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**THANK YOU**                      *Oct. Crop Production*  
to all the producers who              *Cattle on Feed*  
participated in our recent              *Livestock Slaughter*  
surveys. The results you              *Milk Production*  
requested are in this issue.

### MOST WYOMING CROP PRICES UP

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 8 points (6 percent) from August but down 3 points (2 percent) from September 2005. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 138, was down 1 point (1 percent) from August and down 5 points (3 percent) from September 2005. The cow price was above last month, but the steer and heifer price and the sheep price were both down. Calf and lamb prices were unchanged from the prior month. Cow, sheep, and lamb prices were down from this time last year, but steer and heifer prices and calf prices were higher. Cow prices averaged \$1.50 above August but \$1.90 lower than September 2005. Steer and heifer prices were down \$1.00 from last month but up \$2.00 from last year's price. Calf prices were unchanged from last month but \$7.00 higher than September 2005. Sheep prices were 40 cents below August and \$16.20 below last year's price. Lamb prices were unchanged from last month but \$23.00 lower than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 118, was up 12 points (11 percent) from August and up 10 points (9 percent) from last September. Prices for alfalfa hay, other hay, corn, and dry beans were higher than last month, while prices for wheat were lower. Oats remained unchanged. Compared with last year, prices were higher for all crops except dry beans and oats. Corn was up 5 cents from August and up 50 cents from September 2005. Oats was unchanged from last month and last year. Wheat was down 4 cents from August but up 73 cents from last year. Dry beans were up 30 cents from August but down 90 cents from last year. Alfalfa hay was up \$3.00 per ton from last month and \$14.00 per ton from last year. Other hay was up \$3.00 from August and up \$14.00 from last year.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 118 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (2 percent) from August. The Crop Index is down 7 points (6 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 1 point (1 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, potatoes, hogs, and broccoli. Higher prices were received for cattle, milk, tomatoes, and turkeys.

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, wheat, and grapes offset increased marketings of soybeans, apples, corn, and potatoes.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 2 points (2 percent) from September 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, decreased 2 points (2 percent) from last month and is unchanged from September 2005.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, SEPTEMBER 2005, AUGUST 2006, AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2006								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		SEPT 2005	AUG 2006	SEPT 15 2006	SEPT 2005	AUG 2006	SEPT 15 2006	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	52.90	49.50	51.00	49.80	47.00	47.30	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	108.00	111.00	110.00	92.10	91.90	95.20	—
Calves	100#	132.00	139.00	139.00	135.00	134.00	135.00	43
Sheep	100#	42.70	26.90	26.50	43.70	28.40	1/	—
Lambs	100#	126.00	103.00	103.00	110.00	94.80	1/	—
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	2.00	2.45	2.50	1.90	2.09	2.11	27
Oats	Bu.	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.54	1.67	1.68	39
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	1.84	2.06	2.18	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.22	3.99	3.95	3.36	3.91	3.98	38
Dry Beans	100#	20.40	19.20	19.50	18.00	19.60	19.40	35
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	74.00	85.00	88.00	106.00	110.00	112.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	71.00	82.00	85.00	78.90	91.50	93.00	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996.

2/Insufficient sales to establish a price.

**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 2005	AUG 2006	SEPT 15 2006	SEPT 2005	AUG 2006	SEPT 15 2006
<b>All Commodities</b>	139	128	136	116	120	118
<b>All Crops</b>	108	106	118	111	126	119
<b>All Livestock and Products</b>	143	139	138	122	115	116

## WYOMING HAY PRODUCTION EXPECTED TO BE 9 PERCENT BELOW LAST YEAR

The October 1 forecast for all hay production in 2006 is down 9 percent from last year and down 3 percent from 2004. Total alfalfa production is expected to be 4 percent below last year, while other hay production in the State is expected to be down 20 percent from last year and the smallest output since 2002. Sugarbeet production is forecast up 11 percent from last year and the largest production since 2000. Dry bean production is expected to be 23 percent below last year.

**Alfalfa** hay production is forecast at 1.44 million tons, down 4 percent from 2005 but 10 percent above 2004. Harvested area is expected to total 600,000 acres with an average yield of 2.4 tons per acre. Acreage for harvest is unchanged from 2005, but the yield is down 0.1 ton per acre. **Other hay** production is forecast at 561,000 tons, down 20 percent from 2005, down 26 percent from 2004, and the smallest production since 2002. Producers expect to harvest 510,000 acres of other hay with an average yield of 1.1 ton per acre. Last year, other hay averaged 1.3 ton per acre on 540,000 acres. **All hay** production is forecast at 2.00 million tons, down 9 percent from 2005 and down 3 percent from 2004.

**Sugarbeet** growers intend to harvest 41,500 acres in Wyoming this year with an expected average yield of 21.5 tons per acre. Total production would be 892,000 tons, up 11 percent from 2005 and 10 percent above 2004. Acreage for harvest is up 5,600 acres from last year, but yield is expected to be down 0.8 ton per acre. If realized, this would be the largest production since 2000 when the production was 1.16 million tons. **Dry bean** production is expected to total 594,000 hundredweight from 27,000 harvested acres, down from last year's 776,000 hundredweight from 33,000 harvested acres. Average yield is also lower at 2,200 pounds per acre, down 150 pounds per acre from 2005's record yield of 2,350 pounds.

**UNITED STATES: Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** production is forecast at 74.5 million tons, up 5 percent from the August forecast but down 2 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3.33 tons per acre, up 0.15 ton from August but down 0.05 ton from 2005. Harvested area is forecast at 22.4 million acres, unchanged from August but slightly above the previous year's acreage.

**U.S. dry edible bean** production is forecast at 23.8 million hundredweight for 2006, up 2 percent from the August forecast but 13 percent below last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.56 million acres, 3 percent above the August forecast but less than 1 percent below last year. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,523 pounds per acre, 221 pounds below last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.65 million acres, an increase of 3 percent from earlier forecasts but a 1 percent decrease from 2005.

**Corn** production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, down 2 percent from both September and 2005. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 153.5 bushels per acre, 5.6 bushels higher than last year. If realized, the yield would be the second largest on record, behind 2004.

**Sugarbeet** production for 2006 is forecast at 32.9 million tons, 2 percent above the September forecast and 20 percent above last year's production. The yield is forecast at 24.5 tons per acre, up 0.4 ton from September and 2.3 tons above 2005. If realized, this would be the highest average yield on record for the U.S. Growers expect to harvest 1.34 million acres, unchanged from last month but 8 percent above last year.

### ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2005; FINAL SMALL GRAINS AND OCTOBER 1 HAY AND ROW CROP FORECASTS, 2006

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2005	2006	2005	Oct 2006	2005	Oct 2006	2005	Oct 2006	06/05 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		
<b>WYOMING</b>									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	80	85	49	55	140.0	2/	6,860	2/	
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	160	150	145	135	30.0	27.0	4,350	3,645	84%
Other Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	9	8	7	6	45.0	39.0	315	234	74%
Oats (bu) 3/	55	48	12	12	50.0	57.0	600	684	114%
Barley (bu) 3/	75	70	60	57	93.0	83.0	5,580	4,731	85%
Sugarbeets (tons)	36.2	42.8	35.9	41.5	22.3	21.5	801	892	111%
Dry Beans (cwt)	34.0	29.0	33.0	27.0	23.5	22.0	776	594	77%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	600	600	2.50	2.40	1,500	1,440	96%
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	540	510	1.30	1.10	702	561	80%
All Hay (tons)	—	—	1,140	1,110	1.93	1.80	2,202	2,001	91%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	81,759	78,561	75,107	71,047	147.9	153.5	11,112,072	10,905,194	98%
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	40,433	40,575	33,794	31,117	44.4	41.7	1,499,129	1,298,081	87%
Other Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	14,036	14,899	13,609	13,878	37.1	33.2	504,456	460,480	91%
Oats (bu) 3/	4,246	4,168	1,823	1,576	63.0	59.5	114,878	93,764	82%
Barley (bu) 3/	3,875	3,452	3,269	2,951	64.8	61.0	211,896	180,051	85%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,299.8	1,362.8	1,242.9	1,343.6	22.2	24.5	27,537	32,928	120%
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,665.0	1,648.8	1,568.6	1,562.4	17.44	15.23	27,350	23,800	87%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	22,389	22,407	3.38	3.33	75,771	74,527	98%
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	39,260	40,290	1.91	1.80	74,819	72,511	97%
All Hay (tons)	—	—	61,649	62,697	2.44	2.35	150,590	147,038	98%

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

2/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released January 12, 2007.

3/Year-end estimates.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 10 Percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on September 1, 2006. The inventory was 10 percent above September 1, 2005 and 10 percent above September 1, 2004. This is the highest September 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

**Placements** in feedlots during August totaled 2.30 million, 15 percent above 2005 and 9 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.24 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 435,000, 700-799 pounds were 535,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 8 percent above 2004.

**Other disappearance** totaled 59,000 during August, 11 percent above 2005 and 5 percent above 2004.

### CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, SEPTEMBER, 2005-2006 1/

State	On Feed Aug 1, 2006	Place- ments Aug 2006	Market- ings Aug 2006	Other Disapp. Aug 2006	On Feed Sept 1, 2006	On Feed Sept 1, 2005
Thousand Head						
CO	940	210	185	5	960	770
KS	2,360	590	540	20	2,390	2,210
NE	1,950	470	360	10	2,050	1,770
TX	2,970	570	570	10	2,960	2,800
Oth Sts.	2,602	460	422	14	2,626	2,450
U.S.	10,822	2,300	2,077	59	10,986	10,000

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.

## U.S. PORK PRODUCTION AT RECORD FOR AUGUST

**Commercial red meat** production in *Wyoming* during August 2006 totaled 800,000 pound. This was up 69 percent from the previous month but down 15 percent from August 2005. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Eight hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in August, down 100 from last year. Total live weight was 950,000 pounds, down 19 percent from August 2005. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,230 pounds, down 19 pounds from last year.

A total of 1,300 **hogs** and **pigs** were processed, down 200 from last August. Total live weight, at 339,000 pounds, was down 7 percent from August 2005. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 261 pounds, up 12 pound from last year.

Four hundred **sheep** and **lambs** were processed in August, down 100 from August 2005. Live weight totaled 51,000 pounds, down 10,000 pounds from last year. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 138 pounds, up 11 pounds from a year earlier.

**Red Meat production** from January to August 2006 totaled 4.2 million pounds, down 12 percent from the same period last year.

**United States: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.24 billion pounds in August, up 4 percent from the 4.10 billion pounds produced in August 2005.

**Beef production**, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, up 5 percent from August 2005. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year to 1,275 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.09 million head, 1 percent above August 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 14.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from August 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 227,000 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down 5 pounds from August a year ago.

**January to August 2006 commercial red meat production** was 31.3 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, August 2005 AND 2006, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Aug 2005	Aug 2006	Aug 2005	Aug 2006	% 06/05	Aug 2005	Aug 2006	Aug 2005	Aug 2006	% 06/05
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
<b>Cattle</b>	900	800	1,168	950	81	2,992,500	3,133,600	3,788,116	3,996,410	105
<b>Hogs</b>	1,500	1,300	364	339	93	8,994,200	9,904,200	2,360,450	2,387,576	101
<b>Sheep &amp; Lambs</b>	500	400	61	51	84	229,200	227,000	30,629	29,184	95

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### WYOMING MILK PRODUCTION JUMPS 69 PERCENT

**WYOMING:** Milk production during July-September 2006 totaled 31.3 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous three months and up 69 percent from the same quarter last year. Production was the largest since the fourth quarter of 1990 when it reached 31.6 million pounds. The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during July-September 2006 averaged 6,800 head, which was the most since the first quarter of 1995. The number was up 100 head from last quarter and up 1,800 head from the same quarter one year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the first three quarters of 2006 totaled 87.9 million pounds, up 71 percent from same period in 2005.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production in the U.S. during the July - September quarter totaled 44.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the July - September quarter last year but down 5 percent from the previous quarter. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.12 million head, 57,000 head more than the same period last year.

**MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION,  
 SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JUL-SEP, 2005 AND 2006**

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
<b>WY</b>	5.0	6.8	18.5	31.3	69.2
CA	1,759	1,771	9,367	9,554	2.0
CO	105	112	612	659	7.7
ID	466	495	2,678	2,858	6.7
MT	19	18	95	87	-8.4
NE	60	61	263	273	3.8
SD	81	81	358	380	6.1
UT	88	86	427	451	5.6
WI	1,236	1,244	5,817	5,823	0.1
<b>US</b>	9,060	9,117	44,134	44,737	1.4

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

