



# Range Review

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### THANK YOU

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

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### WHEAT PRICES CONTINUE TO CLIMB

The *Index of Prices Received* by farmers and ranchers in Wyoming for agriculture commodities sold during August was 132 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was up 1 point (1 percent) from July and up 3 points (2 percent) from August 2006. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The *All Livestock Index*, at 135, was up 6 points (5 percent) from July but down 4 points (3 percent) from August 2006. Prices for all livestock were up from last month except for cow and sheep prices which were down. Cow, sheep, and lamb prices were up from last year while the remaining livestock prices were down. Cow prices averaged \$52.10 per hundredweight, down \$1.70 from July but \$2.60 above last year. Steer and heifer prices, at \$106.00 per hundredweight, were up \$3.00 from last month but down \$5.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$138.00 per hundredweight, up \$3.00 from last month but \$1.00 lower than August 2006. Sheep prices, at \$27.70, were \$2.80 below July but 80 cents above last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$109.00, were up \$3.00 from last month and \$6.00 higher than last year at this time.

The *All Crops Index*, at 124, was down 15 points (11 percent) from July but up 14 points (13 percent) from last August. Crop prices for other hay were lower than last month while wheat prices were up. Prices for corn, oats, dry beans, and alfalfa hay were unchanged. Prices were at or above last year for all crops. Corn averaged \$4.40 per bushel, unchanged from July but \$1.92 above last year. Wheat averaged \$5.70, up 33 cents from July and up \$1.43 from last year. Dry beans averaged \$27.00 per hundredweight in August, unchanged from July and up \$7.80 from last year. Alfalfa hay, unchanged from last month and up \$15.00 per ton from last year, was \$114.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$109.00 per ton, was down \$2.00 from July but up \$8.00 from last year.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 139 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.4 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received lower prices for onions, corn, broilers, and eggs. Higher commodity prices were received for wheat, cattle, strawberries, and broccoli.

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 cattle, grapes, calves, and sweet corn offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and broilers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 20 points (17 percent) from August 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 142, decreased 1 point (0.7 percent) from last month but increased 19 points (15 percent) from August 2006.

### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, AUGUST 2006, JULY 2007, AND AUGUST 15, 2007 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			% OF PARITY
		AUG 2006	JULY 2007	AUG 15 2007	AUG 2006	JULY 2007	AUG 15 2007	
		Dollars			Dollars			
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	49.50	53.80	52.10	46.80	51.40	51.50	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	111.00	103.00	106.00	91.50	93.10	94.40	—
Calves	100#	139.00	135.00	138.00	136.00	127.00	129.00	42
Sheep	100#	26.90	30.50	27.70	27.90	28.70	1/	—
Lambs	100#	103.00	106.00	109.00	95.40	98.60	1/	—
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	2.48	4.40	4.40	2.09	3.32	3.17	39
Oats	Bu.	2.15	2.15	2.15	1.67	2.33	2.25	50
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.06	3.22	3.65	—
All Wheat	Bu.	4.27	5.37	5.70	3.91	5.17	5.85	53
Dry Beans	100#	19.20	27.00	27.00	19.50	28.50	26.40	46
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	99.00	114.00	114.00	109.00	137.00	137.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	101.00	111.00	109.00	96.20	113.00	118.00	—

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		
	AUG 2006	JULY 2007	AUG 15 2007	AUG 2006	JULY 2007	AUG 15 2007
<b>All Commodities</b>	129	131	132	119	141	139
<b>All Crops</b>	110	139	124	125	141	139
<b>All Livestock and Products</b>	139	129	135	114	140	139

## EXPECTED SUGARBEET PRODUCTION DOWN 16 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

An updated forecast based on September 1 conditions indicates Wyoming sugarbeet production will be down from last year. The sugarbeet production forecast is up 5 percent from last month but 16 percent below last year.

**Sugarbeet** producers intended to harvest 30,500 acres, unchanged from the previous month but down 9,600 acres from last year. The expected average yield is 22.0 tons per acre, up 1 ton from the August 1 forecast and 2.1 tons more than the 2006 yield. Total production is expected to be 671,000 tons, 16 percent below 2006.

The following forecasts were carried forward from August 1. Based on August 1 conditions, **barley** production was expected to total 4.14 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year's crop and 26 percent below 2005. **Dry bean** production in 2007 is forecast at 552,000 hundredweight. If realized, this would be down 6 percent from 2006 and down 29 percent from 2005. The August 1 forecast for **alfalfa hay** was 1.60 million tons, up 14 percent from last year's crop, and up 2 percent from the 2005 crop. Yields are expected to average 2.9 tons per acre, 0.1 ton above last year and 0.3 tons above 2005. Production of **all other hay**, at 880,000 tons, is expected to be 23 percent above last year. Acreage expected to be cut is unchanged from last year and up 10,000 acres from 2005. Average yield, at 1.6 tons per acre, is up 0.3 ton per acre from 2006 and up 0.2 ton per acre from 2005.

**UNITED STATES: Corn** production is forecast at 13.3 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month and 26 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 155.8 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from August and 6.7 bushels above last year. If realized, this would be the second highest yield on record, behind the 160.4 bushel yield in 2004. Production would be the largest on record as growers expect to harvest the most corn acres for grain since 1933.

**Sugarbeets:** Production is forecast at 30.1 million tons, 1 percent above the August forecast but 12 percent below last year's production of 34.1 million tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 5 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from last month but down 1.9 tons from the 2006 record high yield. Yields are at or below last year's level in all States except Colorado, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

### ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION FINAL 2006 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 FORECAST 1/

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	Sept 1 2007	2006	2007	07/06
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		Percent
<b>WYOMING</b>									
Barley (bu)	70	60	57	45	83.0	92.0	4,731	4,140	88
Sugarbeets (tons)	42.8	31	40.1	30.5	19.9	22.0	798	671	84
Dry Beans (cwt)	29.0	25	27.5	24	21.5	23.0	590	552	94
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	500	550	2.80	2.90	1,400	1,595	114
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	550	550	1.30	1.60	715	880	123
All Hay (tons)	—	—	1,050	1,100	2.01	2.25	2,115	2,475	117
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
Corn-Grain (bu) 2/	78,327	92,888	70,648	85,418	149.1	155.8	10,534,868	13,307,999	126
Winter Wheat (bu)	40,575	45,136	31,117	37,188	41.7	41.3	1,298,081	1,537,262	118
Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	14,899	13,144	13,878	12,733	33.2	39.3	460,480	500,073	109
Oats (bu)	4,168	3,860	1,576	1,612	59.5	61	93,764	98,341	105
Barley (bu)	3,452	4,044	2,951	3,542	61.0	63.1	180,051	223,478	124
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,366.2	1,266	1,303.6	1,241.4	26.1	24.2	34,064	30,090	88
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,629.8	1,504.8	1,537.6	1,439.8	15.8	16.5	24,247	23,741	98
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	21,384	21,451	3.35	3.26	71,666	69,904	98
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	39,423	40,338	1.78	1.87	70,000	75,347	108
All Hay (tons)	—	—	60,807	61,789	2.33	2.35	141,666	145,251	103

1/Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from the August Crop Production report. Current year estimates are for the full 2007 crop year.

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

3/Excluding Durum

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.3 million head on August 1, 2007. The inventory was 5 percent below August 1, 2006 but 2 percent above August 1, 2005.

**Placements** in feedlots during July totaled 1.62 million, 17 percent below 2006 and 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.56 million. This is the lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000, 600-699 pounds were 312,000, 700-799 pounds were 445,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during July totaled 2.0 million, 3 percent above 2006 and 4 percent above 2005.

**Other disappearance** totaled 61,000 during July, 5 percent above 2006 but unchanged from 2005.

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

State	On Feed July 1, 2007	Place- ments July 2007	Market- ings July 2007	Other Disapp. July 2007	On Feed Aug 1, 2007	On Feed Aug 1, 2006
Thousand Head						
CO	940	115	175	10	870	940
KS	2,140	430	450	20	2,100	2,360
NE	2,050	350	480	10	1,910	1,950
TX	2,870	390	470	10	2,780	2,970
Oth Sts.	2,737	337	424	11	2,639	2,602
U.S.	10,737	1,622	1,999	61	10,299	10,822

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. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

**WYOMING:** Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during July 2007 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 14 percent from last month but down 1 percent from July 2006. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Six hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in July, unchanged from last year. Total live weight was 680,000 pounds, down 5 percent from July 2006. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,121 pounds, down 63 pounds from last year.

A total of 400 **hogs and pigs** were processed, up 100 head from last July. Total live weight, at 99,000 pounds, was up 32 percent from July 2006. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 262 pounds, up 2 pounds from last year.

Two hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in July, compared to 100 head last year. Total live weight, at 23,000 pounds, was up 21 percent from July 2006. Average live weight of sheep and lambs was 151 pounds, up 10 pounds from last year.

**Red meat production** from January to July 2007 totaled 3.4 million pounds, up 6 percent from the same period last year.

**UNITED STATES:** Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in July, up 4 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in July 2006.

**Beef production**, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 2 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,269 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.66 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.40 million head, up 7 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 264 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.5 million pounds, was up 2 percent from July 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,700 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 1 pound from July a year ago.

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

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	July 2006	July 2007	July 2006	July 2007	07/06	July 2006	July 2007	July 2006	July 2007	07/06
			1,000 Pounds		Percent			1,000 Pounds		Percent
<b>Cattle</b>	600	600	718	680	95	2,834,000	2,901,600	3,598,226	3,672,121	102
<b>Hogs</b>	300	400	75	99	132	7,882,000	8,396,600	2,074,519	2,216,567	107
<b>Sheep &amp; Lambs</b>	100	200	19	23	121	202,400	204,700	26,303	26,821	102

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### WAGE RATES UP SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

**WYOMING:** The number of hired farm and ranch workers in the tri-state region during the week of July 8-14, 2007 was down 8,000 (27 percent) from a year ago. During this period, 22,000 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 22,000 hired workers, 15,000 were expected to work for 150 days or more and 7,000 were expected to work 149 days or less, compared with 21,000 and 9,000 last year.

The average wage rate for all hired workers in the tri-state labor force during the survey week was \$9.20 per hour, up 6 cents (1 percent) from July 2006. Hired field workers were paid an average wage of \$8.36 per hour compared with \$8.41 last year. Hired livestock workers averaged \$9.22 per hour compared with \$9.06 last year.

The average number of hours worked during the survey week was 43.4 compared with 42.3 last July.

**UNITED STATES:** There were 1,205,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2007, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 847,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 358,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.04 per hour during the July 2007 reference week, up 32 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.31 per hour, up 38 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.80 per hour compared with \$9.49 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.44 per hour, was up 37 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 41.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

**FARM WAGE RATES BY TYPE OF WORKER,  
 REGIONS AND U.S., JULY 8-14, 2007 1/**

Region	Hired Workers			
	Type of Worker			
	Field	Lvstk	Fld & Lvstk Combined	All Hired Workers
Dollars per hour				
Mntn I 2/	8.36	9.22	8.70	9.20
Mntn II 3/	9.25	9.85	9.45	9.85
No Plns 4/	9.13	9.18	9.15	9.54
U.S. 5/	9.31	9.80	9.44	10.04

1/Excludes Ag Service Workers  
 2/Idaho Montana, and Wyoming  
 3/Colorado, Nevada and Utah

4/ Kansas, Nebraska, North & South Dakota  
 5/Excludes Alaska

