

Prices & Income review

Grain and Hay... Small grain and corn prices were significantly lower in 2009, hay prices also followed the downward trend with soybeans showing the only increase for field crops. Corn averaged \$4.00 per bushel for the 2009 market year, down from the price of \$4.42 per bushel recorded in 2008. Soybeans averaged \$9.70 per bushel, 5% above last year's price of \$9.20 per bushel. Wheat brought an average \$3.60 per bushel, down 39% from \$5.89 per bushel recorded in 2008. Barley also decreased substantially to an average of \$2.40 per bushel, down from \$3.99 per bushel in 2008. Hay prices have decreased from the 2008 highs of \$164 per ton to \$143 per ton. Alfalfa hay sold for an average \$147 per ton and all other types of hay averaged \$141 per ton.



Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry...

Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry: Prices for all beef cattle decreased to \$76.30 per hundredweight in 2009, compared to \$86.70 in 2008. In addition, cow prices decreased to \$48.50 in 2009, in comparison with previous year price of \$55.70 per hundredweight. Steers and heifers decreased to \$79.50 in 2009, compared to \$90.10 last year per hundred weight and calves decreased from \$105 in 2008 to \$95 in 2009 per hundredweight. The price of milk cows in 2009 decreased to \$1,500 compared to \$2,020 from previous year. Dairy producers, received an average of \$14.50 per hundredweight for milk sold, down from 2008 average of \$19.00. Hog producers received a lower price in 2009, with prices decreasing by \$2.20 per hundredweight for all hogs. Barrows and gilts sold for an average of \$40.40, a decrease of \$2.50 from 2008 prices, sows sold for \$34.20 in 2009, compared to \$33.20 a year earlier. Price per pound for chickens increased slightly from 2.1 cents per pound in 2008 to \$0.23 cents per pound in 2009. Broiler prices in 2009 changed slightly from 2008 to \$0.457 per pound. Market eggs prices in 2009 decreased to \$0.69 per dozen, down \$0.43 from 2008 prices.

Fresh Market Fruit...

The Fresh Market price for apples was \$.32 per pound in 2009. Fresh market peach price decreased 2.6% in 2009. Producers received an average of \$1,120 per ton for their crop, down \$30 from \$1,150 dollars in 2008.

