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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.

WHEAT PRICES CONTINUE TO CLIMB

The *Index of Prices Received* by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during September was 141 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was up 10 points (8 percent) from August and up 1 point (1 percent) from September 2006. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 139, was up 5 points (4 percent) from August but down 3 points (2 percent) from September 2006. Prices for all livestock were up from last month except for cow and calves. Prices for all livestock were down from last year except for cows. Cow prices averaged \$52.50 per hundredweight, down \$1.10 from August but \$1.50 above last year. Steer and heifer prices, at \$112.00 per hundredweight, were up \$5.00 from last month but down \$2.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$128.00 per hundredweight, down \$5.00 from last month and \$14.00 lower than September 2006. Sheep prices, at \$27.90, were 30 cents above August but \$8.10 below last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$108.00, were up \$1.00 from last month but \$7.00 lower than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 156, was up 30 points (24 percent) from August and up 28 points (22 percent) from last September. Crop prices for corn were lower than last month while wheat and dry bean prices were up. Prices for all hay and oats were unchanged. Prices were above last year for all crops. Corn averaged \$4.30 per bushel, down 20 cents from August but \$1.80 above last year. Wheat averaged \$7.00, up \$1.12 cents from August and up \$2.72 from last year. Dry beans averaged \$27.50 per hundredweight in September, 50 cents above August and up \$7.50 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 unchanged from last month and up \$6.00 from last year.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 142 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.4 percent) from August. The Crop Index advanced 3 points (2.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 2 points (1.4 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for wheat, lettuce, eggs, and cattle. Lower prices were received for hogs, corn, strawberries, and onions.

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

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 23 points (19 percent) from September 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 146, increased 3 points (2.1 percent) from last month and 24 points (20 percent) from September 2006.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, SEPTEMBER 2006, AUGUST 2007, AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2007								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		SEPT 2006	AUG 2007	SEPT 15 2007	SEPT 2006	AUG 2007	SEPT 15 2007	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	51.00	53.60	52.50	47.10	51.60	50.30	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	114.00	107.00	112.00	95.20	95.80	98.10	—
Calves	100#	142.00	133.00	128.00	136.00	129.00	128.00	41
Sheep	100#	36.00	27.60	27.90	32.20	27.80	1/	—
Lambs	100#	115.00	107.00	108.00	98.30	98.60	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.50	4.50	4.30	2.20	3.26	3.19	39
Oats	Bu.	2.15	2.96	2.96	1.70	2.25	2.30	51
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.31	3.59	4.99	—
All Wheat	Bu.	4.28	5.88	7.00	4.06	5.64	7.16	65
Dry Beans	100#	20.00	27.00	27.50	18.80	25.80	24.90	43
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	99.00	114.00	114.00	111.00	137.00	135.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	103.00	109.00	109.00	99.50	118.00	124.00	—

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 2006	AUG 2007	SEPT 15 2007	SEPT 2006	AUG 2007	SEPT 15 2007
All Commodities	140	131	141	119	140	142
All Crops	128	126	156	121	141	144
All Livestock and Products	142	134	139	116	139	141

SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Final estimates of the season for small grain production indicate smaller crops in 2007 for winter wheat, spring wheat, barley, and oats. Compared with last year, production of winter wheat was down 11 percent, spring wheat was down 17 percent, barley decreased 3 percent, and oats fell 45 percent. Harvested acreage also decreased from last year for the small grain crops.

Winter wheat production in 2007 is estimated at 3.25 million bushels, down 11 percent from 2006 and down 25 percent from 2005. The estimated yield of 26 bushels per acre is down 1 bushel from last year and down 4 bushels per acre from 2005. There were 125,000 acres harvested, down 10,000 acres from 2006 and down 20,000 acres from 2005.

Spring wheat production in 2007 is estimated at 195,000 bushels, down 17 percent from 2006 and down 38 percent from 2005. Average yield, at 39 bushels per acre, was unchanged from last year but 6 bushels per acre lower than 2005. Acreage harvested for spring wheat in 2006 totaled 5,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year and down 2,000 acres from 2005.

Wyoming **Barley** production during 2007 totaled 4.72 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year and down 15 percent from 2005. The harvested acreage dropped to 53,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from last year and down 7,000 acres from 2005. Harvested acres for barley were the lowest since 1936. Yields averaged 89 bushels per harvested acre, up 4 bushels per acre from last year but 4 bushels per acre below the 2005 yield.

Oats production is estimated at 376,000 bushels, down 45 percent from 2006 and down 37 percent from 2005. The average yield, at 47 bushels per acre, was 10 bushels below last year and 3 bushels below the 2005 crop. There were 40,000 acres of oats planted this year, down 8,000 acres from 2006 and down 15,000 acres from 2005. A new record low of 8,000 acres of oats were harvested for grain, down 4,000 acres from the previous two years.

UNITED STATES: All wheat production totals 2.07 billion bushels in 2007, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up 14 percent from 2006. Grain area is 51.0 million acres, up 9 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 40.5 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the last forecast but up 1.8 bushels from last year. The level of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.52 billion bushels, up 17 percent; other spring wheat, 479 million bushels, up 4 percent; Durum wheat, 71.7 million bushels, up 34 percent.

Oats production is estimated at a record low 91.6 million bushels, 7 percent below the August 1 forecast and down 2 percent from last year. The estimated yield is 60.9 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the last forecast but up 1.1 bushels from the previous year. Compared with last year, yields increased in most States throughout the Great Plains and central Rocky Mountains. Harvested area, at 1.51 million acres, is 7 percent and 4 percent below August and last year, respectively. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Barley production is estimated at 212 million bushels, down 5 percent from the August forecast but up 18 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 60.4 bushels, is down 2.7 bushels from the previous forecast and 0.7 bushel below the 2006 yield. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 3.51 million acres, down 1 percent from August but 19 percent above a year ago.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2006; FINAL SMALL GRAINS AND OCTOBER 1 HAY AND ROW CROP FORECASTS, 2007

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007 1/	2006	2007	07/06
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		Percent
WYOMING									
Oats (bu)	48	40	12	8	57.0	47.0	684	376	55
Winter Wheat (bu)	150	140	135	125	27.0	26.0	3,645	3,250	89
Spring Wheat (bu)	8	6	6	5	39.0	39.0	234	195	83
Barley (bu)	70	62	57	53	85.0	89.0	4,845	4,717	97
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	2.80	1,400	1,540	110
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	550	550	1.30	1.50	715	825	115
All Hay (tons)	—	—	1,050	1,100	2.01	2.25	2,115	2,475	117
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 2/	78,327	93,616	70,648	86,071	149.1	154.7	10,534,868	13,318,102	126
Winter Wheat (bu)	40,575	44,987	31,117	35,952	41.7	42.2	1,298,081	1,515,989	117
Spring Wheat (bu)	14,899	13,297	13,878	12,947	33.2	37.0	460,480	479,047	104
Oats (bu)	4,168	3,760	1,566	1,505	59.8	60.9	93,638	91,599	98
Barley (bu)	3,452	4,020	2,951	3,508	61.1	60.4	180,165	211,825	118
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,366.2	1,266	1,303.6	1,241.4	26.1	24.5	34,064	30,382	89
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,629.8	1,527.3	1,537.6	1,462.5	15.8	17.3	24,247	25,264	104
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	21,384	21,451	3.35	3.37	71,666	72,347	101
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	39,423	40,338	1.78	1.87	70,000	75,617	108
All Hay (tons)	—	—	60,807	61,789	2.33	2.39	141,666	147,964	104

1/Yield for oats, winter wheat, spring wheat and barley are final for 2007. All other yields are forecast yields as of October 1, 2007.

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

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 6 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 September 1, 2007. The inventory was 6 percent below September 1, 2006 but 3 percent above September 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.12 million, 7 percent below 2006 but 6 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.07 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 490,000, 600-699 pounds were 440,000, 700-799 pounds were 549,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 640,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.07 million, virtually unchanged from 2006 but 2 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 50,000 during August, 15 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005.

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

State	On Feed Aug 1, 2007	Place- ments Aug 2007	Market- ings Aug 2007	Other Disapp. Aug 2007	On Feed Sept 1, 2007	On Feed Sept 1, 2006
Thousand Head						
CO	870	170	185	5	850	960
KS	2,100	520	465	15	2,140	2,390
NE	1,910	465	435	10	1,930	2,050
TX	2,780	520	550	10	2,740	2,960
Oth Sts.	2,639	444	431	10	2,642	2,626
U.S.	10,299	2,119	2,066	50	10,302	10,986

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.

TOTAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during August 2007 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was up 78 percent from last month and up 4 percent from August 2006. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Eight hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in August, unchanged from last year. Total live weight was 970,000 pounds, up 2 percent from August 2006. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,255 pounds, up 25 pounds from last year.

A total of 1,400 **hogs and pigs** were processed, up 100 head from last August. Total live weight, at 364,000 pounds, was up 8 percent from August 2006. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 258 pounds, down 3 pounds from last year.

Four hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in August, unchanged from last year. Total live weight, at 53,000 pounds, was up 4 percent from August 2006. Average live weight of sheep and lambs was 139 pounds, up 1 pound from last year.

Red meat production from January to August 2007 totaled 4.5 million pounds, up 7 percent from the same period last year.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in August 2006.

Beef production, at 2.45 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, down slightly from August 2006. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,279 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.39 million head, up 3 percent from August 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 227,500 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

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

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Aug 2006	Aug 2007	Aug 2006	Aug 2007	07/06	Aug 2006	Aug 2007	Aug 2006	Aug 2007	07/06
			1,000 Pounds	Percent					1,000 Pounds	Percent
Cattle	800	800	948	970	102	3,134,400	3,131,900	3,985,807	3,993,778	100
Hogs	1,300	1,400	338	364	108	9,095,700	9,394,600	2,380,908	2,470,994	104
Sheep & Lambs	400	400	51	53	104	227,100	227,500	29,160	29,203	100

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WYOMING MILK COWS UP FROM LAST YEAR

WYOMING: The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during July - September 2007 averaged 7,000 head. The number was down 200 head from the previous quarter but 200 head above the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during the third quarter of 2007 was 35.0 million pounds, virtually unchanged from the previous quarter and up 12 percent from the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the July - September quarter totaled 46.1 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 44,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JUL-SEP, 2006 AND 2007

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	6.8	7.0	31.3	35.0	11.8
CA	1,772	1,817	9,561	10,156	6.2
CO	112	119	654	699	6.9
ID	495	519	2,858	3,020	5.7
MT	18	17	87	84	-3.4
NE	61	58	275	260	-5.5
SD	81	85	380	410	7.9
UT	86	85	456	442	-3.1
WI	1,244	1,248	5,851	6,084	4.0
US	9,113	9,157	44,710	46,114	3.1

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

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

