



Pacific Region Field Crop Review



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CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES – JANUARY 2015

Prices for fall potatoes were 0.5 percent higher than the previous month. The prices for fall potatoes were below the January 2014 prices. Wheat January prices were 3.7 percent below the previous month's prices. Dry edible bean prices had an 11.4 percent decrease from the previous month. Barley and upland cotton lint prices were not published to avoid possible disclosure of individual operations. There was insufficient data to establish a January price for spring potatoes and cottonseed.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The January Prices Received Index (Agricultural Production), at 99, based on 2011=100, decreased 2 points (2.0 percent) from December. At 83, the January Crop Production Index is unchanged. At 123, the Livestock Production Index decreased 4 points (3.2 percent). Producers received lower prices for milk, hogs and calves and higher prices for lettuce, broilers and broccoli. In addition to prices, the indexes are impacted by the five-year average monthly mix of commodities producers market. Increased monthly movement of soybeans, cattle, and lettuce offset the decreased broiler, cotton, and egg marketings.

The Prices Received Index is down 1 point (1.0 percent) from January 2014. The Food Commodities Index, at 110, decreased 5 points (4.3 percent) from the previous month and 1 point (0.9 percent) from January 2014.

The January Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW), at 109 (2011=100), is down 2 points (1.8 percent) from December but is 1 point (0.9 percent) above January 2014. Lower prices in January for feeder cattle, concentrates, diesel, and herbicides more than offset higher prices for other services, complete feeds, share rents, and taxes.

All crops: The January index, at 83, is unchanged from December but is 8.8 percent below January 2014. Index increases for oilseeds & grains and vegetable & melon production offset the index decrease for other crop production.

Food grains: At 89, the index for January is 3.5 percent higher than the previous month but is 9.2 percent below a year earlier. The January price for all wheat, at \$6.14 per bushel, is up 3 cents from December but is 51 cents below January 2014.

Feed grains: The January index, at 64, is unchanged from last month but is 14 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.81 per bushel, is up 3 cents from last month but is down 61 cents from January 2014. At \$7.40 per cwt, sorghum grain is 7 cents above December but 12 cents below January a year earlier.

Oilseeds: At 82, the index for January is unchanged from December but is 20 percent lower than January 2014. The soybean price, at \$10.30 per bushel, is unchanged from December but is \$2.60 below January a year earlier.

Fruits and tree nuts: The January index, at 126, is up 0.8 percent from December but is 0.8 percent lower than a year earlier. Price increases for oranges during January more than offset lower prices for tangerines and strawberries.

Commercial vegetables: At 111, the index for January is up 16 percent from the previous month and 17 percent above January 2014. Price increases during January for lettuce and broccoli more than offset price declines for tomatoes and celery.

Other crops: The January index, at 83, is unchanged from the previous month but is 9.8 percent below January 2014. The all hay price, at \$152 per ton, is down \$7.00 from December and \$10.00 lower than January 2014. At 58.6 cents per pound, the price for upland cotton is down 1.8 cents from December and 18.9 cents below January 2014.

Livestock and products: The index for January, at 123, is 3.1 percent below the previous month but is up 6.0 percent from January a year earlier. Compared with a year ago, prices are lower for milk and hogs. Prices are higher for cattle, market eggs, calves, broilers, and turkeys.

Meat animals: At 131, the January index is down 2.2 percent from the previous month but is 15 percent higher than a year earlier. At \$57.40 per cwt, the January hog price is down \$6.90 from December and \$3.80 lower than a year earlier. The January beef cattle price of \$164 per cwt is unchanged from the previous month but is \$26.00 higher than January 2014.

Dairy products: The index for January, at 88, is down 13 percent from the previous month and 25 percent lower than January a year earlier. The January all milk price of \$17.60 per cwt is down \$2.80 from December and \$5.90 lower from January 2014.

Poultry and eggs: At 139, the January index is up 1.5 percent from December and 16 percent above 2014. The January market egg price, at \$1.07 per dozen, decreased 59.0 cents from December but is 16.4 cents higher than January 2014. The January broiler price, at 60.0 cents per pound, is up 2.0 cents from December and a year earlier. At 66.2 cents per pound, the January turkey price, is down 7.2 cents from the previous month but is up 1.7 cents from 2014.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

| Commodity | Unit | CALIFORNIA | | | UNITED STATES | | |
|-----------------------|------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | January 2014 | December 2014 | January 2015 | January 2014 | December 2014 | January 2015 |
| | | Dollars | | | | | |
| Corn 3/ | Tons | --- | --- | --- | 157.86 | 135.00 | 136.07 |
| Wheat 3/ | Tons | 2/ | 241.33 | 232.33 | 221.67 | 203.67 | 204.67 |
| Oats 3/ | Tons | --- | --- | --- | 231.25 | 200.00 | 188.75 |
| Barley 3/ | Tons | 2/ | 3/ | 2/ | 251.67 | 214.58 | 200.83 |
| Sorghum Grain 3/ | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 7.52 | 7.33 | 7.40 |
| Rice 3/ | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 17.10 | 13.40 | 14.60 |
| Dry Edible Beans 3/ | Cwt. | 56.60 | 65.60 | 58.10 | 39.60 | 34.00 | 32.90 |
| All Potatoes | Cwt. | 10.20 | 9.55 | 9.60 | 9.02 | 8.64 | 9.07 |
| Spring | Cwt. | 3/ | 3/ | 3/ | --- | --- | --- |
| Fall | Cwt. | 10.20 | 9.55 | 9.60 | --- | --- | --- |
| Upland Cotton Lint 3/ | Lbs | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 0.775 | 0.604 | 0.586 |
| Cottonseed | Tons | 3/ | 3/ | 3/ | 230.00 | 186.00 | 191.00 |

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/ Not published to avoid possible disclosure of operations.

3/ Insufficient data to establish a price.

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

| Index | 2011 Base | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Jan 2014 | Dec 2014 | Jan 2015 |
| | (Percent) | (Percent) | (Percent) |
| Agricultural Production | 100 | 101 | 99 |
| Crop Production | 91 | 83 | 83 |
| Grains and oilseed | 86 | 72 | 74 |
| Feed grain | 74 | 64 | 64 |
| Food grain | 98 | 86 | 89 |
| Oilseed | 102 | 82 | 82 |
| Fruit and nut | 127 | 125 | 126 |
| Commercial vegetable | 95 | 96 | 111 |
| Other crop | 92 | 83 | 83 |
| Livestock Production | 116 | 127 | 123 |
| Meat animal | 114 | 134 | 131 |
| Cattle | 122 | 149 | 148 |
| Hog | 92 | 97 | 86 |
| Dairy | 117 | 101 | 88 |
| Poultry and egg | 120 | 137 | 139 |
| Food Commodity | 111 | 115 | 110 |

HAY PRICES

| Commodity | Unit | Alfalfa hay | | | Other Hay | | |
|---------------|------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | January 2014 | December 2014 | January 2015 | January 2014 | December 2014 | January 2015 |
| | | Dollars | | | | | |
| Arizona | Tons | 200.00 | 200.00 | 215.00 | 200.00 | 220.00 | 210.00 |
| California | Tons | 207.00 | 220.00 | 200.00 | 187.00 | 160.00 | 160.00 |
| Idaho | Tons | 190.00 | 200.00 | 190.00 | 170.00 | 170.00 | 165.00 |
| Nevada | Tons | 204.00 | 235.00 | 230.00 | 187.00 | 220.00 | 200.00 |
| Oregon | Tons | 200.00 | 240.00 | 225.00 | 170.00 | 190.00 | 190.00 |
| Utah | Tons | 175.00 | 180.00 | 180.00 | 145.00 | 145.00 | 145.00 |
| UNITED STATES | Tons | 186.00 | 183.00 | 174.00 | 135.00 | 117.00 | 118.00 |

PACIFIC REGION FIELD CROPS YIELD AND PRODUCTION HISTORY

| Crop | Unit | Yield | | | | Production | | | |
|---------------------|------|-------|-------|-------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | 2013 | 2014 | Record High | Record Year | 2013 | 2014 | Record High | Record Year |
| HAWAII | | | | | | | | | |
| Sugarcane, Total 1/ | Tons | 78.9 | 74.9 | 97.7 | 2003 | 1,397,000 | 1,423,000 | 11,457,000 | 1968 |
| Coffee 2/ 3/ | Lbs. | 1,020 | 1,030 | 3,690 | 1957 | 8,400,000 | 8,100,000 | 18,496,000 | 1957 |
| Taro | Lbs. | -- | -- | -- | -- | 3,100,000 | 3,240,000 | 14,195,000 | 1948 |
| NEVADA | | | | | | | | | |
| Hay, All | Tons | 3.37 | 3.29 | 3.58 | 2003, 2008 | 1,161,000 | 1,416,000 | 1,736,000 | 2009 |
| Hay, Alfalfa | Tons | 4.50 | 4.20 | 4.80 | 2005, 2008 | 945,000 | 1,176,000 | 1,316,000 | 2009 |
| Hay, Other | Tons | 1.60 | 1.60 | 2.00 | 2009 | 216,000 | 240,000 | 428,000 | 1982 |
| Wheat, All | Tons | 2.61 | 3.15 | 3.26 | 2011 | 39,150 | 31,500 | 56,700 | 1981 |
| CALIFORNIA | | | | | | | | | |
| Barley | Tons | 1.80 | 1.75 | 1.80 | 2013 | 75,600 | 43,800 | 1,997,000 | 1957 |
| Beans, Dry | Cwt. | 23.20 | 21.90 | 23.20 | 2010, 2013 | 1,150,000 | 1,040,000 | 5,216,000 | 1940 |
| Corn for Grain | Tons | 5.35 | 4.62 | 5.46 | 2008, 2010 | 962,640 | 438,900 | 1,428,000 | 1984 |
| Cotton, Upland Lint | 4/ | 1,737 | 2,014 | 1,729 | 2012 | 333,000 | 235,000 | 3,535,000 | 1981 |
| Cottonseed | Tons | -- | -- | -- | -- | 355,000 | 292,000 | 1,445,000 | 1981 |
| Hay, All | Tons | 5.58 | 5.37 | 5.85 | 2003, 2008 1997, 2001, | 7,646,000 | 7,388,000 | 9,774,000 | 2002 |
| Hay, Alfalfa | Tons | 7.00 | 6.50 | 7.20 | 2007 | 5,810,000 | 5,688,000 | 8,004,000 | 2002 |
| Hay, Other | Tons | 3.40 | 3.40 | 3.80 | 2008 | 1,836,000 | 1,700,000 | 2,204,000 | 2008 |
| Oats | Tons | 1.28 | 1.60 | 1.68 | 2009 | 19,200 | 16,000 | 121,300 | 1957 |
| Potatoes, All | Cwt. | 425 | 471 | 471 | 2014 | 14,369,000 | 15,694,000 | 35,166,000 | 1966 |
| Rice | Cwt. | 84.8 | 85.8 | 86.0 | 2004, 2009 | 47,641,000 | 36,993,000 | 50,759,000 | 2004 |
| Sugar Beets | Tons | 43.4 | 44.4 | 46.5 | 2011 | 1,055,000 | 1,003,000 | 9,031,000 | 1972 |
| Potatoes, Sweet | Tons | 360 | 275 | 360 | 2013 | 6,840,000 | 5,225,000 | 6,840,000 | 2013 |
| Wheat, All | Tons | 2.48 | 2.49 | 2.73 | 2012 | 975,000 | 510,750 | 2,959,800 | 1981 |

1/ Includes sugarcane grown for sugar and seed.

2/ For coffee: 2013 = 2013-14 and 2014 = 2014-15.

3/ Production is parchment basis.

4/ Yield in pounds, production in bales.

5/ Relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for overwintered beets in central and southern California.