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CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - FEBRUARY 2011

Mid-February prices received by California farmers increased from January for all potatoes, fall potatoes and all types of hay. Prices for dry edible beans were below the previous month. Wheat and cottonseed were not published to avoid possible disclosure of individual operations. There was insufficient data to establish a mid-February price for barley, spring potatoes and upland cotton lint. Fall potatoes, all potatoes and all types of hay were above February 2010's level.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 168 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 12 points (6.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, lettuce, and milk and lower prices for strawberries, cattle, broilers, and broccoli. 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 hogs offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The February All Crops Index is 198, up 6.5 percent from January and 34 percent above February 2010. Index increases for feed grains & hay, commercial vegetables, food grains, and oilseeds more than offset the decrease for the fruits & nuts index.

The February Food Grains Index, at 261, is 20 percent above the previous month and 50 percent above a year ago. The February all wheat price, at \$285.33 per ton, is up \$61.66 from January and \$127.66 above February 2010.

The February Feed Grains & Hay Index is 233, up 11 percent from last month and 52 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$202.14 per ton, is up \$25.71 from last month and \$75.35 above February 2010. The all hay price, at \$116.00 per ton, increased \$4.00 from January and \$12.00 from last February. Sorghum grain, at \$10.40 per cwt., is 95 cents above January and \$4.96 above February last year.

The February Upland Cotton Index, at 146, is up 7.4 percent from January and 36 percent above last year. The February price, at 88.3 cents per pound, is up 6.1 cents from the previous month and 23.3 cents above last February.

The February Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 158, is up 4.6 percent from last month and 21 percent above February 2010. The all potato price, at \$9.33 per cwt., is up 25 cents from January and up \$1.99 from last February. The all dry bean price, at \$28.20 per cwt., is up \$2.50 from the previous month, but \$2.20 below February 2010.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS a/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		February 2010	January 2011	Feb 15, 2010	February 2010	January 2011	Feb 15, 2010
Dollars							
Corn b/	Tons	---	---	---	126.79	176.43	202.14
Wheat b/	Tons	192.67	176.67	c/	157.67	223.67	285.33
Oats b/	Tons	---	---	---	143.75	194.38	211.25
Barley b/	Tons	c/	d/	d/	188.75	160.42	181.67
Sorghum Grain b/	Cwt.	---	---	---	5.44	9.45	10.40
Rice b/	Cwt.	---	---	---	14.80	12.90	13.90
Dry Edible Beans b/	Cwt.	60.00	50.60	50.40	30.40	25.70	28.20
All Potatoes e/	Cwt.	8.50	8.70	9.45	7.34	9.08	9.33
Spring	Cwt.	d/	d/	d/	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	8.50	8.70	9.45	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled b/	Tons	103.00	142.00	159.00	104.00	112.00	116.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled b/	Tons	109.00	151.00	170.00	110.00	121.00	127.00
Other Hay, Baled b/	Tons	76.00	103.00	109.00	93.00	95.30	93.90
Upland Cotton Lint b/	Lbs	0.651	c/	d/	0.650	0.822	0.883
Cottonseed	Tons	d/	c/	c/	153.00	165.00	172.00

- a/ 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.
- b/ Previous month revised to monthly average.
- c/ Not published to avoid possible disclosure of operations.
- d/ Insufficient data to establish a price.
- e/ Monthly average.

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

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	Feb 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Feb 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	860	1041	1068	135	164	168
All Crops	734	921	983	148	186	198
Food Grains	552	686	826	174	217	261
Feed Grains and Hay	544	745	830	153	209	233
Cotton	550	696	747	107	136	146
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	665	767	802	131	151	158
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities,						
Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates a/	2,397	2,583	2,618	180	194	197
Parity Ratio b/	36	40	41	75	85	85

- a/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.
- b/ 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 a/

State	Crop of 2009			Crop of 2010			
	Production	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2010	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks February 1, 2011	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2011	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.			1,000 Cwt.			
California	3,960	1,100	28	2,280	1,200	900	39
Colorado	22,080	10,500	48	21,528	11,400	9,600	45
Idaho	132,500	67,500	51	114,440	64,000	54,500	48
Maine	15,263	7,800	51	15,892	9,300	7,900	50
Michigan	15,660	3,500	22	15,660	5,900	4,100	26
Minnesota	20,700	8,300	40	17,010	8,400	7,300	43
Montana	3,298	3,100	94	3,673	3,400	3,300	90
Nebraska	8,756	3,300	38	7,719	3,400	3,000	39
New York	4,950	900	18	5,120	1,200	800	16
North Dakota	19,125	7,000	37	22,000	10,300	8,100	37
Oregon	21,460	10,700	50	20,058	12,700	10,100	50
Washington	87,230	34,900	40	81,740	33,800	25,700	31
Wisconsin	28,980	11,100	38	24,293	10,700	8,100	33
13-State Total	383,962	169,700	44	351,413	175,700	143,400	41
Klamath Basin b/	---	2,200	---	---	2,500	1,800	---

a/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2010 totaled 23.7 million cwt.

b/ 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			
		2009	2010	Record High	Record Year	2009	2010	Record High	Record Year
Barley	Tons	1.30	1.39	1.70	2002	71,280	104,400	1,997,000	1957
Beans, Dry	Cwt.	22.80	23.20	23.20	2010	1,575,000	1,462,000	5,216,000	1940
Corn for Grain	Tons	5.04	5.46	5.46	2008, 2010	806,400	982,800	1,428,000	1984
Cotton, Upland Lint	a/	1,646	1,639	1,714	2009	240,000	420,000	3,535,000	1981
Cottonseed	Tons	--	--	--	--	275,000	349,000	1,445,000	1981
Hay, All	Tons	5.77	5.60	5.85	2003	8,890,000	8,236,000	9,774,000	2002
Hay, Alfalfa	Tons	7.00	6.80	7.20	1997, 2001, 2007	7,000,000	6,256,000	8,004,000	2002
Hay, Other	Tons	3.50	3.60	3.80	2008	1,890,000	1,980,000	2,204,000	2008
Oats	Tons	1.68	1.52	1.68	2009	50,400	38,000	121,300	1957
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	389	400	402	2003	14,644,000	13,215,000	35,166,000	1966
Rice	Cwt.	86.0	80.2	86.0	2004, 2009	47,804,000	44,326,000	50,759,000	2004
Sugar Beets	Tons	43.9	40.0	41.6	2008	1,106,000	1,004,000	9,031,000	1972
Potatoes, Sweet	Tons	340	355	355	2010	5,916,000	6,390,000	6,390,000	2010
Wheat, All	Tons	2.60	2.60	2.71	2008	1,302,000	1,210,500	2,959,800	1981

a/ Yield in pounds, production in bales.

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