



AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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Prices Received by Florida Farmers

Prices received by livestock producers in mid-December were higher compared with the entire month of November. The mid-December price for cows at \$41.30 per hundredweight, was \$3.80 higher than a month earlier, but \$1.70 less than a year ago. Steers and heifers at \$77.30 per hundredweight, were up \$1.20 per hundredweight from the previous month, and \$4.30 more than a year earlier. Calves at \$93.20 per hundredweight were \$2.70 higher than a month earlier and \$9.20 higher than December 2008. The milk price was \$19.40 per hundredweight, up \$1.20 from a month earlier but \$1.60 below last December.

United States Price Index

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 136 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from November. The Crop Index was down two points (1.3 percent) but the Livestock Index increased three points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for milk, soybeans, grapes, and strawberries and lower prices for oranges, cattle, corn, and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall Index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, oranges, and lettuce offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up one point (0.7 percent) from December 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 138, increased two points (1.5 percent) from last month and increased five points (3.8 percent) from December 2008.

Summary Table

Index 1990-92=100	2008		2009	
	November	December	November	December
Prices Received	142	135	136	136
Prices Paid	182	178	177	177
Ratio ¹	78	76	77	77

¹ Prices Received/Prices Paid.

Average Price Received by Farmers

[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]

Commodity	Florida			United States		
	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009
MEAT ANIMALS						
Cows	43.00	37.50	41.30	40.20	41.70	42.90
Steers & heifers	73.00	76.10	77.30	85.70	85.40	83.50
Calves	84.00	90.50	93.20	98.90	105.00	105.00
Hogs ¹				41.90	40.20	43.70
MILK ²						
Sold to plants, all	21.00	18.20	19.40	15.50	15.30	16.30
POULTRY						
Commercial broilers				48.00	41.00	41.00
Table eggs	0.850	0.865	0.920	0.860	0.879	0.918
CITRUS, ON TREE						
Oranges	4.51	6.75	4.85	5.39	11.57	5.94
Grapefruit	3.90	8.36	7.39	4.52	8.83	7.51
Tangerines	5.58	10.80	9.33	12.31	11.34	10.38
FIELD CROPS						
Potatoes	(3)	(3)	(3)	9.30	7.09	7.16
Hay, All baled	(3)	(3)	(3)	138.00	107.00	107.00
Peanuts	(3)	(3)	(3)	0.217	0.218	0.209
Corn ¹				4.11	3.65	3.59
Oats ¹				3.12	2.02	2.07
Cotton, Upland ¹				0.533	0.585	0.582
Sorghum ¹				5.13	5.67	5.86
Soybeans ¹				9.24	9.53	9.96
Wheat, Winter ¹				5.40	4.60	4.49

¹ Only marketing year average prices are estimated for Florida, except oats and sorghum which are not estimated.

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

³ Not estimated this month.

Highlights-United States Prices Received Indices

All Crops: The December Index is 152, down 1.3 percent from November but 1.3 percent above December 2008. Index decreases for fruits & nuts, feed grains & hay, cotton, and food grains more than offset increases for commercial vegetables, oil-bearing crops, and potatoes & dry beans.

Food Grains: The December Index, at 169, is 0.6 percent below the previous month and 20 percent below a year ago. The December all wheat price, at \$4.81 per bushel, is up two cents from November but \$1.14 below December 2008.

Feed Grains & Hay: The December Index is 155, down 1.3 percent from last month and 13 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.59 per bushel, is down six cents from last month and 52 cents below December 2008. The all hay price, at \$107.00 per ton, is unchanged from November but down \$31.00 from last December. Sorghum grain, at \$5.86 per hundredweight is 19 cents above November and 73 cents above December last year.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The December Index, at 175, is up 6.1 percent from November and 1.7 percent higher than December 2008. The soybean price, at \$9.96 per bushel, increased 43 cents from November and is 72 cents above December 2008.

Cotton: The December Index, at 96, is down 1.0 percent from November but 9.1 percent above last year. The December price, at 58.2 cents per pound, is down 0.3 cents from the previous month but 4.9 cents above last December.

Potatoes & Dry Beans: The December Index, at 131, is up 1.6 percent from last month but 20 percent below December 2008. The all potato price, at \$7.16 per hundredweight, is up seven cents from November but down \$2.14 from last December. The all dry bean price, at \$31.80 per hundredweight is up \$1.70 from the previous month but \$2.40 below December 2008.

Fruits & Nuts: The December Index, at 139, is down 11 percent from November but 12 percent higher than a year ago. Price decreases for oranges, lemons, grapefruit, and apples more than offset price increases for grapes and strawberries.

Commercial Vegetables: The December Index, at 239, is up ten percent from last month and 54 percent above December 2008. Price increases during December for celery, lettuce, tomatoes, and snap beans more than offset price declines for broccoli, cauliflower, onions, and sweet corn.

Livestock & Products: The December Index, at 118, is 2.6 percent above last month but down 0.8 percent from December 2008. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for milk, turkeys, hogs, eggs, and calves. Prices for broilers and cattle are down from last year.

Meat Animals: The December Index, at 104, is unchanged from last month and unchanged from last year. The December hog price, at \$43.70 per hundredweight is up \$3.50 from November and \$1.80 higher than a year ago. The December beef cattle price of \$78.20 per hundredweight is down \$1.40 from last month and \$1.50 lower than December 2008.

Dairy Products: The December Index, at 125, is up 6.8 percent from a month ago and 5.0 percent higher than December last year. The December all milk price of \$16.30 per hundredweight is up \$1.00 from last month and 80 cents from December 2008. The fluid grade milk price is \$1.00 higher and the manufacturing grade milk price increased \$1.10 from the previous month.

Poultry & Eggs: The December Index, at 138, is up 0.7 percent from November but 6.8 percent below a year ago. The December market egg price, at 91.8 cents per dozen, increased 3.9 cents from November and is 5.8 cents above December 2008. The December broiler price, at 41.0 cents per pound, is unchanged from November but 7.0 cents below a year ago. The December turkey price, at 53.9 cents per pound, is down 0.2 cent from the previous month but up 9.4 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	4.48	5.01	3.25	10.80	9.75	94.20	80.60	52.60	37.70
October	6.65	4.47	4.37	3.61	9.95	9.44	87.40	79.20	48.50	37.80
November	6.29	4.79	4.26	3.65	9.39	9.53	84.30	79.60	40.70	40.20
December	5.95	4.81	4.11	3.59	9.24	9.96	79.70	78.20	41.90	43.70

¹ Includes cows, steers, and heifers.

² Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month.