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AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota
The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in November is 118 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is down 6 percent from

last year and 1 percent below two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 112 percent of the base, is down 10 percent from November 2004 and the All Livestock Index, at 138 percent, is up 4 percent from last year. November indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

United States
The All Farm Products Index is 113 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 2 percent from the October index but 2 percent below the November 2004 index. The All Crops Index is 104, up 1 percent from October but 7 percent below November 2004. The All Livestock Index, at 121, is 1 percent below last month but up 2 percent from November 2004.



**Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota and United States, November 2005**

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price Nov 2005
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		Nov 2004	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Nov 2004	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	
		<i>Dollars</i>						
Wheat, All	Bu	3.39	3.54	3.51	3.46	3.43	3.36	10.60
Durum	Bu	3.77	3.30	3.20	3.79	3.40	3.23	NA
Other Spring	Bu	3.34	3.61	3.60	3.57	3.62	3.64	NA
Winter	Bu	2.78	2.91	2.90	3.39	3.33	3.25	NA
Corn	Bu	2.10	1.76	1.70	2.05	1.82	1.79	7.10
Oats	Bu	1/	1.52	1/	1.51	1.59	1.46	4.22
Barley, All	Bu	2.02	1.90	1.97	2.45	2.41	2.49	7.20
Feed	Bu	1.45	1.44	1.35	1.78	1.81	1.88	NA
Malting	Bu	2.34	2.16	2.30	2.83	2.72	2.86	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	13.40	12.30	11.60	12.80	12.80	11.50	NA
Oil	Cwt	12.50	11.40	10.50	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	18.20	18.20	16.10	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All ^{2/}	Ton	57.00	51.00	50.00	88.70	97.70	91.70	NA
Alfalfa ^{2/}	Ton	62.00	57.00	54.00	95.20	106.00	97.50	NA
Other ^{2/}	Ton	46.00	39.00	39.00	73.50	76.50	76.30	NA
Canola	Cwt	3/	9.48	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Flaxseed	Bu	8.62	6.05	5.85	8.62	6.05	5.85	14.40
Soybeans	Bu	5.72	5.58	5.40	5.36	5.67	5.68	17.20
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	26.50	16.90	15.70	25.90	18.80	18.90	53.80
Navy	Cwt	20.50	18.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	28.50	15.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	5.85	6.20	6.20	5.02	5.54	6.09	16.00
Fresh ^{4/}	Cwt	6.15	9.40	NA	5.08	9.18	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	5.65	4.95	NA	4.98	4.61	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	95.00	106.00	99.60	85.40	91.10	91.60	184.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	110.00	118.00	115.00	90.20	96.60	97.40	NA
Cows	Cwt	49.90	48.00	48.00	48.70	46.60	45.80	NA
Calves	Cwt	124.00	134.00	132.00	123.00	134.00	132.00	250.00
Sheep	Cwt	38.00	45.00	NA	41.40	43.70	NA	90.10
Lambs	Cwt	107.00	113.00	NA	99.90	108.00	NA	223.00
Hogs	Cwt	54.80	48.10	NA	55.60	47.00	44.70	114.00

1/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 2/ Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. 3/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 4/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

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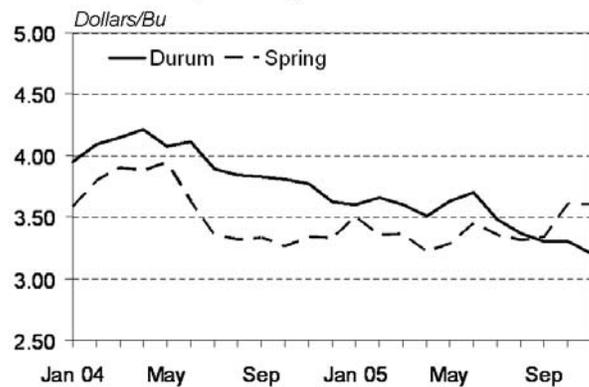
AGRICULTURAL PRICES (Continued)

Index Numbers of Farm Prices North Dakota and United States, November 2005

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Nov 2004	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Nov 2004	Oct 2005	Nov 2005
Prices Received	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	126	120	118	115	111	113
Crops	124	116	112	112	103	104
Food Grains	119	128	124	114	112	111
Feed Grains & Hay	108	95	93	93	86	84
Oil Bearing Crops ^{1/}	132	115	113	97	97	99
Potatoes & Dry Beans ^{2/}	130	116	110	96	96	104
Livestock	133	137	138	119	122	121
Meat Animals	134	139	140	118	122	121
Dairy Products	131	131	131	124	119	116
Other Livestock Products ^{3/}	113	113	113	118	125	127
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	135	144	143
Ratio ^{4/}	NA	NA	NA	85	77	79

1/ Includes non-oil sunflower. 2/ North Dakota includes sugarbeets.
3/ United States excludes wool. 4/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid. NA=Not applicable.

Durum & Other Spring Wheat: Prices Received North Dakota, January 2004-November 2005



MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICES

North Dakota

The 2004 Marketing Year Average (MYA) prices for flaxseed, non-oil and oil sunflowers, all dry edible beans and all potatoes were above their 2003 MYA prices. The MYA price for flaxseed, at \$8.05 per bushel, was at the highest level since 1974. The non-oil sunflower price, at \$18.50 per hundredweight (cwt), was at the highest level since records began in 1967. The oil sunflower price was \$13.00 per cwt, which was the highest level since the same price in 1983. The MYA price for all dry edible beans, at \$24.80 per cwt, was at the highest level since the same price in 1989. The all potatoes price was \$5.80 per cwt, up from \$5.45 per cwt in 2003, but down from \$6.25 per cwt in 2002.

Late Season Crops: Marketing Year Average Prices North Dakota and United States, 2004-2005

Item	Unit	North Dakota		United States	
		2003	2004	2003	2004
		<i>Dollars per Unit</i>		<i>Dollars per Unit</i>	
Corn	Bu	2.37	1.88	2.42	2.06
Soybeans	Bu	6.62	5.75	7.34	5.74
Flaxseed	Bu	5.88	8.05	5.88	8.07
Sunflower, All	Cwt	12.20	14.10	12.10	13.70
Oil	Cwt	11.30	13.00	11.30	12.80
Non Oil	Cwt	15.70	18.50	15.20	17.20
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	16.10	24.80	18.40	25.70
Navy	Cwt	17.00	21.70	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	15.70	25.80	NA	NA
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt	6.54	5.39	7.63	5.94
Lentils	Cwt	15.00	14.30	17.20	14.40
Potatoes, All	Cwt	5.45	5.80	5.89	5.67
Fresh	Cwt	4.70	6.10	7.32	6.76
Processing	Cwt	5.50	5.65	5.10	5.06

NA=Not Available.

2005 GROWING SEASON

Spring tillage and fieldwork for 2005 started equal to 2004 but earlier than the five-year (2000-2004) average due to dry conditions through mid-April. The statewide average starting date for fieldwork was April 14. Starting dates varied from April 6 in the southwest district to April 21 in the northeast district.

Small grain planting began in mid-April, behind 2004 but ahead of average, except for oats which started ahead of 2004. As of May 29, 96 percent of the spring wheat crop and 90 percent of the durum wheat crop had been planted. Corn was 95 percent planted, equal to last year and ahead of average, while the soybean crop, at 67 percent planted, was behind last year and the average. Planting for canola, dry edible beans and soybeans started ahead of average, but fell behind in late May due to cool and wet weather.

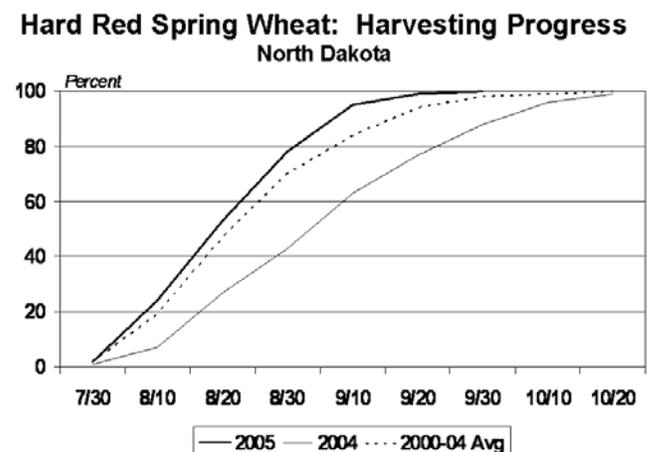
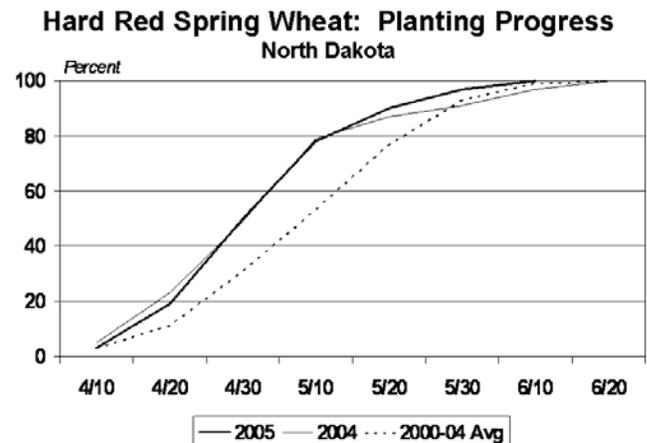
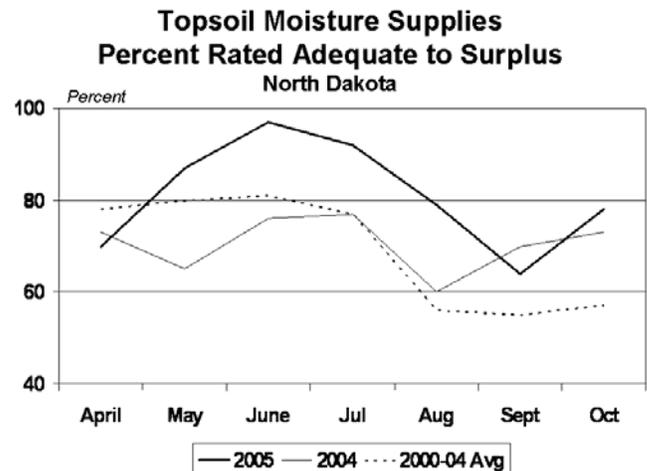
Crop conditions for all small grain and other crops improved greatly during June due to statewide precipitation. As of July 3, the hard red spring wheat crop was rated 3 percent poor, 13 fair, 63 good and 21 excellent. While small grains developed, favorable moisture benefited crop growth, but increased the incidence of disease. Hot, dry conditions returned to the state in July, causing small grain crop ratings to decline. However, fall harvested crops benefited from the warmer temperatures. As of August 28, 74 percent of the corn crop and 76 percent of the soybean crop was rated in good to excellent condition.

Small grain harvest started the end of July, near average. Favorable conditions enabled harvest to advance rapidly, ahead of the average pace. As of September 4, barley and oat harvest was nearly complete at 97 and 96 percent respectively. Spring wheat was 89 percent complete and durum wheat 71 percent complete, both at least a week ahead of average. Durum, canola and flaxseed harvest were virtually complete by the end of September. As of September 25, soybean harvest was 17 percent complete, 2 percentage points ahead of average. Dry edible bean and potato harvest passed the midpoint at 56 and 58 percent complete, respectively. Corn and sugarbeet harvest had just gotten underway, ahead of last year but behind average.

An early winter storm with heavy snow, rain and high winds during the second week of October temporarily halted harvest progress. As of October 9, only 6 percent of the corn was harvested compared with 15 percent on average. Soybeans were 73 percent harvested compared with 67 percent on average. Sunflower harvest was 7 percent complete compared with 13 percent on average.

Above average temperatures and mostly dry conditions allowed late season crops to finish close to average. Harvest of corn for silage and dry edible beans was complete by October 16, while potatoes, soybeans and sugarbeets were nearly finished a week later. Corn for grain and sunflowers were virtually complete by November 20, ahead of last year and the average.

The 2005 crop year saw above average rainfall in all districts, except in the northwest. The north central and eastern areas experienced wet soil moisture conditions throughout much of the season. Topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies were above average from May through mid-September. As of October 30, topsoil moisture supplies were rated 78 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus, better than the average of 52 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.



DAIRY PRODUCTS

United States

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) for the month of October 2005 was 755 million pounds, 0.9 percent above October 2004 and 1.7 percent above September 2005.

American type cheese production for October totaled 310 million pounds, 0.3 percent above October 2004 and 2.8 percent above September 2005.

Butter production for October was 108 million pounds, 3.0 percent above October 2004 and 7.4 percent above September 2005.

Frozen dessert: (October 2005, compared with October 2004)

- ✦ Ice cream, Regular (hard): 69.1 million gallons, up 1.3 percent.
- ✦ Ice cream, Lowfat (total): 29.5 million gallons, down 5.6 percent.
- ✦ Ice cream, Nonfat (hard): 1.40 million gallons, down 14.3 percent.
- ✦ Sherbet (hard): 3.90 million gallons, up 7.3 percent.
- ✦ Frozen Yogurt (total): 4.65 million gallons, down 11.8 percent.

Dry milk products: (October 2005, compared with October 2004)

- ✦ Nonfat dry milk for human food: 73.7 million pounds, down 22.2 percent.

Dry whey products: (October 2005, compared with October 2004)

- ✦ Dry whey, human: 75.9 million pounds, up 0.9 percent.
- ✦ Dry whey, animal: 6.46 million pounds, up 13.1 percent.
- ✦ Dry whey, total: 82.3 million pounds, up 1.8 percent



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