

Montana Agricultural Exports Increased \$320 Million in 2010

The value of Montana's agricultural commodities exported during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, totaled \$1,240.0 million, \$319.7 million above 2009. Wheat and Products remained Montana's leading export, making up 53 percent of the state's agricultural exports. Feeds and Fodders were the second leading export accounting for 27.5 percent of the total. Vegetables and Preparations, which includes dry beans, dry peas, lentils, and fall potatoes, was in third place with 11.3 percent, and the Feed Grains and Products category came in fourth with 4.9 percent of total Montana exports.

Montana agricultural commodity exports were mostly higher in 2010. Feeds and Fodders showed the largest change in value, up \$157.2 million. Wheat and Products exports increased \$100.2 million from 2009, but Feed Grains and Products were down \$3.6 million. Vegetables and Preparations increased \$68.4 million, while Seeds decreased \$4.2 million. Live Animals and Meat decreased \$2.0 million from 2009.

Montana maintained third place among states exporting Wheat and Products for fiscal year 2010. The top wheat exporting states for 2010 were Kansas, North Dakota, Montana, Texas, Washington, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Colorado, South Dakota, and Idaho. Considering exports of all products, California remained first, followed by Iowa, Texas, Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota, Kansas, Indiana, North Dakota, and Missouri. Montana was moved up two places from the previous fiscal year to twenty-sixth in 2010 for exports of all products.

U.S. agricultural exports in fiscal 2010 totaled \$108.7 billion, which is \$12.4 billion higher than fiscal 2009. The export value for Wheat and Products is 1 percent above 2009 at \$8.7 billion. Exports showed increases in most categories with exceptions in Feed Grains and Products and Live Animals and Meat. The largest increases in U.S. exports occurred in Hides and Skins, followed by Fats, Oils and Greases, and Feeds and Fodders. Soybeans and Products remained the largest valued agricultural export commodity in 2010 at \$22.1 billion—an increase of \$4.5 billion from fiscal 2009.

Agricultural Exports for Montana and the United States 1/

Commodity	MONTANA			UNITED STATES		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	Million Dollars					
Wheat and Products	889.2	557.3	657.5	14,826.9	8,601.6	8,666.6
Feed Grains and Products	85.0	64.0	60.4	18,130.9	11,942.4	11,912.2
Fruits and Preparations	2.8	1.2	3.3	5,882.3	5,719.1	6,115.6
Vegetables and Preparations 2/	75.9	71.5	139.9	5,154.7	5,279.0	5,556.0
Live Animals and Meat	9.9	11.0	9.0	6,800.0	9,452.6	8,906.5
Hides and Skins	3.1	2.1	2.9	2,130.9	1,506.6	2,116.8
Poultry and Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	4,927.9	4,841.3	4,619.0
Fats, Oils and Greases	0.5	0.4	0.5	1,059.6	676.3	949.5
Feeds and Fodders	153.1	183.2	340.4	4,007.4	3,943.6	4,836.5
Seeds	18.8	21.2	17.0	1,154.9	1,235.3	1,218.4
Other	7.7	7.9	8.7	50,830.5	43,097.4	53,766.5
ALL COMMODITIES 3/	1,239.2	920.3	1,240.0	114,909.7	96,295.1	108,663.7

1/ Fiscal year ending September 30. 2/ Vegetables category includes dry beans, dry peas, lentils, and fall potatoes.

3/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Economic Research Service, U.S. Agricultural Trade Update, June 2011