56	181	8,969,700	9,117,100	2,395,671	2,449,543	102
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	6	8	133	241,300	228,500	32,465	31,420	97

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Wyoming Annual Average Ag Wage Up Almost One Dollar Per Hour

Wyoming: The annual average wage rate for all hired labor on Wyoming farms and ranches in 2005 was $8.15 per hour. The average wage was up 99 cents from the 2004 average of $7.16 per hour. The annual average rate is based on data collected during four surveys conducted in January, April, July, and October. The annual average wage rate for field workers was $8.14 in 2005, compared with $7.01 in 2004. The combined wage rate for field and livestock workers, excluding supervisors and other workers, was $7.48 in 2005, up from $6.69 in 2004.

United States: The 2005 annual average number of hired workers for the Nation was 779,500 workers, down 6 percent from 2004. The annual average number of hours worked per week was 40.1 in 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago.

The 2005 U.S. annual average wage rate for hired workers was $9.50 per hour, up 3 percent from the 2004 average of $9.23. The U.S. field worker annual average wage rate was $8.69, up 24 cents from last year's annual average. The field and livestock worker combined annual average wage rate was $8.83, up 3 percent from last year's average of $8.56.

Annual Farm Wage Rates, All Hired Workers, Selected States and U.S., 1/ 2/

State	All Hired Workers 2004	All Hired Workers 2005
	Dollars per hour	
WY	7.16	8.15
CO	9.73	9.04
ID	8.63	8.73
MT	9.18	9.46
NE	8.94	9.21
SD	9.44	9.08
UT	9.65	9.29
U.S. 3/	9.23	9.50

1/ Excludes Ag Service Workers
2/ Annual average rate is weighted average of rates for each survey week in January, April, July, and October.
3/ Excludes Alaska.

October Wage Rates up 1 percent From Last Year

Wyoming: The number of hired farm and ranch workers in the tri-state region during the week October 9-15, 2005 was unchanged from a year ago. During this period, 29,000 hired workers were working on farms and ranches in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region which includes **Wyoming**, Montana, and Idaho. The total excludes agricultural service workers. Of the 29,000 hired workers, 17,000 were expected to work for 150 days or more and 12,000 were expected to work 149 days or less, compared with 19,000 and 10,000 last year.

The average wage rate for all hired workers in the tri-state labor force during the survey week was $8.91 per hour, up 12 cents (1 percent) from last July and up 7 cents (1 percent) from October 2004.

The average number of hours worked during the survey week was 51.4 compared with 42.3 last October.

UNITED STATES: There were 1.13 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 9-15, 2005, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 840,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 289,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $9.61 per hour during the October 2005 reference week, up 29 cents from a year earlier. The number of hours worked averaged 42.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Farm Wage Rates by Type of Worker, Regions and U.S., October 9-15, 2005 1/

Region		Hired Workers, Type of Worker: Field	Lvstk	Fld & Lvstk Combined	All Hired Workers
		Dollars per hour			
Mntn I	2/	8.26	9.27	8.55	8.91
Mntn II	3/	7.94	8.39	8.14	8.75
No Plns	4/	10.14	9.37	9.86	10.12
U.S.	5/	8.90	9.14	8.96	9.61

1/ Excludes Ag Service Workers
2/ Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming
3/ Colorado, Nevada and Utah
4/ Kansas, Nebraska, North & South Dakota
5/ Excludes Alaska