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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 November was 119 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 8 points (6 percent) from October but up 9 points (8 percent) from November 2006. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 115, was down 11 points (9 percent) from October but up 8 points (7 percent) from November 2006. Prices for all livestock were down from last month except for lambs. Prices were up for calves, steers, and heifers but down for cows, sheep, and lambs compared to last year. Cow prices averaged \$40.30 per hundredweight, down \$4.90 from October and 80 cents below last year. Steer and heifer prices, at \$110.00 per hundredweight, were down \$2.00 from last month but up \$5.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$123.00 per hundredweight, down \$3.00 from last month but up \$1.00 from November 2006. Sheep prices, at \$22.40, were 30 cents below October but \$5.30 below last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$103.00, were up \$2.00 from last month but \$9.00 lower than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 147, was up 3 points (2 percent) from October and up 15 points (11 percent) from last November. All crop prices were higher than both last month and last year with the exception of oats and other hay. Corn averaged \$2.60 per bushel, up 3 cents from October and 11 cents above last year. Wheat averaged \$6.80, up 1 cent from October and up \$2.27 from last year. Dry beans averaged \$26.50 per hundredweight in November, 30 cents above October and up \$6.00 from last year. Alfalfa hay, up \$6.00 from last month and up \$7.00 per ton from last year, was \$110.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$110.00 per ton, was unchanged from both last month and last year.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 143 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.4 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.3 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for soybeans, eggs, corn, and broilers and lower prices were received for lettuce, hogs, cattle, 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 milk, cattle, cotton, and cottonseed offset decreased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and lettuce.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 24 points (20 percent) from November 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 147, increased 2 points (1.4 percent) from last month and increased 27 points (23 percent) from November 2006.

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

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		NOV 2006	OCT 2007	NOV 15 2007	NOV 2006	OCT 2007	NOV 15 2007	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	41.10	45.20	40.30	43.60	46.60	43.60	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	105.00	112.00	110.00	90.00	96.40	95.40	—
Calves	100#	122.00	126.00	123.00	119.00	122.00	118.00	38
Sheep	100#	27.70	22.70	22.40	30.30	25.30	1/	—
Lambs	100#	112.00	101.00	103.00	95.60	97.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.49	2.57	2.60	2.88	3.29	3.49	42
Oats	Bu.	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.05	2.44	2.35	51
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.84	4.88	4.93	—
All Wheat	Bu.	4.53	6.79	6.80	4.59	7.65	7.92	71
Dry Beans	100#	20.50	26.20	26.50	21.80	25.90	26.80	46
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	103.00	104.00	110.00	110.00	137.00	135.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	110.00	110.00	110.00	106.00	122.00	123.00	—

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		
	NOV 2006	OCT 2007	NOV 15 2007	NOV 2006	OCT 2007	NOV 15 2007
All Commodities	110	127	119	119	141	143
All Crops	132	144	147	122	148	150
All Livestock and Products	107	126	115	116	132	135

WYOMING DRY BEAN CROP CONTINUES TO DECLINE

WYOMING: The December 1 forecast of production for Wyoming's dry bean crop indicates production is down 6 percent from last year and 29 percent below 2005, according to Kim Faircloth with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. The 2007 production is expected to decrease by 38,000 hundredweight, primarily due to 3,500 fewer acres harvested.

All dry bean production is forecast at 552,000 hundredweight, down from 590,000 in 2006 and well below the 2005 production of 776,000 hundredweight. A total of 24,000 acres were harvested with an average yield forecast at 2,300 pounds per acre. Yield would be up 150 pounds per acre from last year, but 50 pounds lower than the 2005 record yield. **Pinto bean** production is expected to drop 4 percent to 490,000 hundredweight or 89 percent of the total. Production of **great northern beans** increased 18 percent to 20,000 hundredweight or 4 percent of the total. **Navy bean** production, at 22,000 hundredweight, fell 37 percent and comprised 4 percent of the total. The remaining 20,000 hundredweight, or 3 percent of the production, was in various **other varieties**.

UNITED STATES: U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 25.2 million hundredweight for 2007, virtually unchanged from the October forecast but 4 percent above the 2006 production. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.48 million acres, 1 percent above the last forecast but 4 percent below the previous year's acreage. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,708 pounds per acre, a decrease of 19 pounds from the October forecast but 131 pounds above the 2006 yield. Production is up from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, pinto, light red kidney, black, and large chickpeas. Production decreased from last year for navy, great northern, small white, dark red kidney, pink, small red, cranberry, blackeye, and small chickpeas.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2006; FINAL SMALL GRAINS, ROW CROP FORECASTS AND DECEMBER 1 DRY BEAN 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) 1/	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	153.0	10,534,868	13,167,741	125
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	25.4	34,064	31,560	93
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,629.8	1,525.5	1,537.6	1,477.6	15.8	17.1	24,247	25,235	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 except sugarbeets are forecast yields as of October 1, 2007.

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



U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on November 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below November 1, 2006 but 3 percent above November 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.72 million, 12 percent above 2006 but 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 2.67 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 855,000, 600-699 pounds were 745,000, 700-799 pounds were 556,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.88 million, 6 percent above 2006 and 8 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during October, 42 percent below 2006 and 19 percent below 2005.

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

State	On Feed	Place-	Market-	Other	On Feed	On Feed
	Oct 1, 2007	ments Oct 2007	ings Oct 2007	Disapp. Oct2007	Nov 1, 2007	Nov 1, 2006
Thousand Head						
CO	940	260	165	5	1,030	1,130
KS	2,310	530	410	10	2,420	2,550
NE	2,140	620	350	10	2,400	2,440
TX	2,840	700	530	10	3,000	2,990
Oth						
Sts.	2,737	606	421	12	2,910	2,859
U.S.	10,967	2,716	1,876	47	11,760	11,969

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 DOWN FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during October 2007 totaled 300,000 pounds. This was down 40 percent from last month and down 2 percent from October 2006. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Three hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in October, unchanged from last year. Total live weight was 379,000 pounds, down 5 percent from October 2006. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,174 pounds, down 50 pounds from last year.

A total of 200 **hogs and pigs** were processed, unchanged from last October. Total live weight, at 55,000 pounds, was up 6 percent from October 2006. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 265 pounds, up 13 pounds from last year.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in October, unchanged from last year. Total live weight, at 15,000 pounds, was up 88 percent from October 2006. Average live weight of sheep and lambs was 170 pounds, up 37 pounds from last year.

Red meat production from January to October 2007 totaled 5.3 million pounds, up 6 percent from the same period last year.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.61 billion pounds in October, up 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in October 2006.

Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 8 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.14 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.7 million head, up 11 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.4 million pounds, was up 5 percent from October 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 248,000 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from October a year ago.

January to October 2007 commercial red meat production was 40.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2007	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2007	07/06	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2007	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2007	07/06
			1,000 Pounds		Percent			1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cattle	300	300	397	379	95	2,858,100	3,099,600	3,676,944	4,015,128	109
Hogs	200	200	52	55	106	9,632,000	10,654,400	2,589,179	2,870,108	111
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	8	15	188	237,300	248,000	31,139	32,710	105

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**NORTHERN MOUNTAIN REGION
 AG WAGE REMAINS STEADY**



WYOMING: The annual average wage rate for all hired labor in the Northern Mountain Region farms and ranches in 2007 was \$9.24 per hour. The average wage was down 1 cent from the 2006 average of \$9.25 per hour. The annual average wage rate for field workers was \$8.50 in 2007, compared with \$8.77 in 2006. The combined wage rate for field and livestock workers, excluding supervisors and other workers was \$8.74 in 2007, down from \$8.76 in 2006. There was an average of 22,000 hired workers during 2007, down 1,500 workers from 2006. The average number of hours worked by all hired labor in 2007 was 43.9 hours per week, compared with 42.9 hours per week a year earlier.

UNITED STATES: The 2007 annual average number of hired workers for the Nation was 739,800 workers, down 2 percent from 2006. The annual average number of hours worked during the week was 40.7 in 2007, up from 40.5 in 2006.

The 2007 U.S. all hired worker annual average wage rate was \$10.21, up 3 percent from the 2006 annual average wage rate of \$9.87. The U.S. field worker annual average wage rate was \$9.40, up 34 cents from last year's annual average. The field and livestock worker combined annual average wage rate at the U.S. level was \$9.49, also up 34 cents from last year's annual average wage rate of \$9.15.

**NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION AG LABOR
 WAGE RATE DECLINES**

WYOMING: The number of hired farm and ranch workers in the tri-state region during the week October 7-13, 2007 was down 2,000 (8 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, 16,000 were expected to work for 150 days or more and 6,000 were expected to work 149 days or less, compared with 17,000 and 7,000 last year. The number of hired workers during the previous survey week July 8-14, 2007 was 22,000.



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The average wage rate for all hired workers in the tri-state labor force during the survey week was \$9.00 per hour, down 20 cents (2 percent) from July and down 55 cents (6 percent) from October 2006. Hired field workers were paid an average wage of \$8.31 per hour compared with \$8.87 last year. Hired livestock workers averaged \$9.10 per hour compared with \$9.24 last year.

The average number of hours worked during the survey week was 50.7 compared with 47.6 last October.

UNITED STATES: There were 1,122,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 7-13, 2007, up 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 806,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 316,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.33 per hour during the October 2007 reference week, up 37 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.62 per hour, up 36 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.98 per hour compared with \$9.42 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.72 per hour, was up 42 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 42.1 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up fractionally from a year ago.

**Farm Wage Rates by Type of Worker,
 Regions and U.S., October 7-13, 2007 1/**

Region	Hired Workers			
	Type of Worker			
	Field	Lvstk	Fld & Lvstk Combined	All Hired Workers
Dollars per hour				
Mntn I 2/	8.31	9.10	8.56	9.00
Mntn II 3/	9.80	10.69	10.05	10.66
No Plns 4/	10.68	9.82	10.45	10.78
U.S. 5/	9.62	9.98	9.72	10.33

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

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