



# California Field Crop Review

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Commodities Index, at 132, decreased 6 points (4.3 percent) from last month, but increased 10 points (8.2 percent) from February 2009.

The February All Crops Index is 145, down 4.6 percent from January and 0.7 percent below February 2009. Index decreases for feed grains & hay, oil-bearing crops, commercial vegetables, food grains, and potatoes & dry beans more than offset the index increases for fruits & nuts and cotton.

The February Food Grains Index, at 171, is 1.7 percent below the previous month and 17 percent below a year ago. The February all wheat price, at \$155.67 per ton, is down \$8.33 from January and \$37.33 below February 2009.

The February Feed Grains & Hay Index is 149, down 5.7 percent from last month and 12 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$123.21 per ton, is down \$7.50 from last month and \$15.00 below February 2009. The all hay price, at \$107.00 per ton, is down \$2.00 from January and \$24.00 from last February. Sorghum grain, at \$5.42 per cwt., is 42 cents below January, but 38 cents above February last year.

The February Cotton Index, at 102, is up 2.0 percent from January and 50 percent above last year. The February price, at 61.7 cents per pound, is up 1.1 cents from the previous month and 20.5 cents above last February.

The February Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 129, is down 1.5 percent from last month and 16 percent below February 2009. The all potato price, at \$6.99 per cwt., is down 18 cents from January and \$1.88 from last February. The all dry bean price, at \$33.80 per cwt., is up \$3.10 from the previous month and \$3.70 above February 2009.

### CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - FEBRUARY 2010

Mid-February prices received by California farmers increased from January for alfalfa hay and all hay. Prices for fall potatoes and all potatoes were below the previous month. Wheat, barley, and dry edible beans were not published to avoid possible disclosure of individual operations. There was insufficient data to establish a mid-February price for cotton lint and cotton seed. Fall potatoes, all potatoes and other types of hay were below February 2009's level.

### U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 133 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 6 points (4.3 percent) from January. The Crop Index is down 7 points (4.6 percent), but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower prices for corn, soybeans, lettuce, and eggs and higher prices for cattle, oranges, onions, and sweet corn. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 7 points (5.6 percent) from February 2009. The Food

### AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		February 2009	January 2010	Feb 15, 2010	February 2009	January 2010	Feb 15, 2010
		Dollars					
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	138.21	130.71	123.21
Wheat 2/	Tons	3/	183.33	3/	193.00	164.00	155.67
Oats 2/	Tons	4/	---	---	168.12	136.25	133.12
Barley 2/	Tons	3/	3/	3/	207.92	197.08	177.08
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	5.04	5.84	5.42
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	16.00	14.40	14.50
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	58.50	58.50	3/	30.10	30.70	33.80
All Potatoes 4/	Cwt.	16.50	8.60	8.50	8.87	7.17	6.99
Winter	Cwt.	24.30	---	---	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	8.60	8.60	8.50	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	142.00	110.00	111.00	131.00	109.00	107.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	145.00	115.00	116.00	141.00	113.00	111.00
Other Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	131.00	91.00	91.00	108.00	99.60	97.10
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	3/	3/	5/	0.412	0.606	0.617
Cottonseed	Tons	228.00	5/	5/	212.00	149.00	151.00

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/ Monthly average. 5/ Insufficient data to establish a price.

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

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	798	884 1/	846	126	139 1/	133
All Crops	724	753 1/	718	146	152 1/	145
Food Grains	649	552 1/	543	205	174 1/	171
Feed Grains and Hay	604	565 1/	532	169	158 1/	149
Cotton	349	513 1/	522	68	100 1/	102
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	776	665 1/	652	153	131 1/	129
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 2/	2,463	2,533	2,541	183	189	189
Parity Ratio 3/	34	36	34	70	76	72

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.

**FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND MARCH 1 STOCKS 1/**

State	Crop of 2008			Crop of 2009			
	Production	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2009	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2010 2/	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2010 2/	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.			1,000 Cwt.			
California 3/	3,948	1,000	25	4,158	1,300	1,100	26
Colorado	21,907	11,100	51	22,080	12,200	10,500	48
Idaho	116,475	56,500	49	131,000	76,500	65,500	50
Maine 3/	14,769	7,100	48	15,263	9,300	7,800	51
Michigan	14,875	3,300	22	15,660	5,200	3,500	22
Minnesota	20,400	8,700	43	20,700	---	---	---
Montana	3,465	3,200	92	3,347	3,100	3,000	90
Nebraska	8,245	3,500	42	8,756	4,200	3,300	38
New York	5,696	1,200	21	4,950	---	---	---
North Dakota	22,680	8,100	36	19,125	9,000	7,000	37
Oregon	18,676	9,800	52	21,460	12,900	10,700	50
Washington	93,000	31,400	34	88,450	43,300	36,200	41
Wisconsin	25,730	7,800	30	28,980	14,900	12,000	41
Other States	---	---	---	---	11,500	9,500	---
13-State Total	369,866	152,700	41	383,929	203,400	170,100	44
Klamath Basin 2/	---	2,000	---	---	2,800	2,200	---

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States."

3/ February 1, 2010 stocs revised.

4/ Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Included in the 13-State total.

**CALIFORNIA FIELD CROPS YIELD AND PRODUCTION HISTORY**

Crop	Unit	Yield				Production			
		2008	2009	Record High	Record Year	2008	2009	Record High	Record Year
Barley	Tons	1.32	1.30	1.70	2002	79,200	71,280	1,997,000	1957
Beans, Dry	Cwt.	18.50	22.20	22.70	1997	960,000	1,508,000	5,216,000	1940
Corn for Grain	Tons	5.46	5.04	5.46	2008	928,200	806,400	1,428,000	1984
Cotton, Upland Lint	1/	1,506	1,714	1,714	2009	367,000	250,000	3,535,000	1981
Cottonseed	Tons	--	--	--	--	280,000	221,000	1,445,000	1981
Hay, All	Tons	5.85	5.68	5.85	2003	9,414,000	8,632,000	9,774,000	2002
Hay, Alfalfa	Tons	7.00	7.10	7.20	1997, 2001, 2007	7,210,000	6,958,000	8,004,000	2002
Hay, Other	Tons	3.80	3.10	3.80	2008	2,204,000	1,674,000	2,204,000	2008
Oats	Tons	1.28	1.68	1.68	2009	32,000	50,400	121,300	1957
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	383	386	402	2003	14,704,000	14,833,000	35,166,000	1966
Rice	Cwt.	83.20	86.00	86.00	2004, 2009	43,030,000	47,804,000	50,759,000	2004
Sugar Beets	Tons	41.60	40.00	41.60	2008	1,052,000	984,000	9,031,000	1972
Potatoes, Sweet	Tons	295	340	340	2009	4,366,000	5,916,000	5,916,000	2009
Wheat, All	Tons	2.71	2.61	2.71	2008	1,476,750	1,266,000	2,959,800	1981

1/ Yield in pounds, production in bales.

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