



AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FLORIDA FARMERS

Prices received by livestock producers in mid-September were lower compared with the entire month of August. The mid-September price for cows at \$41.50 per hundredweight, was 40 cents less than a month earlier, and \$12.50 less than a year ago. Steers and heifers at \$80.30 per hundredweight, were down \$4.00 per hundredweight from the previous month, and \$6.40 less than a year earlier. Calves at \$91.80 per hundredweight were \$3.20 lower than a month earlier and \$7.40 lower than September 2008. The Florida milk price was \$16.10 per hundredweight, up 60 cents from a month earlier but \$5.20 below last year.

US PRICE INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from August. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.0 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased one point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for milk, onions, grapes, and apples and lower prices for wheat, soybeans, barley, and potatoes. 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 soybeans, corn, apples, and peanuts offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 27 points (18 percent) from September 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 126, increased one point (0.8 percent) from last month but decreased 25 points (17 percent) from September 2008.

Summary Table

INDEX 1990-92=100	2008		2009	
	August	September	August	September
Prices Received	156	154	127	127
Prices Paid	191	190	176	176
Ratio ¹	82	81	72	72

¹ Prices Received/Prices Paid.

AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS ¹

Commodity	Unit	Florida			United States		
		September 2008	August 2009	September 2009	September 2008	August 2009	September 2009
MEAT ANIMALS							
Cows	dollars per cwt.	54.00	41.90	41.50	54.80	45.70	44.10
Steers & heifers	dollars per cwt.	86.70	84.30	80.30	99.30	85.10	85.90
Calves	dollars per cwt.	99.20	95.00	91.80	113.00	110.00	107.00
Hogs ²	dollars per cwt.				52.60	37.40	37.80
MILK ³							
Sold to plants, all	dollars per cwt.	21.30	15.50	16.10	18.20	12.00	12.70
POULTRY							
Com'l broilers ²	Cents per lb.				45.0	43.0	42.0
Table eggs	Cents per doz.	96.0	59.0	59.0	86.1	57.9	56.8
CITRUS, ON TREE							
Oranges	dollars per box	⁴	⁴	⁴	5.92	8.58	13.02
Grapefruit	dollars per box	⁴	⁴	⁴	5.50	6.15	8.65
Tangerines	dollars per box	⁴	⁴	⁴	⁴	⁴	⁴
FIELD CROPS							
Potatoes	dollars per cwt.	⁴	⁴	⁴	8.65	9.61	7.65
Hay, All baled	dollars per ton	⁴	⁴	⁴	161.00	109.00	107.00
Peanuts	dollars per lb.	⁴	0.223	⁴	0.210	0.232	0.235
Corn ²	dollars per bu.				5.01	3.33	3.32
Oats ²	dollars per bu.				3.29	1.86	1.80
Cotton, Upland ²	dollars per lb.				0.611	0.477	0.484
Sorghum ²	dollars per cwt.				7.99	5.37	5.16
Soybeans ²	dollars per bu.				10.80	10.80	9.85
Wheat, Winter ²	dollars per bu.				6.99	4.67	4.03

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

³ Before deductions for hauling and government withholding, and includes quantity and other premiums, but excludes hauling subsidies.

⁴ Not estimated this month.

HIGHLIGHTS-UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEXES

All Crops: The September Index is 144, down 2.0 percent from August and 17 percent below September 2008. Index decreases for oil-bearing crops, food grains, feed grains & hay, and potatoes & dry beans more than offset the Index increases for fruits & nuts, commercial vegetables, and cotton.

Food Grains: The September Index, at 154, is 8.3 percent below the previous month and 38 percent below a year ago. The September all-wheat price, at \$4.30 per bushel, is down 53 cents from August and \$3.13 below September 2008.

Feed Grains & Hay: The September Index is 144, down 4.0 percent from last month and 34 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.32 per bushel, is down one cent from last month and \$1.69 below September 2008. The all hay price, at \$107 per ton, is down \$2.00 from August and \$54.00 from last September. Sorghum grain, at \$5.16 per hundredweight is 21 cents below August and \$2.83 below September last year.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The September Index, at 160, is down 17 percent from August and 10 percent lower than September 2008. The soybean price, at \$9.85 per bushel, decreased 95 cents from August 2009 and September 2008.

Cotton: The September Index, at 80, is up 1.3 percent from August but 21 percent below last year. The September price, at 48.4 cents per pound, is up 0.7 cent from the previous month but 12.7 cents below last September.

Potatoes & Dry Beans: The September Index, at 137, is down 17 percent from last month and 13 percent below September 2008. The all potato price, at \$7.65 per hundredweight, is down \$1.96 from August and down \$1.00 from last September. The all dry bean price, at \$30.90 per hundredweight is down \$1.10 from the previous month and \$5.90 below September 2008.

Fruits & Nuts: The September Index, at 152, is up 7.0 percent from August but 3.8 percent lower than a year ago. Price increases for apples, oranges, grapes, and grapefruit more than offset price decreases for peaches and pears.

Commercial Vegetables: The September Index, at 154, is up 2.7 percent from last month but 12 percent below September 2008. Price increases during September for onions, cucumbers, lettuce, and snap beans more than offset price declines for sweet corn, tomatoes, and cauliflower.

Livestock & Products: The September Index, at 108, is 0.9 percent below last month and down 19 percent from September 2008. Compared with a year ago, prices are lower for milk, cattle, hogs, eggs, broilers, turkeys, and calves.

Meat Animals: The September Index, at 103, is down 1.0 percent from last month and 17 percent lower than last year. The September hog price, at \$37.80 per hundredweight is up 40 cents from August but \$14.80 lower than a year ago. The September beef cattle price of \$80.80 per hundredweight is up 20 cents from last month but \$13.40 lower than September 2008.

Dairy Products: The September Index, at 97, is up 5.4 from a month ago but 30 percent lower than September last year. The September all milk price of \$12.70 per hundredweight increased 70 cents from last month but is down \$5.50 from September 2008. The fluid grade milk price is up 70 cents and the manufacturing grade milk price increased 60 cents from the previous month.

Poultry & Eggs: The September Index, at 129, is down 3.0 percent from August and 13 percent below a year ago. The September market egg price, at 56.8 cents per dozen, decreased 1.1 cents from August and is 29.3 cents below September 2008. The September broiler price, at 42.0 cents per pound, is down 1.0 cent from August and 3.0 cents below a year ago. The September turkey price, at 48.3 cents per pound, is down 2.8 cents from the previous month and 18.1 cents from a year earlier.

Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities, by month, 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
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)					
January...	7.96	6.20	3.98	4.36	9.95	9.97	87.50	80.10	37.40	42.80
February .	10.10	5.79	4.54	3.87	11.70	9.54	89.00	78.80	42.20	43.90
March.....	10.50	5.71	4.70	3.85	11.40	9.12	87.80	79.00	40.30	43.80
April	10.10	5.75	5.14	3.85	12.00	9.79	86.80	83.50	44.40	44.10
May	8.87	5.84	5.27	3.96	12.10	10.70	91.30	83.20	55.30	44.50
June.....	7.62	5.74	5.47	4.01	13.10	11.40	91.90	80.40	53.40	43.30
July	7.15	5.13	5.25	3.60	13.30	10.80	95.00	81.10	54.30	43.20
August.....	7.61	4.83	5.26	3.33	12.80	10.80	95.80	80.60	60.70	37.40
September	7.43	4.30	5.01	3.32	10.80	9.85	94.20	80.80	52.60	37.80
October...	6.65		4.37		9.95		87.40		48.50	
November	6.29		4.26		9.39		84.30		40.70	
December	5.95		4.11		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.