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HAY PRICES CONTINUE TO EDGE HIGHER

The *Index of Prices Received* by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during February was 119 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was up 4 points (3 percent) from January but down 14 points (11 percent) from February 2006. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes

The **All Livestock Index**, at 117, was up 5 points (4 percent) from January but down 20 points (15 percent) from February 2006. Prices for cows and calves were up from last month, steers and heifers held steady. Prices for sheep and lambs dropped. All livestock prices were down from this time last year. Cow prices averaged \$44.00 per hundredweight, 10 cents above January but \$9.10 lower than February 2006. Steer and heifer prices, at \$98.00 per hundredweight, were unchanged from last month but down \$20.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$114.00 per hundredweight, up \$2.00 from last month but \$37.00 lower than February 2006. Sheep prices, at \$28.00, were \$2.00 below January and \$15.30 below last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$96.00, were \$4.00 below last month and \$16.00 lower than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 129, was down 1 point (1percent) from January but up 19 points (17 percent) from last February. All crop prices were higher than last month except corn which was lower and oats were unchanged. Prices were above last year for all crops. Corn averaged \$2.55 per bushel, down 18 cents from January but up 5 cents from February 2006. Wheat averaged \$4.69, up 17 cents from January, and up \$1.06 from last year. Dry beans averaged \$21.00 per hundredweight in February, up 70 cents from January and up 4.00 from last year. Alfalfa hay, up \$4.00 per ton from last month and \$28.00 per ton from last year, was \$105.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$102.00 per ton, was also up \$4.00 from January and up \$30.00 from last year. Hay prices were the highest since April 2003.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (2 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 6 points (5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (3 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for corn, broilers, soybeans, and hogs. Lower prices were received for broccoli, lettuce, eggs, and oranges.

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, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 14 points (12 percent) from February 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 127, increased 3 points (2 percent) from last month and 11 points (10 percent) from February 2006.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, FEBRUARY 2006, JANUARY 2007, AND FEBRUARY 15, 2007								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		FEB 2006	JAN 2007	FEB 15 2007	FEB 2006	JAN 2007	FEB 15 2007	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	53.10	43.90	44.00	49.50	44.40	46.50	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	118.00	98.00	98.00	97.60	89.80	90.70	—
Calves	100#	151.00	112.00	114.00	143.00	115.00	115.00	39
Sheep	100#	43.30	30.00	28.00	45.90	37.10	1/	—
Lambs	100#	112.00	100.00	96.00	97.80	96.50	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.50	2.73	2.55	2.02	3.05	3.32	43
Oats	Bu.	1.60	1.90	1.90	1.82	2.19	2.19	50
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.56	2/	2/	1.83	3.12	3.13	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.63	4.52	4.69	3.66	4.54	4.66	44
Dry Beans	100#	17.00	20.30	21.00	17.40	22.70	23.80	43
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	77.00	101.00	105.00	98.40	115.00	117.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	72.00	98.00	102.00	88.60	102.00	105.00	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 2/ Insufficient sales

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			
	FEB 2006	JAN 2007	FEB 15 2007	FEB 2006	JAN 2007	FEB 15 2007	
All Commodities	133	115	119	113	124	127	
All Crops	110	130	129	113	131	137	
All Livestock and Products	137	112	117	114	116	119	

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION SETS RECORD HIGH FOR JANUARY

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during January 2007 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was up 100,000 pounds from last month and unchanged from January 2006. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Eight hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in January, unchanged from last year. Total live weight was 906,000 pounds, up 2 percent from January 2006. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,165 pounds, down 18 pounds from last year.

A total of 400 **hogs and pigs** were processed during January, up 100 head from last January. Total live weight, at 106,000 pounds, was up 14 percent from January 2006. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 266 pounds, down 7 pounds from last year.

Two hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in January, up 100 head from January 2006. Live weight totaled 21,000 pounds, compared with 14,000 last year. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 136 pounds, up 3 pounds from a year earlier.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in January, up 5 percent from the 3.90 billion pounds produced in January 2006.

Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.80 million head, up 6 percent from January 2006. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.37 million head, 5 percent above January 2006. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 7 percent from January 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 216,700 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 5 pounds from January a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 2006 AND 2007, Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2007	Jan 2006	Jan. 2007	% 07/06	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2007	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2007	% 07/06
			1,000 Pounds	Percent				1,000 Pounds	Percent	
Cattle	800	800	887	906	102	2,641,700	2,798,500	3,381,501	3,596,162	106
Hogs	300	400	93	106	114	8,915,100	9,365,500	2,426,925	2,535,125	105
Sheep & Lambs	100	200	14	21	150	224,500	216,700	32,201	30,197	94

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH IN 2006

WYOMING: Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during 2006 totaled 6.2 million pounds, down 5 percent from the 6.5 million pounds in 2005. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

A total of 7,000 **cattle** were slaughtered in 2006, down 600 head from 2005. Total liveweight, at 8.34 million pounds, was 8 percent below last year. The average liveweight of cattle slaughtered was 1,187 pounds, down 2 pounds from 2005.

In 2006, 4,900 **hogs and pigs** were processed, compared with 5,300 in 2005. Total liveweight of hogs slaughtered was 1.31 million pounds, 5 percent below last year. The average liveweight of 265 pounds was up 6 pounds from 2005.

A total of 1,600 **sheep and lambs** were processed in 2006, down 100 head from last year. Total liveweight, at 216,000 pounds, was 6 percent below 2005. The average liveweight of sheep and lambs slaughtered at 136 pounds was 1 pound heavier than last year.

United States: Total red meat production for the United States totaled 47.7 billion pounds in 2006, 4 percent higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in **commercial plants** totaled 47.5 billion pounds. **On farm** production totaled 139 million pounds.

Beef production totaled 26.3 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. **Veal production** totaled 155 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year. **Pork production**, at 21.1 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 190 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2005.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2006 totaled 33.7 million head, up 4 percent from 2005, with federal inspection comprising 98 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,275 pounds, up 19 pounds from a year ago. **Steers** comprised 53 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, **heifers** 30 percent, **dairy cows** 7 percent, **other cows** 9 percent, and **bulls** 1 percent.

Commercial calf slaughter totaled 711,300 head, 3 percent lower than a year ago with 98.2 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 345 pounds, down 8 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 104.7 million head, 1 percent higher than 2005 with 99.0 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 269 pounds. **Barrows and gilts** comprised 97 percent of the total federally inspected hog slaughter.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.70 million head, was up slightly from the previous year with 94.4 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight was down 1 pound from 2005 to 137 pounds. **Lambs and yearlings** comprised 95 percent of the total federally inspected sheep slaughter.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 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 February 1, 2007. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2006 but 3 percent above February 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.69 million, 23 percent below 2006 and 10 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.59 million. This is the second lowest placements for the month of January since the series began in 1996. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 390,000, 700-799 pounds were 545,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 435,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.84 million, up 2 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during January, 17 percent above 2006 and 33 percent above 2005.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, FEB 1, 2006-2007 1/

State	On Feed Jan 1, 2007	Place- ments Jan 2007	Market- ings Jan 2007	Other Disapp. Jan 2007	On Feed Feb 1, 2007	On Feed Feb 1, 2006
Thousand Head						
CO	1,100	155	200	15	1,040	1,110
KS	2,540	365	445	30	2,430	2,580
NE	2,540	420	405	15	2,540	2,490
TX	2,870	340	390	20	2,800	3,030
Oth Sts.	2,924	410	401	17	2,916	2,900
U.S.	11,974	1,690	1,841	97	11,726	12,110

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.

JANUARY CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

This publication is a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and NASS to release the number of cattle and calves by class and calf crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the U.S. cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on February 2, 2007.

All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada combined totaled 111.3 million head on January 1, 2007, down slightly from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 48.1 million head, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2007, totaled 97.0 million head, slightly above the 96.7 million on January 1, 2006.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2007, totaled 14.3 million head, down 3 percent from the 14.8 million on January 1, 2006, and 5 percent below the 15.1 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 6.0 million, was down 4 percent from the 6.3 million on January 1, 2006, and 5 percent below the 6.4 million from two years ago.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, UNITED STATES & CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2006-2007

CLASS	UNITED STATES			CANADA		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	96,702	97,003	100	14,830	14,315	97
Cows and Heifers that have Calved	42,056	42,023	100	6,313	6,041	96
Beef Cows	32,994	32,894	100	5,264	5,001	95
Milk Cows	9,063	9,129	101	1,049	1,040	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,984	20,086	101	2,148	2,073	97
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,904	5,877	100	650	615	95
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,275	4,310	101	498	476	96
Other Heifers	9,805	9,899	101	1,000	982	98
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,933	17,222	102	1,173	1,179	101
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,263	2,215	98	265	249	94
Calves Under 500	15,465	15,456	100	4,932	4,774	97
Calf Crop 1/	37,567			5,514		

1/ January to December Calf Crop.

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WYOMING HONEY PRODUCTION UP 48 PERCENT

WYOMING: Honey production during 2006 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 3.32 million pounds, up 48 percent from production in 2005. Production in 2006 was 14 percent below the 1956 record production of 3.85 million pounds. There were 39,000 bee colonies in Wyoming during 2006 with an average production of 85 pounds per colony. In 2005, there were 40,000 colonies averaging 56 pounds per colony.

Honey stocks in Wyoming on December 15, 2006 totaled 497,000 pounds, up 71 percent from December 15, 2005. The average price received by producers for honey sold in 2006 was 88 cents per pound, up from 85 cents in 2005. The total value of production was \$2.92 million, up 53 percent from 2005 but down 7 percent from 2004.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2006 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 155 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2005. There were 2.39 million colonies producing honey in 2006, down 1 percent from 2005. Yield per colony averaged 64.7 pounds, down 11 percent from the 72.4 pounds in 2005. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested.

Producer honey stocks were 60.5 million pounds on December 15, 2006, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased during 2006 reaching 104.2 cents per pound, up 14 percent from 91.8 cents in 2005. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Honey prices for 2006 were up from the previous year for all color class totals.

HONEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2005-2006

State	Number of Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks Dec. 15 1/		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000</i>		<i>Lbs</i>		<i>1,000 Lbs</i>				<i>Cents</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
CO	28	36	70	75	1,960	2,700	902	1,458	97	139	1,901	3,753
ID	95	95	37	44	3,515	4,180	1,793	2,592	80	86	2,812	3,595
MT	130	132	67	79	8,710	10,428	3,136	1,981	83	100	7,229	10,428
NE	40	47	68	73	2,720	3,431	2,530	3,843	82	104	2,230	3,568
SD	220	225	79	47	17,380	10,575	11,818	10,575	79	82	13,730	8,672
UT	23	23	45	50	1,035	1,150	331	265	102	105	1,056	1,208
WY	40	39	56	85	2,240	3,315	291	497	85	88	1,904	2,917
U.S.	2,413	2,392	72.4	64.7	174,818	154,846	62,478	60,528	91.8	104.2	160,428	161,314

1/ Stocks held by producers, does not include stocks under loan.