



AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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Prices Received by Florida Farmers

Prices received by livestock producers in mid-October 2010 were lower, with the exception of milk, compared to September 2010. The mid-October 2010 price for cows at \$47.80 per hundredweight was \$2.00 less than a month earlier but \$8.40 above October 2009. Steers and heifers, at \$90.00 per hundredweight, were down \$5.40 per hundredweight from the previous month, and \$14.30 less than a year earlier. Calves, at \$104.00 per hundredweight, were down \$5.00 from last month and \$15.70 below October 2009. The milk price was \$22.10 per hundredweight, up 70 cents from a month earlier and \$4.40 above last year. The replacement milk cow price for October was \$1,400.00 per head, up from \$1,350.00 in October 2009.

United States Price Index

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October 2010, at 160 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 12 points (8.1 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 17 points (11 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased one point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and milk and lower prices for hogs, broilers, cattle, 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, grain sorghum, and cotton offset decreased marketings of wheat, milk, sweet corn, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 26 points (19 percent) from October 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 154, increased seven points (4.8 percent) from last month and increased 21 points (16 percent) from October 2009.

Index Summary Table

Index	October 2009	September 2009	October 2010
Prices received.....	134	148	160
Prices paid	177	183	185
Ratio prices received to prices paid.....	76	81	86

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		
	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010
MEAT ANIMALS						
Cows.....dollars per cwt	39.40	49.80	47.80	43.60	55.40	53.00
Steers & heifers.....dollars per cwt	75.70	95.40	90.00	84.40	99.30	97.90
Calves.....dollars per cwt	88.30	109.00	104.00	103.00	117.00	118.00
Hogs ¹dollars per cwt				37.80	61.20	57.20
MILK²						
Sold to plants, all.....dollars per cwt	17.70	21.40	22.10	14.30	17.70	18.30
POULTRY						
Commercial broilers.....cents per pound				0.400	0.490	0.470
Table eggs.....dollars per dozen	0.620	(4)	(4)	0.638	0.446	0.654
CITRUS, ON TREE						
Oranges.....dollars per box	(3)	(3)	(3)	(5)	7.12	6.68
Grapefruit.....dollars per box	16.60	(3)	(3)	16.41	4.70	1.10
Tangerines.....dollars per box	9.87	(3)	13.43	9.87	(5)	13.43
FIELD CROPS						
Potatoes.....dollars per cwt	(3)	(3)	(3)	7.11	7.35	6.97
Hay, All baled.....dollars per ton	(3)	(3)	(3)	105.00	111.00	113.00
Peanuts.....dollars per pound	(3)	0.189	0.185	0.237	0.200	0.213
Corn ¹dollars per bushel				3.61	4.08	4.78
Oats ¹dollars per bushel				2.03	2.29	2.35
Cotton, Upland ¹dollars per pound				0.585	0.747	0.752
Sorghum ¹dollars per cwt				5.54	7.26	8.47
Soybeans ¹dollars per bushel				9.43	9.98	10.70
Wheat, Winter ¹dollars per bushel				4.27	5.80	5.98

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.

⁴ Prices for table eggs were discontinued at the end of the 2009 marketing year.

⁵ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Highlights-United States Prices Received Indices, October 2010

All Crops: The Index is 176 up 11 percent from September and 17 percent above October 2009. Index increases for feed grains & hay, oilseeds, and food grains more than offset the index decreases for commercial vegetables, and potatoes & dry beans.

Food Grains: The Index, at 197, is 3.7 percent above the previous month and 22 percent above a year ago. The October all wheat price, at \$6.08 per bushel, is up 25 cents from September and \$1.61 above October 2009.

Feed Grains & Hay: The Index is 203, up 17 percent from last month and 31 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$4.78 per bushel, is up 70 cents from last month and \$1.17 above October 2009. The all hay price, at \$113 per ton, is up \$2.00 from September and \$8.00 from last October. Sorghum grain, at \$8.47 per hundredweight is \$1.21 above September and \$2.93 above October last year.

Oilseeds: The Index, at 183, is up 12 percent from September and 14 percent higher than October 2009. The soybean price, at \$10.70 per bushel, increased 72 cents from September and is \$1.27 above October 2009.

Cotton: The Index, at 124, is up 0.8 percent from September and 28 percent above last year. The October price, at 75.2 cents per pound, is up 0.5 cent from the previous month but 16.7 cents above last October.

Potatoes & Dry Beans: The Index, at 122, is down 5.4 percent from last month and 4.7 percent below October 2009. The all potato price, at \$6.97 per hundredweight, is down 38 cents from September and 14 cents from last October. The all dry bean price, at \$24.90 per hundredweight is down \$1.60 from the previous month and \$5.00 below October 2009.

Fruits & Nuts: The Index, at 162, is unchanged from September but 6.6 percent higher than a year ago. Price increases for pears, strawberries, and, lemons offset price decreases for grapefruit, grapes, and oranges.

Commercial Vegetables: The Index, at 146, is down 6.4 percent from last month and 13 percent below October 2009. Price declines for tomatoes, onions, broccoli, and snap beans more than offset price increases during October for sweet corn, cantaloupes, and cauliflower.

Livestock & Products: The Index, at 134, is 0.7 percent below last month but up 22 percent from October 2009. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, milk, hogs, broilers, turkeys, calves, and eggs.

Meat Animals: The Index, at 125, is down 3.1 percent from last month but 21 percent higher than last year. The October hog price, at \$57.00 per hundredweight, is down \$4.20 from September but \$19.20 higher than a year ago. The October beef cattle price of \$92.40 per hundredweight is down \$1.80 from last month but \$13.20 higher than October 2009.

Dairy Products: The Index, at 140, is up 2.9 percent from a month ago and 28 percent higher than October last year. The October all milk price of \$18.30 per hundredweight is up 60 cents from last month and \$4.00 from October 2009. The fluid grade milk price is up 60 cents and the manufacturing grade milk price is 30 cents higher than the previous month.

Poultry & Eggs: The Index, at 150, is up 2.0 percent from September and 18 percent above a year ago. The October market egg price, at 65.4 cents per dozen, increased 20.8 cents from September and is 1.9 cents above October 2009. The October broiler price, at 47.0 cents per pound, is down 2.0 cents from September but 7.0 cents above a year ago. The October turkey price, at 73.4 cents per pound, is up 4.4 cents from the previous month and 21.3 cents from a year earlier.

Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities, by month - United States: 2009 and 2010

Month	All wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef cattle ¹		All hogs	
	2009	2010 ²	2009	2010 ²	2009	2010 ²	2009	2010 ²	2009	2010 ²
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)					
January	6.20	4.90	4.36	3.66	9.97	9.79	80.10	82.10	42.80	48.40
February.....	5.79	4.73	3.87	3.55	9.54	9.41	78.90	85.50	43.80	48.80
March.....	5.71	4.70	3.85	3.55	9.12	9.39	79.10	90.50	43.90	52.20
April.....	5.75	4.41	3.85	3.41	9.79	9.47	83.80	95.70	44.00	56.50
May.....	5.85	4.33	3.96	3.48	10.70	9.41	83.20	94.80	44.60	62.10
June.....	5.72	4.16	4.01	3.41	11.40	9.45	80.10	90.30	43.30	58.30
July.....	5.17	4.50	3.60	3.49	10.80	9.79	80.90	91.60	43.30	58.50
August.....	4.85	5.44	3.33	3.65	10.80	10.10	80.40	93.50	37.30	61.30
September.....	4.48	5.83	3.25	4.08	9.75	9.98	80.50	94.20	37.70	61.20
October	4.47	6.08	3.61	4.78	9.43	10.70	79.20	92.40	37.80	57.00
November	4.79		3.65		9.53		79.60		40.30	
December.....	4.87		3.60		9.80		78.50		45.00	

¹ Includes cows, steers, and heifers.

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