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MONTHLY PRICES

The November 2018 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Minnesota was \$3.26 per bushel. This was \$0.04 above the October price and \$0.34 above the November 2017 price.

The November 2018 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$8.35 per bushel, was down \$0.24 from the October price and down \$0.72 from the November 2017 price.

The November 2018 price for **spring wheat** was \$5.19 per bushel, up \$0.30 from October but down \$0.33 from November 2017.

All hay prices in Minnesota averaged \$136.00 per ton in November, up \$15.00 from the October price and \$21.00 per ton more than November 2017. The **alfalfa hay** price was \$156.00 per ton, up \$18.00 from October and \$22.00 above a year ago. The **other hay** price was \$115.00 per ton, \$15.00 above October and \$31.00 above a year ago.

The November average price for **milk** was \$16.80 per cwt, down \$1.10 from October and down \$2.00 per cwt from one year ago.

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Prices Received by Farmers - Minnesota and United States

	Minnesota			United States		
	November 2017	October 2018	November 2018	November 2017	October 2018	November 2018
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Barley, allbu	4.43	(D)	(D)	4.60	4.27	4.78
Beans, dry ediblecwt	27.80	32.30	27.70	27.30	25.90	25.90
Cornbu	2.92	3.22	3.26	3.15	3.41	3.41
Hay, all baledton	115.00	121.00	136.00	138.00	162.00	161.00
Alfalfaton	134.00	138.00	156.00	150.00	178.00	175.00
Otherton	84.00	100.00	115.00	118.00	132.00	137.00
Oatsbu	2.16	2.48	2.61	2.68	2.68	2.72
Soybeansbu	9.07	8.59	8.35	9.22	8.58	8.37
Spring wheatbu	5.52	4.89	5.19	5.78	5.26	5.33
Sunflowers, allcwt	17.00	18.10	18.40	16.60	16.70	17.00
Milk, allcwt	18.80	17.90	16.80	18.20	17.40	17.00

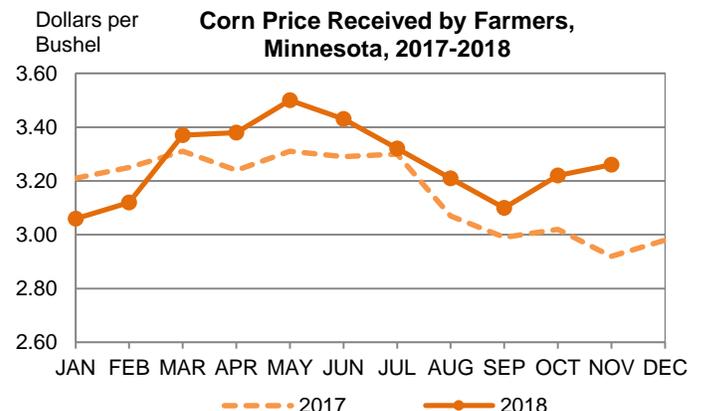
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Livestock Prices Received by Farmers – United States

	November 2017	October 2018	November 2018
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Calvescwt	177.00	174.00	169.00
Cattle, all beefcwt	119.00	110.00	113.00
Cows ¹cwt	63.40	57.80	52.70
Steers and heiferscwt	121.00	112.00	115.00
Hogs, allcwt	50.00	50.30	46.20
Barrows and giltscwt	50.20	50.80	46.30
Sowscwt	44.60	35.20	43.30
Eggs (market) ²doz	1.23	0.695	0.949

¹ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

² Mid-month price. Also referred to as table eggs.



HOGS & PIGS

On December 1, 2018, there were 8.90 million hogs and pigs on Minnesota farms. The December 1 inventory is a record high, up 5 percent from the previous year. The September-November quarterly pig crop was 3.42 million head, up 19,000 head from the previous quarter but down 5 percent from last year. A total of 300,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.40 for the quarter. As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 285,000 sows and gilts in the December 2018-February 2019 quarter and 295,000 head during the March-May 2019 quarter.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2018 was 74.6 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2017, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2018. Breeding inventory, at 6.33 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 68.2 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2018 pig crop, at 34.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, up 2 percent from 2017. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.76 for the September-November period, compared to 10.74 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.11 million sows farrow during the December-February 2019 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for March-May 2019, at 3.15 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from the previous year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2017 through September 2018 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.7 percent. The net revision made to the June 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.8 percent. A revision of 0.7 percent was made to the March-May 2018 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. A net revision of 0.7 percent was made to the December 2017-February 2018 pig crop. The net revision made to December 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.3 percent. A net revision of less than 0.1 percent was made to the September-November 2017 pig crop.

Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: December 1, 2017 and 2018 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	530	560	106	4,870	4,740	97	5,400	5,300	98
Iowa	1,000	1,020	102	21,800	22,280	102	22,800	23,300	102
Minnesota	570	570	100	7,930	8,330	105	8,500	8,900	105
Missouri	450	470	104	2,950	3,080	104	3,400	3,550	104
Nebraska	430	440	102	3,170	3,060	97	3,600	3,500	97
North Carolina	900	900	100	8,100	8,200	101	9,000	9,100	101
United States	6,179	6,326	102	66,966	68,225	102	73,145	74,550	102

Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States and United States: December 1, 2017 and 2018 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Illinois	1,550	1,480	1,480	1,500	920	910	920	850
Iowa	5,800	5,700	6,870	7,100	5,080	5,260	4,050	4,220
Minnesota	2,720	2,790	2,350	2,400	1,600	1,830	1,260	1,310
Missouri	1,450	1,550	560	550	445	510	495	470
Nebraska	1,030	1,030	840	790	640	610	660	630
North Carolina	3,190	3,190	1,790	1,780	1,570	1,600	1,550	1,630
United States	21,407	21,599	18,544	18,932	13,925	14,412	13,089	13,282

CHICKENS & EGGS

Minnesota **egg production** during November 2018 was 267 million eggs, down 4 percent from last month and up 11 percent from last year. The average number of **all layers on hand** during November 2018 was 11.1 million, up slightly from last month and up 6 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for November were 2,416, down 4 percent from last month but up 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 9.07 billion during November 2018, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.92 billion table eggs, and 1.15 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 81.7 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during November 2018 totaled 390 million, up 3 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,322 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2017.

All layers in the United States on December 1, 2018 totaled 392 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 392 million layers consisted of 331 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.25 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2018, averaged 77.7 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from December 1, 2017.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2018 totaled 46.9 million, down 3 percent from November 2017. Eggs in incubators totaled 50.8 million on December 1, 2018, up 9 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 260 thousand during November 2018, up 73 percent from November 2017.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2018 totaled 767 million, down 1 percent from November 2017. Eggs in incubators totaled 688 million on December 1, 2018, up slightly from a year ago.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During November 2017 and 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,373	1,331	9,374	9,497	1,870	1,865	175.3	177.1	35.8	34.4
Arkansas	3,983	4,180	13,917	14,153	2,000	2,032	278.4	287.6	103.3	108.1
California	14,064	13,972	14,706	14,625	2,284	2,402	335.9	351.3	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,056	4,609	4,458	5,029	2,541	2,527	113.3	127.1	(D)	(D)
Florida	7,007	6,913	7,366	7,302	2,326	2,327	171.3	169.9	167.2	165.8
Georgia	9,733	9,356	19,660	19,949	2,112	2,125	415.3	424.0	234.5	225.0
Illinois	4,634	5,811	5,079	6,267	2,392	2,331	121.5	146.1	117.9	142.2
Indiana	31,884	33,293	32,744	34,069	2,420	2,392	792.3	814.8	775.9	800.0
Iowa	54,258	56,349	55,710	57,753	2,351	2,363	1,309.6	1,364.9	1,292.5	1,344.3
Maryland	2,628	2,609	2,786	2,768	2,401	2,489	66.9	68.9	65.9	67.7
Michigan	14,349	15,718	14,570	15,942	2,451	2,433	357.1	387.8	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	9,928	10,575	10,411	11,064	2,322	2,416	241.7	267.3	235.1	261.2
Mississippi	1,440	1,433	5,594	5,554	2,095	2,117	117.2	117.6	36.2	37.5
Missouri	6,452	7,554	10,012	11,245	2,432	2,426	243.5	272.8	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	7,421	8,286	7,694	8,571	2,534	2,443	195.0	209.4	190.4	204.4
New York	5,058	5,059	5,424	5,470	2,528	2,406	137.1	131.6	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	7,075	5,096	15,206	12,990	2,124	2,042	323.0	265.3	174.2	120.2
Ohio	30,890	32,049	31,810	33,049	2,360	2,354	750.6	777.9	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,231	2,110	2,370	2,249	2,540	2,454	60.2	55.2	60.2	55.2
Pennsylvania	26,615	26,023	28,545	28,140	2,433	2,451	694.4	689.6	669.6	658.2
South Carolina	2,781	3,115	4,013	4,359	2,198	2,241	88.2	97.7	66.6	75.5
South Dakota	2,621	2,630	2,763	2,772	2,457	2,561	67.9	71.0	67.9	71.0
Texas	17,760	18,013	22,036	22,071	2,256	2,337	497.2	515.7	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,980	4,561	5,018	4,599	2,489	2,442	124.9	112.3	124.9	112.3
Virginia	843	924	2,516	2,579	2,297	2,187	57.8	56.4	28.1	26.9
Washington	6,503	6,783	6,668	6,948	2,365	2,527	157.7	175.6	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	6,178	6,119	6,821	6,790	2,297	2,222	156.7	150.9	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	24,415	25,393	33,549	34,688	2,208	2,257	740.8	782.8	611.5	650.8
United States	311,160	319,864	380,820	390,492	2,308	2,322	8,790.8	9,068.6	7,676.3	7,922.6

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¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Minnesota for feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 160,000 head on December 1, 2018. This is up 10,000 head from last month and up 5,000 head from last year. **Placements** during November totaled 25,000 head, down 14,000 head from last month and down 1,000 head from last year. **Marketings** for November were 14,000 head, down 4,000 head from last month and down 6,000 head from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 1,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on December 1, 2018. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 2017. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.00 million head, 5 percent below 2017. Net placements were 1.92 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 550,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 495,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 416,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 315,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 115,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 105,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.87 million head, 1 percent above 2017. Marketings were the highest for November since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 80,000 head during November, 13 percent above 2017.

Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2017-2018

State	Cattle on feed ¹ December 1			Placements during November			Marketings during November			Other disappearance ² during November		
	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona.....	261	289	111	34	30	88	24	27	113	1	1	100
California.....	470	535	114	71	72	101	38	54	142	3	3	100
Colorado.....	990	1,010	102	150	140	93	135	145	107	5	5	100
Idaho.....	260	285	110	48	59	123	41	41	100	2	3	150
Iowa.....	700	700	100	122	106	87	110	104	95	2	2	100
Kansas.....	2,310	2,360	102	420	400	95	380	385	101	20	15	75
Minnesota.....	155	160	103	26	25	96	20	14	70	1	1	100
Nebraska.....	2,590	2,600	100	545	520	95	460	490	107	15	20	133
Oklahoma.....	315	325	103	60	52	87	63	50	79	2	2	100
South Dakota...	260	240	92	54	47	87	53	44	83	1	3	300
Texas.....	2,660	2,680	101	480	450	94	445	430	97	15	20	133
Washington.....	215	235	109	43	40	93	36	34	94	2	1	50
Other States.....	330	320	97	46	55	120	39	51	131	2	4	200
United States ...	11,516	11,739	102	2,099	1,996	95	1,844	1,869	101	71	80	113

¹ Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

USDA RESCHEDULES REPORTS AFFECTED BY LAPSE IN FEDERAL FUNDING

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) Agricultural Statistics Board has begun rescheduling reports that were affected by the lapse in federal funding. During the lapse, NASS was not able to collect data nor issue reports. The following reports have been rescheduled and others will be announced as soon as they are determined:

- *Crop Production (Jan. 11)* – estimates will be included in *Crop Production* to be released Feb. 8 at Noon ET
- *Crop Production Annual (Jan. 11)* will be released Feb. 8 at Noon ET
- *Grain Stocks (Jan. 11)* will be released Feb. 8 at Noon ET
- *Agricultural Prices (Jan. 31)* will be released Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. ET
- *Cattle on Feed (Jan. 25)* will be released Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. ET
- *Cattle (Jan. 31)* will be released Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. ET
- *Sheep and Goats (Jan. 31)* will be released Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. ET
- *Cattle on Feed (Feb. 22)* will be released March 8 at 3 p.m. ET
- *2017 Census of Agriculture (Feb. 21)* will be released April 11 at Noon ET, providing that funding remains available for Fiscal Year 2019.

In order to expedite the rescheduled reports and give producers more time to complete their surveys, NASS has extended some data collection deadlines. NASS requests that anyone who received a survey, please respond as quickly as possible:

- Cattle Survey - Feb. 9 response deadline to release the biannual *Cattle Report* on Feb 28.
- Sheep and Goats Survey – Feb. 9 response deadline to release the annual *Sheep and Goats* report on Feb 28.
- Milk Production Survey – Feb. 9 response deadline to release the *Milk Production* report on Feb. 20.
- Row Crop County Agricultural Production Survey (CAPS) – Feb. 19 response deadline.
- Census of Aquaculture – March 22 response deadline.
- Irrigation and Water Management Survey – March 8 response deadline to release the *Irrigation and Water Management* report on Nov. 13.

If you have received any of these surveys and have not responded but no longer have the survey form, please call 800-727-9540 from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ET to receive your survey code and respond online at agcounts.usda.gov. NASS representatives may call to collect information as well. NASS surveys provide critical data to run numerous different USDA programs that benefit farmers and ranchers.

