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

HAY PRICES CONTINUE TO EDGE HIGHER

The ***Index of Prices Received*** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during March was 117 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was up 3 points (3 percent) from February but down 10 points (8 percent) from March 2006. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 115, was up 4 points (4 percent) from February but down 15 points (12 percent) from March 2006. Prices for livestock were up from last month with the exception of sheep. All livestock prices were down from this time last year. Cow prices averaged $47.00 per hundredweight, up $1.80 from February but $5.00 lower than March 2006. Steer and heifer prices, at $98.00 per hundredweight, were up $1.00 from last month but down $10.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged $116.00 per hundredweight, up $2.00 from last month but $27.00 lower than March 2006. Sheep prices, at $33.00, were 60 cents below February and $1.50 below last year's price. Lamb prices, at $93.00, were 90 cents above last month but $3.60 lower than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 134, was up 1 point (1 percent) from February and up 25 points (23 percent) from last March. Crop prices were higher than last month except for corn and wheat. Prices were above last year for all crops. Corn averaged $2.80 per bushel, down 23 cents from February but up 30 cents from March 2006. Wheat averaged $4.65, down 7 cents from February, but up 93 cents from last year. Dry beans averaged $25.00 per hundredweight in March, up $1.20 from February and up $8.00 from last year. Alfalfa hay, up $3.00 per ton from last month and $30.00 per ton from last year, was $108.00 per ton. Other hay, at $105.00 per ton, was also up $3.00 from February and up $32.00 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 March, at 133 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (4 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 6 points (4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (4 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, lettuce, oranges, and broilers. Lower prices were received for strawberries, celery, corn, and hogs.

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 strawberries, broilers, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, oranges, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 20 points (18 percent) from March 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 134, increased 6 points (4.7 percent) from last month and increased 19 points (17 percent) from March 2006.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, MARCH 2006, FEBRUARY 2007, AND MARCH 15, 2007
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		MAR 2006	FEB 2007	MAR 15 2007	MAR 2006	FEB 2007	MAR 15 2007	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	52.00	45.20	47.00	49.50	47.00	46.90	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	108.00	97.00	98.00	92.80	91.50	97.20	—
Calves	100#	143.00	114.00	116.00	139.00	117.00	123.00	41
Sheep	100#	34.50	33.60	33.00	40.10	36.50	1/	—
Lambs	100#	96.60	92.10	93.00	92.10	95.40	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.50	3.03	2.80	2.06	3.44	3.36	42
Oats	Bu.	1.60	1.90	1.90	1.82	2.34	2.24	50
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.68	2/	2/	1.80	3.17	3.21	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.72	4.72	4.65	3.79	4.71	4.75	44
Dry Beans	100#	17.00	23.80	25.00	17.10	25.30	25.70	46
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	78.00	105.00	108.00	100.00	117.00	120.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	73.00	102.00	105.00	90.10	105.00	108.00	—

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		
	MAR 2006	FEB 2007	MAR 15 2007	MAR 2006	FEB 2007	MAR 15 2007
All Commodities	127	114	117	113	128	133
All Crops	109	133	134	118	138	144
All Livestock and Products	130	111	115	110	120	125

U.S. CORN PLANTED ACREAGE UP 15 PERCENT FROM 2006

WYOMING: As of March 1, Wyoming farmers planted or intended to plant 430,000 acres of small grains and row crops last Fall and this Spring, nearly the same as last year. Winter wheat plantings were up from last year and intentions for spring wheat and corn were also higher. Planting intentions for barley, oats, sugarbeets, and dry beans were all down from the actual 2006 plantings.

Small Grains: Wyoming's 2007 **barley** acreage is expected to total 65,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year, and 10,000 acres below the 2005 crop. Farmers intend to plant 45,000 acres of **oats**, down 3,000 acres from last year, and down 10,000 acres from 2005. **Spring wheat,** at 9,000 acres, will be up 1,000 acres from last year but unchanged from 2005. **Winter wheat** was seeded on 160,000 acres last fall, up 10,000 acres from the 2006 crop, but unchanged from the 2005 crop.

Row Crops: Wyoming farmers expect to plant 90,000 acres of **corn** this year, up 5,000 acres from last year and up 10,000 acres from 2005. Producers intend to plant 36,000 acres of **sugarbeets**, which would be 16 percent below last year but virtually unchanged from 2005. **Dry bean** plantings this year are expected to total 25,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from 2006 and down 9,000 acres from 2005.

The total acreage of **all hay** expected to be harvested in the State in 2007 is 1.10 million acres. This would be 5 percent above last year, but 4 percent below the 2005 crop.

These estimates are based on a survey conducted in early March. Actual plantings may vary from these estimates because of weather, economic conditions, and the effect of this report itself.

UNITED STATES: **All wheat** planted area is estimated at 60.3 million acres, up 5 percent from 2006. The 2007 winter wheat planted area, at 44.5 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 31.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.66 million acres are Soft Red Winter Wheat, and 3.92 million acres are White Winter Wheat. **Other spring wheat** growers intend to plant 13.8 million acres this year, down 7 percent from 2006. Of the total, about 13.3 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat.

Growers intend to plant 3.70 million acres of **barley** for 2007, up 7 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the second lowest barley planted acreage on record. **Oat** acres seeded and to be seeded for the 2007 crop year are expected to total 4.03 million acres, down 3 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest planted acreage on record.

Growers intend to plant 1.50 million acres of **dry beans** in 2007, down 8 percent from both last year and 2005. The decrease in planted acres can be attributed in part to strong prices for competing crops. Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2007 crop year is expected to total 1.29 million acres, 5 percent lower than the 2006 planted acreage. **Corn** growers intend to plant 90.5 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2007, up 15 percent from 2006 and 11 percent higher than 2005. If realized this would be the highest acreage since 1944, when 95.5 million acres were planted for all purposes. **Hay** producers expect to harvest 63.1 million acres of all hay in 2007, up 4 percent from last year.

Planting Intentions for 2007 and Actual Plantings for 2006, Wyoming and United States

Crops	Acreage Planted/to Be Planted					
	Wyoming			United States		
	2006	2007 Intentions	07/06	2006	2007 Intentions	07/06
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Corn, All Purposes	85	90	106	78,327	90,454	115
Winter Wheat	150	160	107	40,575	44,505	110
Durum Wheat	—	—	—	1,870	1,990	106
Spring Wht Other than Durum	8	9	113	14,899	13,808	93
Oats	48	45	94	4,168	4,029	97
Barley	70	65	93	3,452	3,703	107
Sugarbeets	42.8	36.0	84	1,366.7	1,294.7	95
Dry Edible Beans	29	25	86	1,629.8	1,504.5	92
Hay, All 1/	1,050	1,100	105	60,807	63,056	104

1/ Area for harvest

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 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 11.6 million head on April 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent below April 1, 2006 but 7 percent above April 1, 2005. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.43 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.14 million head, up 4 percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.97 million, 7 percent above 2006 and 12 percent above 2005. Net placements were 1.89 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 640,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.85 million, down 6 percent from 2006 and 6 percent below 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during March, 20 percent below 2006 but 6 percent above 2005.

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

State	On Feed Mar 1, 2007	Place-ments Mar 2007	Market-ings Mar 2007	Other Disapp. Mar 2007	On Feed Apr 1, 2007	On Feed Apr 1, 2006
	Thousand Head					
CO	1,010	165	145	10	1,020	1,070
KS	2,420	510	430	20	2,480	2,590
NE	2,510	350	370	10	2,480	2,400
TX	2,790	520	495	15	2,800	2,940
Oth Sts.	2,869	420	408	17	2,864	2,812
U.S.	11,599	1,965	1,848	72	11,644	11,812

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. Commercial Red Meat Production Down 2 percent from March 2006

WYOMING: **Commercial red meat** production in Wyoming during March 2007 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was down 17 percent from last month but unchanged from March 2006. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Five hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in March, unchanged from last year. Total live weight was 647,000 pounds, up 6 percent from March 2006. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,209 pounds, up 19 pounds from last year.

A total of 400 **hogs and pigs** were processed, unchanged from last March. Total live weight, at 99,000 pounds, was down 9 percent from March 2006. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 261 pounds, down 8 pounds from last year.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in March, unchanged from March 2006. Live weight totaled 20,000 pounds, up 43 percent from last year. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 144 pounds, up 17 pounds from a year earlier.

Red meat production from January to March 2007 totaled 1.7 million pounds, up 13 percent from the same period last year.

UNITED STATES: **Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.01 billion pounds in March, down 2 percent from the 4.11 billion pounds produced in March 2006.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 2 percent from March 2006. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,259 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.86 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.20 million head, down slightly from March 2006. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.6 million pounds, was up 7 percent from March 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 278,600 head, 12 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, down 5 pounds from March a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, MARCH 2006 AND 2007, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	07/06	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	07/06
	Head		1,000 Pounds		Percent	Head		1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cattle	500	500	608	647	106	2,854,000	2,792,600	3,607,680	3,504,629	97
Hogs	400	400	109	99	91	9,235,800	9,203,200	2,504,377	2,485,226	99
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	14	20	143	249,800	278,600	36,178	39,013	108

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WYOMING MILK COWS INCREASE SLIGHTLY

WYOMING: The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during January - March 2007 averaged 7,100 head. The number of cows was the highest since the third quarter of 1994. The number was up 200 head from the previous quarter and 700 head from the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during the first quarter of 2007 was 29.1 million pounds, down 2 percent from the previous quarter, but up 11 percent from the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 46.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.13 million head, 36,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JAN-MAR, 2006 AND 2007

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	6.4	7.1	26.2	29.1	11.1
CA	1,779	1,793	9,711	10,061	3.6
CO	106	115	605	620	2.5
ID	474	503	2,551	2,729	7.0
MT	19	18	90	83	-7.8
NE	60	60	277	284	2.5
SD	81	84	364	401	10.2
UT	85	86	404	438	8.4
WI	1,240	1,246	5,779	5,904	2.2
US	9,092	9,128	45,547	45,999	1.0

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