



AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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Prices Received by Florida Farmers

The September milk price was \$22.60 per hundredweight, 70 cents above August, but \$4.00 below September 2011. The peanut price was \$0.358 per pound, up from \$0.214 per pound a year ago.

United States Price Index

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 200 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased seven points (3.6 percent) from August. The Crop Index is up five points (2.2 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher prices for wheat, milk, cattle, and eggs and lower prices for corn, hogs, sweet corn, and broilers. 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 movement of soybeans, corn, apples, and peanuts offset the decreased marketing of cattle, wheat, broilers, and grapes. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 20 points (11 percent) from September 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 184, increased six point (3.4 percent) from last month and is 17 points (10 percent) higher than September 2011.

Index Summary Table

Index	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012
Prices received.....	180	193	200
Prices paid	205	216	219
Ratio prices received to prices paid	88	89	91

Average Price Received by Farmers

[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months and are for the entire month.]

Commodity	Florida			United States		
	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012
MEAT ANIMALS						
Cows ¹ dollars per cwt				67.30	79.90	79.90
Steers & heifers ¹ dollars per cwt				117.00	120.00	124.00
Calves ¹ dollars per cwt				132.00	155.00	163.00
Hogs, all ¹ dollars per cwt				67.10	66.90	56.50
MILK, all²..... dollars per cwt	26.60	21.90	22.60	21.10	18.10	19.10
POULTRY						
Broilers, live ¹ dollars per pound				0.440	0.500	0.490
Table eggs ¹ dollars per dozen				0.858	0.951	1.060
CITRUS, ON TREE						
Oranges..... dollars per box				7.60	7.81	10.23
Grapefruit..... dollars per box				9.50	10.33	10.13
FIELD CROPS						
Potatoes..... dollars per cwt	(S)	(S)	(S)	8.05	7.80	7.60
Hay, All baled..... dollars per ton				180.00	184.00	187.00
Peanuts..... dollars per pound	0.214	(D)	0.358	0.235	0.304	0.353
Corn ¹ dollars per bushel				6.38	7.63	7.35
Cotton, Upland ¹ dollars per pound				0.935	0.714	0.723
Soybeans ¹ dollars per bushel				12.20	16.20	16.30
Wheat, Winter ¹ dollars per bushel				7.54	8.04	8.49
VEGETABLES						
Beans, snap ¹ dollars per cwt				77.70	94.00	92.60
Corn, sweet ¹ dollars per cwt				24.40	26.20	18.90
Cucumbers ¹ dollars per cwt				35.00	25.90	38.00
Tomatoes ¹ dollars per cwt				35.50	31.70	34.80

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate

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

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

Highlights-United States Prices Received by Farmers: September 2012

All Crops: The Index, at 236 increased 2.2 percent from August and is 16 percent above September 2011. The price increases for fruits & nuts and food grains more than offset the price decreases for oilseeds and feed grains & hay.

Food Grains: The Index, at 273, is 3.8 percent above the previous month and 11 percent above a year ago. The September all wheat price, at \$8.49 per bushel, is up 45 cents from August and 95 cents above September 2011.

Feed Grains and Hay: The Index, at 309, is down one percent from last month but 14 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$7.35 per bushel, is down 28 cents from last month but 98 cents above September 2011. The All Hay price, at \$187.00 per ton is up \$3.00 from August and \$7.00 higher than last September. Sorghum grain, at \$12.20 per hundredweight is 90 cents above August and \$1.70 above September last year.

Cotton, Upland: The Index, at 119, is up 0.8 percent from August but 23 percent below last year. The September price, at 72.3 cents per pound, is up 0.9 cents from the previous month but 21.2 cents below last September.

Oilseeds: The Index, at 270, is down 5.9 percent from August but 34 percent higher than September 2011. The soybean price, at \$16.30 per bushel, increased 10 cents from August and is \$4.10 above September 2011.

Potatoes and Dry Beans: The Index, at 148, is up 2.1 percent from last month but 3.9 percent below September 2011. The all potato price, at \$7.60 per hundredweight, is down 20 cents from August and down 45 cents below last September. The all dry bean price, at \$39.20 per hundredweight, is down 70 cents from the previous month, and \$1.00 below September 2011.

Fruits and Nuts: The Index, at 199, is up 12 percent from August and 9.9 percent higher than a year ago. The price increases for apples more than offset the price decreases for peaches.

Commercial Vegetables: The Index, at 153, is down 4.4 percent from last month but 11 percent above September 2011. Price decreases during September for sweet corn and onions more than offset price increases for broccoli and cucumbers.

Livestock and Products: The Index, at 155, is unchanged from last month but up 2.0 percent from September 2011. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, broilers, eggs, calves, and turkeys. Prices for milk and hogs are down from last year.

Meat Animals: The Index, at 153, is down 1.9 percent from last month but 2.7 percent higher than last year. The September hog price, at \$56.50 per hundredweight, is down \$10.40 from August and \$10.60 lower than a year ago. The September beef cattle price of \$120.00 per hundredweight is up \$3.00 from last month and \$8.00 higher than September 2011.

Dairy Products: The Index, at 146 is up 5.0 percent from a month ago, but 9.9 percent lower than September last year. The September all milk price of \$19.10 per hundredweight is \$1.00 higher than last month, but down \$2.00 from September 2011.

Poultry & Eggs: The index, at 168, is up 1.2 percent from August and 12 percent above a year ago. The September market egg price, at \$1.06 per dozen, increased 10.9 cents from August and is 20.2 cents above September 2011. The September broiler price, at 49.0 cents per pound, is down 1.0 cent from August but 5.0 cents above a year ago. The September turkey price, at 74.8 cents per pound, is up 0.4 cents from the previous month and is 1.7 cents higher than a year earlier.

Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities by month - United States: 2011 and 2012

[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

Month	All wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef cattle ¹		All hogs	
	2011 (dollars per bushel)	2012 (dollars per bushel)	2011 (dollars per bushel)	2012 (dollars per bushel)	2011 (dollars per bushel)	2012 (dollars per bushel)	2011 (dollars per cwt)	2012 (dollars per cwt)	2011 (dollars per cwt)	2012 (dollars per cwt)
January	6.69	7.05	4.94	6.07	11.60	11.90	107.00	125.00	56.00	63.50
February	7.42	7.10	5.65	6.28	12.70	12.20	108.00	127.00	61.40	65.50
March	7.55	7.20	5.53	6.35	12.70	13.00	115.00	128.00	62.90	65.20
April	8.01	7.11	6.36	6.34	13.10	13.80	119.00	124.00	67.80	62.80
May	8.16	6.67	6.32	6.34	13.20	14.00	112.00	122.00	68.60	62.80
June	7.41	6.70	6.38	6.37	13.20	13.90	107.00	121.00	69.70	70.20
July	7.10	7.93	6.33	7.14	13.20	15.40	111.00	114.00	71.70	72.10
August	7.59	8.04	6.88	7.63	13.40	16.20	111.00	117.00	75.80	66.90
September	7.54	8.49	6.37	7.35	12.20	16.30	112.00	120.00	67.10	56.50
October	7.27		5.71		11.70		117.00		68.70	
November	7.30		5.84		11.70		120.00		64.40	
December	7.20		5.86		11.50		120.00		63.50	

¹ Includes cows, steers, and heifers.