



AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FLORIDA FARMERS

Prices received by livestock producers in mid-April were mixed, compared with the entire month of March. The mid-April price for cows at \$49.60 per hundredweight, was \$4.60 more than a month earlier, but \$3.70 less than a year ago. Steers and heifers at \$88.00 per hundredweight, were up \$6.90 per hundredweight from the previous month, and \$1.00 more than a year earlier. Calves at \$99.70 per hundredweight were \$6.20 higher than a month earlier but \$2.30 lower than April 2008. Hogs at \$37.80 per hundredweight were 40 cents less than the previous month and 20 cents less than a year ago.

The Florida milk price was \$15.80 per hundredweight, down 90 cents from a month earlier and \$6.20 below last year. The replacement milk cow price for April 1, 2009 was \$1,550, down from \$1,980 for January 1, 2009.

US PRICE INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 131 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased five points (4.0 percent) from March. The Crop Index is up nine points (6.2 percent) and the Livestock Index increased three points (2.8 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, cattle, soybeans, and onions and lower prices for strawberries, snap beans, apples, and cauliflower. 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 strawberries, sweet corn, cattle, and lettuce offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and hogs.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 15 points (10 percent) from April 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 129, increased seven points (5.7 percent) from last month but decreased 13 points (9.2 percent) from April 2008.

SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92=100	2008		2009	
	Mar	Apr	Mar	Apr
Prices Received	146	146	126	131
Prices Paid	174	179	178	178
Ratio ^{1/}	84	82	71	74

^{1/} Prices Received/Prices Paid.

AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Florida			United States		
		Apr 2008	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	Apr 2008	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
MEAT ANIMALS:							
Cows	\$ per cwt.	53.30	45.00	49.60	50.70	44.60	47.50
Steers & heifers	\$ per cwt.	87.00	81.10	88.00	91.80	84.00	87.70
Calves	\$ per cwt.	102.00	93.50	99.70	116.00	107.00	109.00
Hogs	\$ per cwt.	38.00	38.20	37.80	44.40	43.80	43.40
MILK: ^{2/}							
Sold to plants, all	\$ per cwt.	22.00	14.90	15.80	18.00	11.80	12.00
POULTRY:							
Com'l broilers	Cents per lb.	52.0	51.0	51.0	46.0	45.0	45.0
Table eggs	Cents per doz.	97.0	63.0	85.0	88.4	64.3	77.1
CITRUS, ON TREE:							
Oranges	\$ per box	6.86	3.27	5.92	6.40	5.06	6.48
Grapefruit	\$ per box	2.20	2.96	2.41	2.89	3.33	3.56
Tangerines	\$ per box	3.45	9.32	10.40	7.95	15.10	14.88
FIELD CROPS:							
Potatoes	\$ per cwt.	**	24.10	27.90	8.45	9.27	10.42
Hay, baled	\$ per ton	**	**	**	147.00	129.00	129.00
Peanuts	\$ per lb.	**	**	**	0.200	0.254	0.255
Corn*	\$ per bu.				5.14	3.86	3.87
Oats*	\$ per bu.				3.47	2.77	2.16
Cotton*	Cents per lb.				65.5	41.0	42.8
Sorghum*	\$ per cwt.				9.30	5.34	5.57
Soybeans*	\$ per bu.				12.00	9.12	9.89
Tobacco, Type 11-37*	\$ per lb.				**	**	**
Wheat, Winter*	\$ per bu.				9.62	5.26	5.16

^{1/} Eggs, broilers and hay prices are midmonth estimates. Prices for the latest month for grains and soybeans are midmonth estimates. Prices for most meat animals are first half of month and other estimates are for the entire month.

^{2/} Before deductions for hauling and government withholding, and includes quantity and other premiums, but excludes hauling subsidies.

* Only marketing year average prices are estimated for Florida, except oats and sorghum which are not estimated.

** Not estimated this month.

HIGHLIGHTS--U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEXES

ALL CROPS: The April Index is 155, up 6.2 percent from March but 8.3 percent below April 2008. Indexes for commercial vegetables, oil-bearing crops, fruits & nuts, potatoes & dry beans, cotton, and food grains, increased while the feed grains & hay Index was unchanged.

FOOD GRAINS: The April Index, at 201, is 0.5 percent above the previous month but 33 percent below a year ago. The April all wheat price, at \$5.69 per bushel, is down one cent from March and \$4.41 below April 2008.

FEED GRAINS & HAY: The April Index is 169, unchanged from last month but 22 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.87 per bushel, is up one cent from last month but \$1.27 below April 2008. The all hay price, at \$129 per ton, is unchanged from March but down \$18.00 from last April. Sorghum grain, at \$5.57 per hundredweight is 23 cents above March but \$3.73 below April last year.

OIL-BEARING CROPS: The April Index, at 177, is up 7.9 percent from March but 18 percent lower than April 2008. The soybean price, at \$9.89 per bushel, increased 77 cents from March but is \$2.11 below April 2008.

COTTON: The April Index, at 71, is up 4.4 percent from March but 34 percent below last year. The April price, at 42.8 cents per pound, is up 1.8 cents from the previous month but 22.7 cents below last April.

POTATOES & DRY BEANS: The April Index, at 176, is up 9.3 percent from last month and 18 percent above April 2008. The all potato price, at \$10.42 per hundredweight, is up \$1.15 from March and \$1.97 from last April. The all dry bean price, at \$29.50 per hundredweight is down \$3.00 from the previous month and \$4.80 from April 2008.

FRUITS & NUTS: The April Index, at 123, is up 4.2 percent from March but 8.9 percent lower than a year ago. Price increases for oranges, lemons, and grapefruit more than offset price decreases for strawberries and apples.

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES: The April Index, at 201, is up 32 percent from last month and 24 percent above April 2008. Price increases during April for lettuce, onions, asparagus, and tomatoes more than offset price declines for snap beans, sweet corn, cauliflower, and broccoli.

LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS: The April Index, at 112, is 2.8 percent above last month but down 12 percent from April 2008. Compared with a year ago, prices are lower for milk, cattle, eggs, broilers, turkeys, hogs and calves.

MEAT ANIMALS: The April Index, at 109, is up 3.8 percent from last month but 4.4 percent lower than last year. The April hog price, at \$43.40 per hundredweight is down 40 cents from March and \$1.00 lower than a year ago. The April beef cattle price of \$82.80 per hundredweight is up \$3.80 from last month but \$4.00 lower than April 2008.

DAIRY PRODUCTS: The April Index, at 92, is up 2.2 percent from a month ago but 33 percent lower than April last year. The April all milk price of \$12.00 per hundredweight is 20 cents higher than last month but \$6.00 lower than April 2008. The fluid grade milk price increased 30 cents and the manufacturing grade milk price 20 cents from the previous month.

POULTRY & EGGS: The April Index, at 140, is up 2.2 percent from March but 5.4 percent below a year ago. The April market egg price, at 77.1 cents per dozen, increased 12.8 cents from March but is 11.3 cents below April 2008. The April broiler price, at 45.0 cents per pound, is unchanged from March but 1.0 cent lower than a year ago. The April turkey price, at 47.2 cents per pound, is up 0.1 cent from the previous month but down 7.9 cents from a year earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES, 2008 AND 2009

Month	All wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef cattle ^{1/}		All hogs	
	2008	2009 ^{2/}	2008	2009 ^{2/}	2008	2009 ^{2/}	2008	2009 ^{2/}	2008	2009 ^{2/}
	<i>Dollars per bushel</i>						<i>Dollars per cwt</i>			
Jan	7.96	6.21	3.98	4.36	9.95	9.97	87.50	80.10	37.40	42.80
Feb	10.10	5.79	4.54	3.87	11.70	9.55	89.00	78.80	42.20	43.90
Mar	10.50	5.70	4.70	3.86	11.40	9.12	87.80	79.00	40.30	43.80
Apr	10.10	5.69	5.14	3.87	12.00	9.89	86.80	82.80	44.40	43.40
May	8.87		5.27		12.10		91.30		55.30	
Jun	7.62		5.47		13.10		91.90		53.40	
Jul	7.16		5.25		13.30		^{3/} 95.00		54.30	
Aug	7.64		5.26		12.80		95.80		60.70	
Sep	7.43		5.02		10.70		94.20		52.60	
Oct	6.67		4.37		9.94		87.40		48.50	
Nov	6.28		4.26		9.38		84.30		40.70	
Dec	5.97		4.10		9.24		79.70		41.90	

^{1/} Cows, steers, and heifers.

^{2/} Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month.

^{3/} Revised