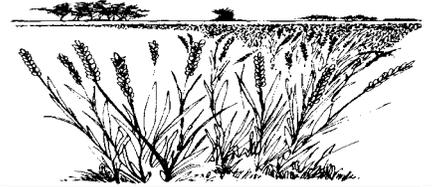


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CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP VALUE

The estimated value of California's 2005 field crop production, at \$3.07 billion, was 3 percent below the \$3.16 billion value of 2004. Production of the major field crops in California during 2005 totaled 26.2 million tons, 4 percent below the 27.3 million tons produced in 2004. The 3.90 million acres harvested in 2005 are 7 percent below the 4.20 million acres harvested in 2004. All rice, American Pima cotton, all hay, alfalfa hay, hay other than alfalfa, and dry edible beans increased in total value for 2005.



CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP VALUES BY COMMODITY

Crop and Year ^{a/}	Acres Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	Unit	Average Price ^{b/}	Value of Production	
	1,000		1,000		Dollars	\$1,000	
Corn	2003	140.0	4.48	627.2	Tons	103.57	64,960
For Grain	2004	150.0	4.90	735.0	Tons	94.64	69,563
	2005	110.0	4.82	529.8	Tons	98.21	52,030
Corn For Silage	2003	385.0	26.00	10,010.0	Tons	---	---
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	2005	425.0	26.00	11,050.0	Tons	---	---
Oats For Grain	2003	35.0	1.28	44.8	Tons	125.00	5,600
	2004	25.0	1.36	34.0	Tons	125.00	4,250
	2005	20.0	1.20	24.0	Tons	81.25	1,950
Barley For Grain	2003	58.0	1.54	89.1	Tons	115.42	10,282
	2004	75.0	1.44	108.0	Tons	110.42	11,925
	2005	60.0	1.51	90.7	Tons	106.25	9,639
Winter Wheat For Grain	2003	410.0	1.83	750.3	Tons	114.00	85,534
	2004	320.0	2.55	816.0	Tons	118.00	96,288
	2005	300.0	2.16	648.0	Tons	113.33	73,440
Durum Wheat For Grain	2003	115.0	3.00	345.0	Tons	150.33	51,865
	2004	100.0	2.70	270.0	Tons	145.67	39,330
	2005	69.0	2.85	196.7	Tons	130.00	25,565
Rice	2003	507.0	77.00	39,036.0	Cwt.	10.40	405,974
	2004	590.0	86.00	50,759.0	Cwt.	7.34	372,571
	2005	526.0	73.80	38,836.0	Cwt.	10.50	407,778
Cotton, Upland Lint ^{c/}	2003	545.0	1,317.00	1,495.0	Bales	74.50	534,612
	2004	557.0	1,543.00	1,790.0	Bales	51.60	443,347
	2005	428.0	1,178.00	1,050.0	Bales	60.00	302,400
Cotton, American Pima ^{c/}	2003	149.0	1,194.00	370.5	Bales	123.00	218,743
	2004	214.0	1,532.00	683.0	Bales	88.20	289,155
	2005	229.0	1,216.00	580.0	Bales	119.00	331,296
Cottonseed	2003	---	---	680.0	Tons	152.00	103,360
	2004	---	---	902.0	Tons	150.00	135,300
	2005	---	---	588.0	Tons	146.00	85,848
Hay, All ^{d/}	2003	1,620.0	5.85	9,485.0	Tons	90.50	852,425
	2004	1,600.0	5.76	9,220.0	Tons	115.00	1,045,885
	2005	1,550.0	5.76	8,935.0	Tons	132.00	1,150,613
Hay, Alfalfa	2003	1,090.0	7.00	7,630.0	Tons	93.00	709,590
	2004	1,050.0	7.00	7,350.0	Tons	118.00	867,300
	2005	1,000.0	6.90	6,900.0	Tons	138.00	952,200
Hay, All Other	2003	530.0	3.50	1,855.0	Tons	77.00	142,835
	2004	550.0	3.40	1,870.0	Tons	95.50	178,585
	2005	550.0	3.70	2,035.0	Tons	97.50	198,413
Beans, Dry Edible ^{e/}	2003	75.0	18.40	1,380.0	Cwt.	35.30	48,714
	2004	57.0	20.20	1,152.0	Cwt.	36.90	42,509
	2005	65.0	21.30	1,385.0	Cwt.	40.40	55,954
Sugar Beets ^{f/}	2003	50.1	39.10	1,959.0	Tons	39.50	77,381
	2004	48.9	40.80	1,995.0	Tons	37.90	75,611
	2005	44.1	38.70	1,707.0	Tons	g/	g/

^{a/} Data for 2005 is preliminary.

^{b/} Marketing year average prices. Does not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under a government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation, loan deficiency payments, direct or counter cyclical payments, or disaster payments.

^{c/} Cotton yield in pounds; production in 480-pound net weight bales; lint price on hundredweight basis. The 2005 price is the average to January 1, 2006.

^{d/} Estimated marketings of alfalfa and other hay are used as weights to calculate all hay price.

^{e/} Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

^{f/} Relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for over-wintered beets in central and southern California.

^{g/} Not available.

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - JANUARY 2006

Prices received by California farmers at mid-January were above December for wheat, dry edible beans, all potatoes, hay other than alfalfa, and Upland cotton lint. Prices for winter potatoes were below the previous month. Prices remained unchanged from the previous month for fall potatoes, all hay, and alfalfa hay. There was insufficient data to establish a mid-January price for oats and barley. Mid-January prices for cottonseed were not published to avoid possible disclosure. Prices were above a year earlier for dry edible beans, fall potatoes, all types of hay, and Upland cotton lint. All potatoes and winter potatoes were below January 2005's level.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 112 based on 1990-92=100, decreased three points (2.6 percent) from December. The Crop Index is down three points (2.7 percent) and the Livestock Index also decreased three points (2.5 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, turkeys, eggs, and hogs. Higher prices were received for cattle, oranges, corn, and cotton. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of cattle, soybeans, corn, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of grapes, tomatoes, dairy, and cotton.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up one point (0.9 percent) from January 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 118, decreased four points (3.3 percent) from last month, but increased two points (1.7 percent) from January 2005.

The January All Crops Index is 107, down 2.7 percent from December, but 4.9 percent above January 2005. From December, index decreases for vegetables, oil-bearing crops, and food grains more than offset the index increases for fruits & nuts and cotton.

The January Food Grains Index, at 115, is 1.7 percent below the previous month, but 0.9 percent above a year ago. The January all wheat price, at \$116.00 per ton, is down \$2.00 from December, but up \$1.67 from January 2005.

The January Feed Grains & Hay Index, is 90, unchanged from last month, but 5.3 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$70.00 per ton, is up \$1.43 from last month, but \$5.71 below January 2005. The all hay price, at \$91.20 per ton, is 80 cents below December, but up \$3.40 from last January. Grain sorghum, at \$3.15 per cwt., is 24 cents above December and 20 cents above January of last year.

The January Cotton Index, at 82, is up 3.8 percent from December and 28 percent above last year. The January price, at 49.6 cents per pound, is up 1.7 cents from the previous month and 11.1 cents above last January.

The January Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 115, is unchanged from last month, but 9.5 percent above January 2005. The all potato price, at \$7.00 per cwt., is up seven cents from December and up \$1.41 from last January. The all dry bean price, at \$17.50 per cwt., is down \$1.10 from the previous month and \$9.70 below January 2005.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		January 2005	December 2005	Jan. 15, 2006	January 2005	December 2005	Jan. 15, 2006
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	75.71	68.57	70.00
Wheat 2/	Tons	3/	112.00	120.00	114.33	118.00	116.00
Oats 2/	Tons	---	4/	4/	102.50	108.13	104.38
Barley 2/	Tons	3/	3/	4/	100.42	103.75	100.42
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	2.95	2.91	3.15
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	7.39	7.49	7.40
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	40.70	44.80	45.70	27.20	18.60	17.50
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	14.10	10.00	13.10	5.59	6.93	7.00
Winter	Cwt.	18.50	17.10	17.00	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	7.55	8.10	8.10	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	116.00	131.00	131.00	87.80	92.00	91.20
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	121.00	138.00	138.00	94.50	97.70	95.60
Other Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	88.00	88.00	93.00	73.30	78.00	79.30
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs.	0.531	0.679	0.780	0.385	0.479	0.496
Cottonseed	Tons	145.00	136.00	3/	114.00	95.10	102.00

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Not published to avoid possible disclosure.

4/ Insufficient data to establish a price.

5/ Monthly average.

INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES RECEIVED AND PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006
Prices Received - Unadjusted						
All Farm Products	707	728 1/	712	111	115 1/	112
All Crops	504	544 1/	529	102	110 1/	107
Food Grains	361	373 1/	365	114	117 1/	115
Feed Grains and Hay	340	323 1/	322	95	90 1/	90
Cotton	325	405 1/	419	64	79 1/	82
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	531	584 1/	582	105	115 1/	115
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates 2/	1,818	1,904 1/	1,925	137	143	145
Parity Ratio 3/	39	38	37	81	80	77

1/ Revised.

2/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.

3/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.

FEBRUARY 1 FALL POTATO STOCKS

California's fall potato stocks totaled 1.10 million cwt. as of February 1, 2006, down 39 percent from last year. February 1 stocks accounted for 34 percent of production, compared with 49 percent a year ago. Disappearance from month to month includes shrinkage, waste, and other losses.

The 13 major potato States held 188 million cwt. of potatoes in storage February 1, 2006, down 7 percent from last year and 6 percent below February 1, 2004 for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 50 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, unchanged from last year. Stocks by type were 2 percent red, 9 percent round white, 2 percent long whites (Shepody), and 87 percent russets, with a smaller percentage of reds and round whites, but a larger percentage of russets than a year ago for comparable States.

Disappearance of 185 million cwt. from the start of harvest to February 1, is down 6 percent from last year for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 18.1 million cwt., is down 17 percent from last year for comparable States.

Processors have used 96.5 million cwt. of 2005 crop potatoes so far this season, down 4 percent from a year ago and 6 percent below two years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, processing decreased 3 percent from a year ago and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing dropped 7 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 19.5 million cwt. of the total processing, down 11 percent from both last year and the same date in 2004.

Western States held 136 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on February 1, down 4 percent from last year. Both Idaho and Colorado's potato stocks are down 13 percent from last year. Montana's potato sheds stored 1 percent less than in 2005. Oregon's potato stocks are up 23 percent from last year and Washington's potato sheds stored 10 percent more than last season.

Central States accounted for 40.1 million cwt. of potato stocks on February 1, down 17 percent from last year for comparable States. Wisconsin's potato stocks decreased 4 percent from last year, Minnesota's stocks are down 12 percent from 2005, and stocks in North Dakota are 41 percent below February 1, 2005. Michigan potato sheds stored 6 percent more than last year.

Eastern States stored 11.7 million cwt. of potatoes on February 1, down 5 percent from last year for comparable States. Maine's potato sheds held 10 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks increased 42 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS BY STATE ^{1/}

State	Crop of 2004			Crop of 2005		
	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2005 ^{2/}	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2006	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,648	1,800	49	3,240	1,100	34
Colorado	23,791	13,700	58	22,292	11,900	53
Idaho	131,970	75,000	57	116,975	65,000	56
Maine	19,065	11,100	58	15,736	10,000	64
Michigan	13,650	4,800	35	13,920	5,100	37
Minnesota	18,920	10,200	54	17,630	9,000	51
Montana	3,551	3,350	94	3,434	3,300	96
Nebraska	9,288	---	---	8,245	4,000	49
New York	5,184	1,200	23	5,226	1,700	33
North Dakota	26,765	15,300	57	20,500	9,000	44
Ohio ^{3/}	1,080	---	---	---	---	---
Oregon	19,775	11,800	60	22,023	14,500	66
Pennsylvania ^{3/}	2,640	900	34	---	---	---
Washington	93,810	36,500	39	95,480	40,000	42
Wisconsin	30,450	13,600	45	27,880	13,000	47
Other States	---	4,240	---	---	---	---
15-STATE TOTAL ^{4/}	403,587	203,490	50	372,581	187,600	50

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

^{2/} Stocks combined into "Other States."

^{3/} Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.

^{4/} Total includes 13 States for the 2005 crop.