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**LIVESTOCK PRICES REMAIN STRONG**

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in Wyoming for agriculture commodities sold during December was 127 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 2 points (2 percent) from November but up 8 points (7 percent) from December 2004.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 133, was up 1 point (1 percent) from November and up 8 points (6 percent) from December 2004. Calf and sheep prices were up from November, while cow and lamb prices were lower. Steer and heifer prices were unchanged. Prices for steers and heifers, calves, and sheep were higher than last year at this time, while cow and lamb prices were lower. Cow prices averaged 80 cents below November and 50 cents below December 2004. Steer and heifer prices were unchanged from last month but \$16.00 above last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$2.00 higher than last month and \$17.00 higher than December 2004. Sheep prices were \$1.80 above November and \$2.00 above last year's price. Lamb prices were down \$7.00 from last month and down \$1.00 from a year ago.

The **All Crops Index**, at 108, was up 1 point (1 percent) from November but down 2 points (2 percent) from December last year. Prices for feed barley, wheat, alfalfa hay, and other hay were higher than last month, while corn and dry beans were down from last month. The price of oats was unchanged. Prices were lower for corn, feed barley, and dry beans for December compared with December 2004. Oats, wheat, alfalfa hay, and other hay were all up from last December. Corn was down 5 cents from November and down 25 cents from December 2004. Oats was unchanged from last month but 5 cents higher than December 2004. Feed barley was up 4 cents from November but down 8 cents from last year at this time. Wheat was up 2 cents from November and up 7 cents from last December. Dry beans were down 20 cents from November and down \$5.40 from last year. Alfalfa hay and other hay were up \$2.00 and \$1.00, respectively, from last month and were both up \$2.00 from December 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 December, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (1 percent) from November. The Crop Index was up 4 points (4 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 2 points (2 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, strawberries, and lettuce. Lower prices were received for oranges, broilers, dairy, and grapes.

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, wheat, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 3 points (3 percent) from December 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 120, was unchanged from last month but increased 3 points (3 percent) from December 2004.

**WYOMING CROP PRODUCTION UP FROM 2004**

The Crop Production Index for Wyoming field crops in 2005 was 124 percent of the 1957-59 base. This is an increase of 7 points from 2004 and near the 127 percent attained in 2003. Production of winter wheat, spring wheat, corn grain, dry beans, and alfalfa hay all increased from 2004. Barley, oats, corn silage, sugarbeets, and other hay decreased.

**SMALL GRAINS:** The 2005 Wyoming winter wheat production increased 24 percent from the previous year to 4.35 million bushels, the largest since 1999. Yields averaged 30 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from 2004. Spring wheat production totaled 315,000 bushels, 31 percent more than in 2004 and the most since 1998. Yield averaged 45 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from 2004. Barley production, at 5.58 million bushels, was down 21 percent from 2004 and the smallest since 2002. Acreage planted was down 17 percent and acreage harvested was down 20 percent. Production of oats in the State in 2005 was down 25 percent from 2004 to 600,000 bushels. Production was the smallest since 1895. The average yield was down 3 bushels from 2004 to 50 bushels per acre.

**ROW CROPS:** Corn for grain production in Wyoming during 2005 totaled 6.86 million bushels, up 5 percent from 2004 and the largest since 2000. Yields averaged 140 bushels per acre, the highest average yield on record.

**Corn silage** production, at 660,000 tons, was down 17 percent from the previous year as acreage harvested was off 17 percent. **All dry bean** production totaled 776,000 hundredweight, up 43 percent from 2004 and the largest since 1999. Harvested area, at 33,000 acres, was up 9,000 acres from 2004. Average yield was up 100 pounds to 2,350 pounds per acre and a new record high. **Sugarbeet** production totaled 801,000 tons, down 1 percent from 2004. Average yield, at 22.3 tons per acre, was down 0.5 ton per acre.

**HAY:** All hay production in Wyoming totaled 2.20 million tons in 2005, up 7 percent from the previous year, but down 8 percent from 2003. **Alfalfa hay** production totaled 1.50 million tons, up 15 percent from 2004, but 8 percent below 2003. Alfalfa acreage harvested was up 33 percent, but the average yield was down 0.4 ton to 2.5 tons per acre. **Other hay** production totaled 702,000 tons, down 7 percent from 2004 and the smallest since 2002. Acreage cut for all other hay totaled 540,000 acres, unchanged from 2004. Average yield for other hay was 1.3 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton from 2004. A total of 55,000 acres were newly seeded to alfalfa, up from 28,000 in 2004 and 30,000 in 2003.

**ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY 2004 AND 2005**

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	05/04 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		
<b>WYOMING</b>									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	90	80	50	49	131	140	6,550	6,860	105%
Corn Silage (tons)			36	30	22	22	792	660	83%
Winter Wheat (bu)	150	160	135	145	26	30	3,510	4,350	124%
Spring Wheat (bu) 2/	10	9	6	7	40	45	240	315	131%
Oats (bu)	50	55	15	12	53	50	795	600	75%
Barley (bu)	90	75	75	60	94	93	7,050	5,580	79%
Sugarbeets (tons)	36.4	36.2	35.6	35.9	22.8	22.3	812	801	99%
Dry Beans (cwt)	25.0	34.0	24.0	33.0	22.50	23.50	541	776	143%
Pinto	22.0	29.0	21.3	28.3	22.50	23.80	479	674	141%
Great Northern	1.0	1.8	0.9	1.7	23.30	21.80	21	37	176%
Navy	0.5	1.0	0.4	1.0	25.00	23.00	10	23	230%
Other	1.5	2.2	1.4	2.0	22.10	21.00	31	42	135%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	--	--	450	600	2.90	2.50	1,305	1,500	115%
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	540	540	1.40	1.30	756	702	93%
All Hay (tons)	--	--	990	1,140	2.08	1.93	2,061	2,202	107%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	80,929	81,759	73,631	75,107	160.4	147.9	11,807,086	11,112,072	94%
Corn Silage (tons)			6,101	5,920	17.6	18.0	107,293	106,311	99%
Winter Wheat (bu)	43,350	40,433	34,462	33,794	43.5	44.4	1,499,434	1,499,129	100%
Spring Wheat (bu) 2/	13,763	14,036	13,174	13,609	43.2	37.1	568,918	504,456	89%
Oats (bu)	4,085	4,246	1,787	1,823	64.7	63.0	115,695	114,878	99%
Barley (bu)	4,527	3,875	4,021	3,269	69.6	64.8	279,743	211,896	76%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,345.6	1,294.8	1,306.7	1,238.9	23.0	22.3	30,021	27,654	92%
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,354.3	1,659.3	1,219.3	1,562.9	14.59	17.42	17,788	27,222	153%
Pinto	650.9	815.8	573.7	757.1	13.62	17.30	7,814	13,101	168%
Great Northern	51.1	72.8	46.8	71.2	20.32	22.26	951	1,585	167%
Navy	185.1	233.4	162.5	220.7	13.18	17.86	2,142	3,942	184%
Other	467.2	537.3	436.3	513.9	15.77	16.72	6,881	8,594	125%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)			21,707	22,389	3.48	3.38	75,481	75,771	100%
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	40,259	39,260	2.06	1.91	82,766	74,819	90%
All Hay (tons)	--	--	61,966	61,649	2.55	2.44	158,247	150,590	95%

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.  
2/Other than Durum.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, DECEMBER 2004, NOVEMBER 2005, AND DECEMBER 15, 2005								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		DEC 2004	NOV 2005	DEC 15 2005	DEC 2004	NOV 2005	DEC 15 2005	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	50.50	50.80	50.00	48.60	46.00	46.60	--
Steers & Heifers	100#	106.00	122.00	122.00	91.90	97.30	99.10	--
Calves	100#	129.00	144.00	146.00	122.00	133.00	135.00	54
Sheep	100#	45.00	45.20	47.00	44.60	45.40	1/	--
Lambs	100#	116.00	122.00	115.00	101.00	107.00	1/	--
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	2.60	2.40	2.35	2.04	1.77	1.88	27
Oats	Bu.	1.55	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.63	1.73	41
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.68	1.56	1.60	1.66	1.77	1.70	--
All Wheat	Bu.	3.23	3.28	3.30	3.40	3.47	3.47	33
Dry Beans	100#	25.40	20.20	20.00	27.00	18.30	18.60	35
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	76.00	76.00	78.00	92.10	97.50	97.70	--
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	70.00	71.00	72.00	72.40	76.30	78.00	--
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				
	DEC 2004	NOV 2005	DEC 15 2005	DEC 2004	NOV 2005	DEC 15 2005		
All Commodities	121	129	127	111	113	114		
All Crops	110	107	108	104	105	109		
All Livestock and Products	125	132	133	120	121	119		

**U.S. WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS UP 2 PERCENT;  
WYOMING DOWN 6 PERCENT**

Wyoming farmers seeded an estimated 150,000 acres of **winter wheat** for harvest in 2006. This is a 6 percent decrease, or 10,000 acres, from 2005 but is the same as for the 2004 crop.

**Nationally**, winter wheat seeded area for 2006 is expected to total 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from 2005 but down 5 percent from 2004. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.9 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.3 million; and White Winter, 4.2 million.

**WINTER WHEAT: AREA SEEDED  
SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2004-2006**

State	Crop Year			% 06/05
	2004	2005	2006	
— 1,000 Acres —				
CO	2,300	2,550	2,400	94%
KS	10,000	10,000	10,200	102%
MT	1,900	2,150	2,000	93%
NE	1,850	1,850	1,750	95%
OK	6,200	5,700	5,800	102%
SD	1,650	1,550	1,350	87%
TX	6,300	5,500	5,800	105%
<b>WY</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>94%</b>
U.S.	43,350	40,433	41,367	102%

**U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT**

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2004 and 3 percent above December 1, 2003.

**Placements** in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million, 17 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.95 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 660,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 315,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003.

**Other disappearance** totaled 91,000 during November, 16 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003.

**CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS,  
SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, DEC. 1, 2004-2005 1/**

State	On Feed Nov 1, 2005	Place- ments Nov 2005	Market- ings Nov 2005	Other Disapp. Nov 2005	On Feed Dec 1, 2005	On Feed Dec 1, 2004
CO	1,030	165	115	10	1,070	1,100
KS	2,410	465	375	30	2,470	2,390
NE	2,280	440	305	15	2,400	2,300
TX	2,970	495	510	15	2,940	2,740
Oth						
Sts.	2,783	480	396	21	2,846	2,804
U.S.	11,473*	2,045	1,701	91	11,726	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

**WYOMING BREEDING HOG INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY**

**WYOMING:** The December 1, 2005 inventory of all hogs and pigs in Wyoming totaled 113,000 head, compared with 114,000 head a year earlier. Breeding inventory was down 1,000 head from last year to 19,000 but market hogs were unchanged at 94,000 head.

A total of 44,000 sows farrowed during the 12 month period ending December 1, 2005. The average litter rate was 8.7 pigs per sow for an annual pig crop of 384,000 pigs. The pig crop was up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**UNITED STATES: U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2005. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.01 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The **annual U.S. pig crop** for the 12 months ending December 1, 2005 totaled 103.7 million pigs, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

**HOG AND PIG INVENTORY AND PIG CROP,  
WYOMING AND U.S., 2004-2005**

	2004	2005	% 05/04
1,000 head			
<b>WYOMING</b>			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	114	113	99%
for Breeding	20	19	95%
for Market	94	94	100%
Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	43	44	102%
Pig Crop	378	384	102%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	60,975	61,197	100%
for Breeding	5,969	6,011	101%
for Market	55,005	55,186	100%
Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	11,498	11,504	100%
Pig Crop	102,780	103,685	101%

1/ December preceding year.

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**U.S. PORK PRODUCTION RECORD HIGH FOR NOVEMBER**

**Commercial red meat** production in Wyoming during November 2005 totaled 500,000 pounds, up 68 percent from the previous month's production but down 13 percent from November 2004. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

January to November 2005 **commercial red meat production** totaled 6.1 million pounds, up 5 percent from the same period in 2004.

**United States: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in November, up 5 percent from the 3.77 billion pounds produced in November 2004.

**Beef production**, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, up 5 percent from November 2004.

**Pork production** totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year and a record for November. Hog kill totaled 9.13 million head, 2 percent above November 2004.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from November 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 224,500 head, 7 percent below last year.

**January to November 2005 commercial red meat production** was 41.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent 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, NOVEMBER 2004 AND 2005, Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Nov 2004	Nov 2005	Nov 2004	Nov 2005	% 05/04	Nov 2004	Nov 2005	Nov 2004	Nov 2005	% 05/04
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
<b>Cattle</b>	700	600	802	680	85	2,542,300	2,667,500	3,224,586	3,426,084	106
<b>Hogs</b>	300	400	94	103	110	8,972,800	9,132,300	2,421,568	2,483,610	103
<b>Sheep &amp; Lambs</b>	100	200	16	22	138	242,000	224,500	32,914	31,556	96

**WYOMING MILK PRODUCTION UP 40 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR**

**WYOMING:** The number of milk cows in Wyoming during October-December 2005 averaged 6,200 head. The number of cows was the highest since the first quarter of 1998. The number was up 1,200 head from the previous quarter and up 1,800 head from the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during 2005's fourth quarter was 22.9 million pounds, up 24 percent from the previous three months and up 40 percent from the same quarter last year. Production was the largest since the third quarter of 1994 when it was 23.8 million pounds.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production in the U.S. during the October - December quarter totaled 43.6 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.05 million head, 31,000 head more than the same period last year.

**MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION,  
SELECTED STATES AND U.S., OCT-DEC, 2004 AND 2005**

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
<b>WY</b>	4.4	6.2	16.3	22.9	40.5
CA	1,741	1,770	9,130	9,381	2.7
CO	103	105	533	587	6.1
ID	434	471	2,310	2,590	12.1
MT	18	19	86	93	8.1
NE	61	60	264	268	1.5
SD	80	81	338	358	5.9
UT	89	85	397	413	4.0
WI	1,237	1,238	5,418	5,664	4.5
<b>US</b>	9,019	9,050	41,983	43,605	3.9

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves