



AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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Prices Received by Florida Farmers

Prices received by livestock producers in mid-December 2010 were mixed, compared with the entire month of November 2010. The mid-December 2010 price for cows at \$51.30 per hundredweight was \$4.40 more than a month earlier and \$10.00 above December 2009. Steers and heifers at \$97.00 per hundredweight were up \$6.10 per hundredweight from the previous month, and \$19.70 more than a year earlier. Calves at \$112.00 per hundredweight were up \$5.00 from last month and \$18.80 above December 2009. The milk price was \$22.40 per hundredweight, down 40 cents from a month earlier but \$3.00 above last year.

United States Price Index

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December 2010, at 160 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased one point (0.6 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up two points (1.1 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle and lower prices for lettuce, milk, oranges, and onions. 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 wheat, milk, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 25 points (19 percent) from December 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 155, is unchanged from last month but increased 19 points (14 percent) from December 2009.

Index Summary Table

Index	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010
Prices received.....	135	159	160
Prices paid	178	188	191
Ratio prices received to prices paid.....	76	85	84

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 2009	November 2010	December 2010	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010
MEAT ANIMALS						
Cows.....dollars per cwt	41.30	46.90	51.30	43.50	51.70	54.20
Steers & heifers.....dollars per cwt	77.30	90.90	97.00	83.80	101.00	104.00
Calves.....dollars per cwt	93.20	107.00	112.00	105.00	124.00	128.00
Hogs ¹dollars per cwt				45.00	47.80	51.90
MILK²						
Sold to plants, all.....dollars per cwt	19.40	22.80	22.40	16.50	17.90	16.80
POULTRY						
Commercial broilers.....cents per pound				0.420	0.470	0.460
Table eggs.....dollars per dozen	0.920	(4)	(4)	0.918	1.020	0.919
CITRUS, ON TREE						
Oranges.....dollars per box	5.11	7.76	5.55	6.13	11.22	6.69
Grapefruit.....dollars per box	9.15	11.74	7.37	8.82	11.56	7.50
Tangerines.....dollars per box	9.44	15.01	8.47	19.56	26.48	22.90
FIELD CROPS						
Potatoes.....dollars per cwt	(S)	(S)	(S)	7.47	8.06	8.52
Hay, All baled.....dollars per ton	(3)	(3)	(3)	105.00	111.00	112.00
Peanuts.....dollars per pound	0.180	0.213	0.228	0.217	0.223	0.226
Corn ¹dollars per bushel				3.60	4.55	4.94
Oats ¹dollars per bushel				2.22	3.02	2.74
Cotton, Upland ¹dollars per pound				0.634	0.812	0.853
Sorghum ¹dollars per cwt				5.71	8.44	9.17
Soybeans ¹dollars per bushel				9.80	11.10	11.70
Wheat, Winter ¹dollars per bushel				4.68	6.00	6.85

S Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

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.

Highlights-United States Prices Received Indices, December 2010

All Crops: The Index is 179 up 1.1 percent from November and 19 percent above December 2009. Index increases for feed grains & hay, oilseeds, food grains, and cotton more than offset the index decreases for fruits & nuts and commercial vegetables.

Food Grains: The Index, at 229, is 16 percent above the previous month and 33 percent above a year ago. The December all wheat price, at \$7.05 per bushel, is up 92 cents from November and \$2.18 above December 2009.

Feed Grains & Hay: The Index is 207, up 6.7 percent from last month and 34 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$4.94 per bushel, is up 39 cents from last month and \$1.34 above December 2009. The all hay price, at \$112 per ton, is up \$1.00 from November but up \$7.00 from last December. Sorghum grain, at \$9.17 per hundredweight is 73 cents above November and \$3.46 above December last year.

Oilseeds: The Index, at 204, is up 6.8 percent from November and 19 percent higher than December 2009. The soybean price, at \$11.70 per bushel, increased 60 cents from November and is \$1.90 above December 2009.

Cotton: The Index, at 141, is up 5.2 percent from November and 34 percent above last year. The December price, at 85.3 cents per pound, is up 4.1 cents from the previous month and 21.9 cents above last December.

Potatoes & Dry Beans: The Index, at 143, is up 2.9 percent from last month and 5.9 percent above December 2009. The all potato price, at \$8.52 per hundredweight, is up 46 cents from November and \$1.05 from last December. The all dry bean price, at \$25.00 per hundredweight is down \$1.90 from the previous month and \$6.20 below December 2009.

Fruits & Nuts: The Index, at 144, is down 15 percent from November but 2.9 percent higher than a year ago. Price decreases for oranges, lemons, grapefruit, and grapes more than offset price increases for strawberries and pears.

Commercial Vegetables: The Index, at 180, is down 5.8 percent from last month and 13 percent below December 2009. Price declines for lettuce, onions, and tomatoes during December more than offset price increases for broccoli, cauliflower, snap beans, and carrots.

Livestock & Products: The Index, at 135, is 0.7 percent below last month but up 13 percent from December 2009. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, broilers, hogs, turkeys, calves, milk, and eggs.

Meat Animals: The Index, at 127, is up 3.3 percent from last month and 21 percent higher than last year. The December hog price, at \$51.90 per hundredweight, is up \$4.10 from November and \$6.90 higher than a year ago. The December beef cattle price of \$97.60 per hundredweight is up \$3.60 from last month and \$19.10 higher than December 2009.

Dairy Products: The Index, at 129, is down 5.8 percent from a month ago but 2.4 percent higher than December last year. The December all milk price of \$16.80 per hundredweight is \$1.10 lower than last month but is 30 cents higher than December 2009. The fluid grade milk price is down \$1.10 and the manufacturing grade milk price down 90 cents from the previous month.

Poultry & Eggs: The Index, at 154, is down 4.3 percent from November but 10 percent above a year ago. The December market egg price, at 91.9 cents per dozen, decreased 10.1 cents from November but is 0.1 cent above December 2009. The December broiler price, at 46.0 cents per pound, is down 1.0 cent from November but 4.0 cents above a year ago. The December turkey price, at 67.7 cents per pound, is down 5.9 cents from the previous month but up 14.0 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	5.87	3.61	4.32	9.43	10.20	79.20	93.10	37.80	53.30
November	4.79	6.13	3.65	4.55	9.53	11.10	79.60	94.00	40.30	47.80
December.....	4.87	7.05	3.60	4.94	9.80	11.70	78.50	97.60	45.00	51.90

¹ Includes cows, steers, and heifers.

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