



Pacific Region Field Crop Review

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The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 3 points (2.8 percent) from February 2013. The Food Commodities Index, at 116, increased 6 points (5.5 percent) from last month and increased 8 points (7.4 percent) from February 2013.

The February All Crops Index, at 93, increased 4.5 percent from January, but is 16 percent below February 2013. Index increases for oilseeds & grains and fruit & tree nut production more than offset the index decreases for vegetable & melon production and other crop production.

The February Food Grains Index, at 99, is 3.1 percent above the previous month, but 8.3 percent below a year ago. The February all wheat price, at \$222.33 per ton, is up 33 cents from January, but \$43.34 below February 2013.

The February Feed Grains Index, at 75, is up 1.4 percent from last month, but 36 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$159.64 per ton, is up \$1.78 from last month, but \$91.79 below February 2013. Sorghum grain, at \$7.63 per cwt., is 11 cents above January, but \$4.47 below February last year.

The February Other Crops Index, at 95, is unchanged from last month, but 5.0 percent below February 2013. The all hay price, at \$168 per ton, is up \$3.00 from January, but down \$24.00 from last February. The price for upland cotton, at 76.7 cents per pound, is down 0.2 cents from January and 0.2 cents below last February.

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - FEBRUARY 2014

Prices for fall potatoes were unchanged from the previous month. Wheat and barley were not published to avoid possible disclosure of individual operations. There was insufficient data to establish a mid-February price for dry, edible beans, spring potatoes, upland cotton lint and cottonseed. The price for fall potatoes was above the February 2013 level.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 106 percent, based on 2011=100, increased 7 points (7.1 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 4 points (4.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.4 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, oranges, market eggs, and milk and lower prices for broilers, peanuts, grapefruit, and potatoes. 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 cattle, milk, and broilers more than offset the decreased marketing of soybeans, corn, tobacco, and wheat.

PACIFIC REGION FIELD CROPS YIELD AND PRODUCTION HISTORY

| Crop | Unit | Yield | | | | Production | | | |
|------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | 2012 | 2013 | Record High | Record Year | 2012 | 2013 | Record High | Record Year |
| HAWAII | | | | | | | | | |
| Sugarcane, Total 1/ | Tons | 75.1 | 80.7 | 97.7 | 2003 | 1,307,000 | 1,413,000 | 11,457,000 | 1968 |
| Coffee 2/ | Lbs. | 960 | 960 | 3,690 | 1957 | 7,000,000 | 7,000,000 | 18,496,000 | 1957 |
| Taro | Lbs. | -- | -- | -- | -- | 3,500,000 | 3,100,000 | 14,195,000 | 1948 |
| NEVADA | | | | | | | | | |
| Hay, All | Tons | 3.22 | 3.37 | 3.58 | 2005, 2008 | 1,336,000 | 1,161,000 | 1,736,000 | 2009 |
| Hay, Alfalfa | Tons | 4.40 | 4.50 | 4.80 | 2005, 2008 | 1,056,000 | 945,000 | 1,316,000 | 2009 |
| Hay, Other | Tons | 1.60 | 1.60 | 2.00 | 2009 | 280,000 | 216,000 | 428,000 | 1982 |
| Wheat, All | Tons | 2.28 | 2.60 | 3.26 | 2011 | 29,610 | 36,450 | 56,700 | 1982 |
| CALIFORNIA | | | | | | | | | |
| Barley | Tons | 1.32 | 1.80 | 1.80 | 2013 | 105,600 | 72,000 | 1,997,000 | 1957 |
| Beans, Dry | Cwt. | 22.70 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 2010, 2013 | 1,304,000 | 1,150,000 | 5,216,000 | 1940 |
| Corn for Grain | Tons | 5.18 | 5.46 | 5.46 | 2008, 2010, 2013 | 932,400 | 985,800 | 1,428,000 | 1984 |
| Cotton, Upland Lint 3/ | --- | 1,729 | 1,643 | 1,729 | 2012 | 508,000 | 315,000 | 3,535,000 | 1981 |
| Cottonseed | Tons | -- | -- | -- | -- | 469,000 | 364,000 | 1,445,000 | 1981 |
| Hay, All | Tons | 5.62 | 5.53 | 5.85 | 2003, 2008 | 8,715,000 | 7,956,000 | 9,774,000 | 2002 |
| Hay, Alfalfa | Tons | 6.90 | 6.80 | 7.20 | 1997, 2001, 2007 | 6,555,000 | 6,120,000 | 8,004,000 | 2002 |
| Hay, Other | Tons | 3.60 | 3.40 | 3.80 | 2008 | 2,160,000 | 1,836,000 | 2,204,000 | 2008 |
| Oats | Tons | 1.44 | 1.28 | 1.68 | 2009 | 36,000 | 25,600 | 121,300 | 1957 |
| Potatoes, All | Cwt. | 416 | 428 | 428 | 2013 | 15,501,000 | 14,891,000 | 35,166,000 | 1966 |
| Rice | Cwt. | 81.0 | 84.8 | 86.0 | 2004, 2009 | 41,370,000 | 47,574,000 | 50,759,000 | 2004 |
| Sugar Beets | Tons | 43.7 | 45.0 | 46.5 | 2011 | 1,066,000 | 1,103,000 | 9,031,000 | 1972 |
| Potatoes, Sweet | Tons | 343 | 360 | 360 | 2013 | 6,174,000 | 6,840,000 | 6,840,000 | 2013 |
| Wheat, All | Tons | 2.73 | 2.50 | 2.73 | 2012 | 1,215,750 | 1,017,000 | 2,959,800 | 1981 |

1/ Includes sugarcane grown for sugar and seed.

2/ For coffee: 2012 = 2012-13 and 2013 = 2013-14

3/ Yield in pounds, production in bales.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

| Commodity | Unit | CALIFORNIA | | | UNITED STATES | | |
|-----------------------|------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | February 2013 | January 2014 | Feb 15, 2014 | February 2013 | January 2014 | Feb 15, 2014 |
| | | Dollars | | | | | |
| Corn 2/ | Tons | --- | --- | --- | 251.43 | 157.86 | 159.64 |
| Wheat 2/ | Tons | 4/ | 3/ | 3/ | 265.67 | 222.00 | 222.33 |
| Oats 2/ | Tons | --- | --- | --- | 258.75 | 231.25 | 225.00 |
| Barley 2/ | Tons | 3/ | 3/ | 3/ | 270.00 | 250.83 | 240.42 |
| Sorghum Grain 2/ | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 12.10 | 7.52 | 7.63 |
| Rice 2/ | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 15.00 | 16.00 | 17.10 |
| Dry Edible Beans 2/ | Cwt. | 3/ | 56.60 | 4/ | 37.70 | 39.60 | 39.60 |
| All Potatoes 5/ | Cwt. | 6.75 | 9.60 | 9.60 | 8.12 | 9.36 | 9.06 |
| Spring | Cwt. | 4/ | 4/ | 4/ | --- | --- | --- |
| Fall | Cwt. | 6.75 | 9.60 | 9.60 | --- | --- | --- |
| Upland Cotton Lint 2/ | Lbs | 0.898 | 3/ | 4/ | 0.769 | 0.769 | 0.767 |
| Cottonseed | Tons | 4/ | 4/ | 4/ | 217.00 | 230.00 | 227.00 |

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers. They are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Not published to avoid possible disclosure of operations.

4/ Insufficient data to establish a price.

5/ Monthly average.

INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES RECEIVED AND PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES

| Index | 2011 Base | | |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|
| | Feb 2013 | Jan 2014 | Feb 2014 |
| Agricultural Production | 109 | 99 | 106 |
| Crop Production | 111 | 89 | 93 |
| Grains and oilseed | 116 | 86 | 87 |
| Feed grain | 117 | 74 | 75 |
| Food grain | 108 | 96 | 99 |
| Oilseed | 116 | 102 | 103 |
| Other crop | 100 | 95 | 95 |
| Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 1/ | 106 | 107 | 107 |
| Parity Ratio 2/ | 103 | 93 | 99 |

1/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.

2/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.

HAY PRICES 1/

| Commodity | Unit | Alfalfa hay | | | Other Hay | | |
|---------------|------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | February 2013 | January 2014 | February 2014 | February 2013 | January 2014 | February 2014 |
| | | Dollars | | | | | |
| Arizona | Tons | 200.00 | 200.00 | 205.00 | 210.00 | 200.00 | 205.00 |
| California 2/ | Tons | 212.00 | 203.00 | 225.00 | 187.00 | 180.00 | 187.00 |
| Idaho | Tons | 200.00 | 190.00 | 200.00 | 150.00 | 170.00 | 170.00 |
| Nevada | Tons | 205.00 | 204.00 | 213.00 | 163.00 | 187.00 | 187.00 |
| Oregon | Tons | 220.00 | 200.00 | 210.00 | 212.00 | 170.00 | 160.00 |
| Utah | Tons | 184.00 | 175.00 | 180.00 | 148.00 | 145.00 | 145.00 |
| UNITED STATES | Tons | 218.00 | 185.00 | 188.00 | 151.00 | 130.00 | 129.00 |

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

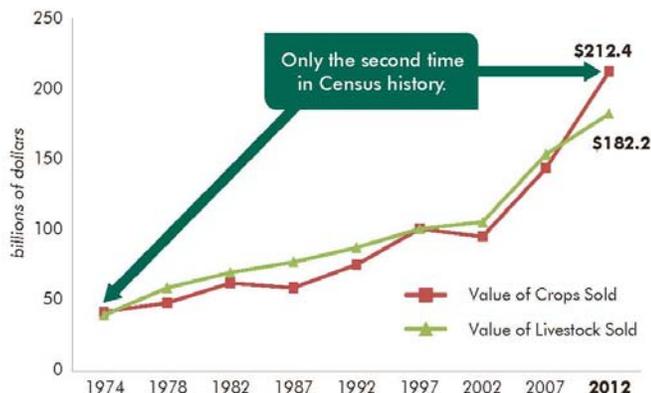
2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

PRELIMINARY 2012 CENSUS RESULTS PROVIDE A SNAPSHOT OF CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE

USDA Final Census Results Scheduled for May

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the 2012 Census of Agriculture preliminary results providing a first look at state and national data.

Value of U.S. Crop Sales Compared to Livestock Sales in 2012



The 2012 Census reported little change in land in farms, a more diverse principal operator population and several historic changes in value of sales for U.S. agriculture producers from 2007 to 2012. The report included information on farm numbers, land in farms and farmer demographics. At the national level:

- The United States had 2.1 million farms, down 4.3 percent in 2012. The land in farms declined less than one percent, from 922 million acres to 914 million.
- In 2012, the value of agriculture products sold totaled \$394.6 billion, up 33 percent (\$97.4 billion) from 2007. For only the second time in Census history crop sales (\$212.4 billion) exceeded livestock sales (\$182.2 billion).

“One of the most important takeaways to remember about the Census of Agriculture is that the information is used for decision-making by producers as well as all those who serve farmers, ranchers and rural communities – federal, state and local governments, agribusinesses, trade associations and many others,” said Vic Tolomeo, Director of the USDA-NASS, Pacific Region. “When we look at the data for California, we can all use it as a snapshot in time to see how California agriculture is changing over time and how it compared to the rest of the country.”

As an example, the preliminary 2012 Census data show the following key trends for California:

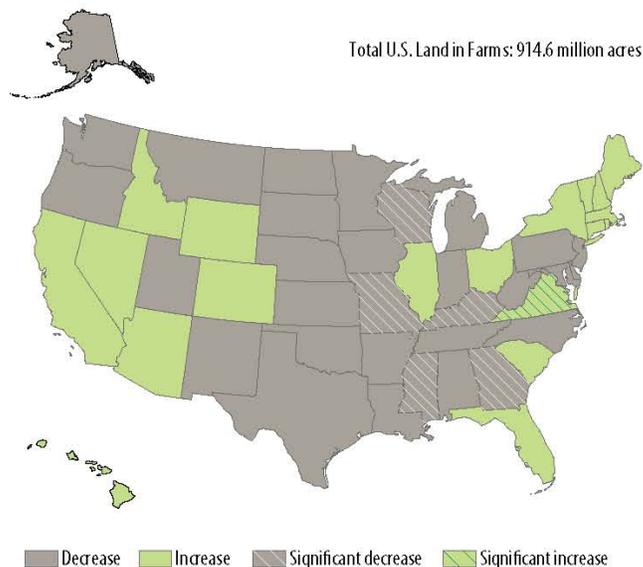
- In 2012, California's number of farms decreased to 77,864, down 4 percent from 2007.
- The land in California farms increased slightly to 25.6 million acres.

- In 2012, the value of agricultural products sold totaled \$42.6 billion in California, compared to \$33.9 billion in 2007.
- The number of California farmers who reported farming as their primary occupation is up 4 percent from 2007.

“The release of the preliminary 2012 Census of Agriculture results is only a first look at the data and NASS is eager to publish the final report this May,” said NASS Administrator Cynthia Clark. “The 2012 Census was not conducted in a typical crop year, and drought had a major impact on U.S. agriculture, affecting crop yields, production and prices. NASS is still reviewing all 2012 Census items to the county level and therefore data are preliminary until published in the final report.”

Conducted since 1840, the Census of Agriculture accounts for all U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. When available in May, the final report will provide even more detailed information for the U.S. and California at the county level. The publication will also provide new insights into the agriculture industry reporting new or expanded data on Internet access, regional food systems, biomass production, agro-forestry and equine.

Change in Land in Farms, 2007 to 2012



For more information about the Census, including access to the 2012 Census of Agriculture preliminary report and the full report when it is released in May, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov.



