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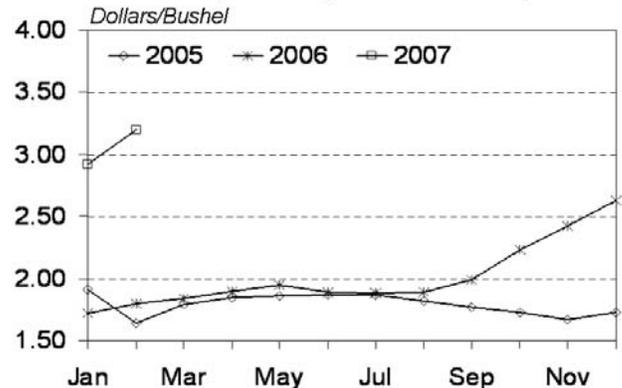
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AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota
The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in February is 126 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is up 10 percent from last year and 13

percent above two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 132 percent of the base, is up 23 percent from February 2006 while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 115 percent, is down 13 percent from last year. February indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

Corn for Grain: Prices Received by Farmers North Dakota, January 2005-February 2007



Prices Received by Farmers North Dakota and United States, February 2007

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price Feb 2007
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		Feb 2006	Jan 2007	Feb 2007	Feb 2006	Jan 2007	Feb 2007	
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Wheat, All	Bu	3.67	4.46	4.68	3.66	4.54	4.66	10.60
Durum	Bu	3.32	4.72	4.95	3.34	4.70	4.97	NA
Spring	Bu	3.81	4.38	4.60	3.83	4.52	4.67	NA
Winter	Bu	3.16	4.17	4.35	3.59	4.53	4.62	NA
Corn	Bu	1.80	2.92	3.20	2.02	3.05	3.32	7.81
Oats	Bu	1.80	1.97	2.00	1.82	2.19	2.19	4.38
Barley, All	Bu	2.14	2.83	2.89	2.55	3.03	3.10	7.37
Feed	Bu	1.64	2.85	2.85	1.83	3.12	3.13	NA
Malting	Bu	2.29	2.82	2.90	2.74	2.99	3.09	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	11.50	13.70	14.60	11.20	13.80	14.60	33.80
Oil	Cwt	10.40	13.30	14.20	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	16.90	15.90	17.00	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All ^{1/}	Ton	52.00	64.00	67.00	95.80	112.00	114.00	NA
Alfalfa ^{1/}	Ton	54.00	69.00	70.00	98.40	115.00	117.00	NA
Other ^{1/}	Ton	38.00	49.00	49.00	88.60	102.00	105.00	NA
Canola	Cwt	9.74	12.40	NA	NA	NA	NA	27.90
Flaxseed	Bu	5.61	6.07	6.25	5.59	6.07	6.25	17.10
Soybeans	Bu	5.39	5.89	6.30	5.67	6.38	6.83	17.30
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	14.20	20.50	22.30	17.40	22.70	23.80	55.40
Navy	Cwt	17.20	16.90	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	13.50	20.70	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	7.40	6.05	6.05	6.76	7.06	7.28	16.60
Fresh ^{2/}	Cwt	12.10	6.85	NA	9.13	8.53	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	6.30	5.75	NA	5.59	6.13	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	105.00	88.70	88.60	92.40	84.30	85.80	207.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	111.00	94.90	94.50	97.60	89.80	90.70	NA
Cows	Cwt	54.30	43.40	45.00	49.50	44.40	46.50	NA
Calves	Cwt	141.00	111.00	113.00	143.00	115.00	115.00	297.00
Sheep	Cwt	43.00	32.00	NA	45.90	37.10	NA	99.70
Lambs	Cwt	103.00	100.00	NA	97.80	96.50	NA	242.00
Hogs	Cwt	44.10	43.30	NA	42.60	42.70	46.60	119.00

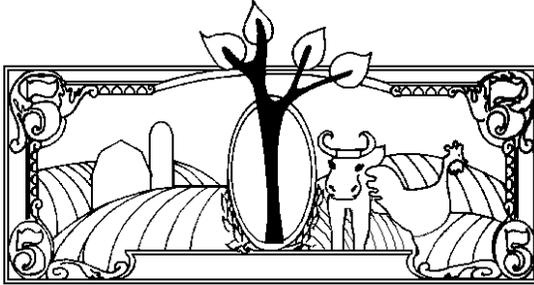
^{1/} Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. ^{2/} Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

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AGRICULTURAL PRICES (Continued)

United States

The February All Farm Products Index is 127 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 2 percent from the January index and 12 percent above the February 2006 index. The All Crops Index is 137, up 5 percent from January and 21 percent above February 2006. The Livestock and Products Index, at 119, is 3 percent above last month and up 4 percent from February 2006.



Index Numbers of Farm Prices North Dakota and United States, February 2007

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Feb 2006	Jan 2007	Feb 2007	Feb 2006	Jan 2007	Feb 2007
Prices Received	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	115	126	126	113	124	127
Crops	107	131	132	113	131	137
Food Grains	117	146	149	121	151	153
Feed Grains & Hay	92	135	141	96	136	146
Oil Bearing Crops ^{1/}	103	119	123	102	114	123
Potatoes & Dry Beans ^{2/}	112	113	109	123	121	125
Livestock and Products	132	114	115	114	116	119
Meat Animals	135	114	115	120	110	114
Dairy Products	130	121	130	103	111	113
Other Livestock Products ^{3/}	100	99	100	109	134	139
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	147	152	153
Ratio ^{4/}	NA	NA	NA	77	82	83

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.

NORTH DAKOTA'S RANK IN AGRICULTURE

North Dakota

Farmers and ranchers in the state maintained North Dakota's #1 ranking in the production of spring and durum wheat, barley, canola, sunflowers, flaxseed, pinto beans, navy beans, dry edible peas and lentils in 2006 compared with other states. North Dakota remained the second highest all wheat producing state in 2006, behind Kansas. Oat production in North Dakota moved to seventh place in 2006, down from first place last year.

Durum wheat production in North Dakota accounted for 59 percent of the U.S. total, down from 68 percent in 2005, while spring wheat accounted for 46 percent, up from 44 percent last year. Flaxseed production accounted for 94 percent of the U.S. total compared with 92 percent in 2005. Canola, dry edible peas, pinto beans, sunflower, lentils, navy beans, and barley production accounted for 92, 71, 52, 52, 37, 36 and 27 percent of the U.S. total, respectively.

North Dakota ranks first in the nation for honey production in 2006 for the third consecutive year. North Dakota bee colonies produced 17 percent of the U.S. production, down from 19 percent in 2005. Sugarbeet production rank remained in second place, behind Minnesota.

North Dakota's Top Agricultural Commodities, 2006

2006 Rank in the U.S.	Commodity	Percent of Nation's Production
#1	Spring Wheat	46%
	Durum Wheat	59%
	Barley	27%
	Canola	92%
	All Sunflower	52%
	Oil Sunflower	52%
	Non-oil Sunflower	51%
	Flaxseed	94%
	All Dry Edible Beans	32%
	Pinto Beans	52%
	Navy Beans	36%
	Dry Edible Peas	71%
	Lentils	37%
	Honey	17%
	#2	All Wheat
Sugarbeets		19%
#4	Potatoes	6%
#7	Oats	5%
#9	Soybeans	4%
#12	Beef Cows That Have Calved ^{1/}	3%
#13	Corn for Grain	1%
	Calf Crop (Head)	3%
#14	Wool Production	2%
#15	All Cows That Have Calved ^{1/}	2%
	Lamb Crop (Head)	2%

^{1/} January 1, 2007 inventory.

NORTH DAKOTA'S RANK IN AGRICULTURE (Continued)

The 10 Leading States and North Dakota's Rank

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	North Dakota's Rank	Percent of Nation ¹
Crop Production - 2006												
Corn, Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	OH	WI	MO	KS	SD	13	1
Silage	WI	CA	NY	PA	MN	ID	SD	IA	NE	MI	21	1
Wheat, Durum	ND	AZ	MT	CA	ID	SD					1	59
Spring	ND	MN	MT	SD	ID	WA	OR	CO	UT	WI	1	46
Winter	KS	WA	MT	OK	OH	NE	IL	ID	MO	MI	25	1
All	KS	ND	MT	WA	ID	SD	OK	MN	OH	NE	2	14
Oats	WI	MN	IA	PA	SD	NY	ND	OH	MI	TX	7	5
Barley	ND	ID	MT	WA	MN	CO	WY	PA	CA	VA	1	27
Flaxseed	ND	MT	SD	MN							1	94
Potatoes	ID	WA	WI	ND	CO	MN	OR	ME	CA	MI	4	6
Sugarbeets	MN	ND	ID	MI	CA	MT	NE	CO	WY	OR	2	19
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	NE	OH	MO	SD	ND	AR	9	4
Dry Edible Beans, Navy	ND	MI	MN	ID	SD	NE	WY	OR/WA			1	36
Pinto	ND	NE	CO	ID	WY	MT	MN	KS	NM	WA	1	52
All	ND	MI	NE	MN	ID	CA	CO	WA	WY	MT	1	32
Dry Edible Peas	ND	MT	WA	ID	OR						1	71
Lentils	ND	MT	WA	ID							1	37
Sunflower, Oil	ND	SD	KS	MN	CO	NE	TX				1	52
Non-oil	ND	MN	SD	CO	NE	KS	TX				1	51
All	ND	SD	KS	MN	CO	NE	TX				1	52
Canola	ND	MN	MT								1	92
Hay, Alfalfa	CA	ID	WI	IA	MN	NE	KS	MT	MI	CO	17	2
All Other	TX	MO	KY	TN	PA	KS	OK	VA	AR	NY	18	2
All	CA	TX	MO	KS	KY	ID	MN	NE	WI	IA	20	2
Total Acreage												
Principal Crops Planted	IA	IL	KS	TX	ND	MN	NE	SD	MO	IN	5	7
Principal Crops Harvested	IA	IL	KS	ND	MN	NE	SD	TX	MO	IN	4	7
Grain Storage, December 1												
On-Farm Capacity	IA	IL	MN	NE	ND	IN	SD	MO	OH	KS	5	6
Off-Farm Capacity	IL	IA	KS	NE	TX	MN	IN	OH	ND	WI	9	3
Livestock on Hand - January 1, 2007												
All Cattle & Calves	TX	NE	KS	CA	OK	MO	IA	SD	WI	CO	16	2
Cattle & Calves on Feed	TX	NE	KS	CO	IA	CA	SC	OK	AZ	MN	23	*
Cows That Have Calved	TX	CA	MO	OK	NE	SD	KS	WI	MT	KY	15	2
Milk	CA	WI	NY	PA	ID	MN	NM	TX	MI	OH	33	*
Beef	TX	MO	OK	NE	SD	KS	MT	KY	TN	IA	12	3
All Hogs & Pigs - Dec 1, 2006	IA	NC	MN	IL	IN	NE	MO	OK	KS	OH	26	*
All Sheep & Lambs	TX	CA	WY	CO	SD	UT	MT	ID	IA	OR	17	2
Livestock Production - 2006												
Calf Crop	TX	CA	MO	OK	NE	SD	KS/MT		WI	IA	13	3
Lamb Crop	TX	WY	SD	MT	CA	UT	ID/IA		CO	OR	15	2
Pig Crop	NC	IA	MN	IL	OK	NE	MO	IN	KS	OH	23	1
Turkeys Raised	MN	NC	AR	VA	MO	CA	IN	PA	SC	IA	16	*
Wool Production	TX	WY	CA	CO	SD	MT/UT		ID	IA	OR	14	2
Honey Production	ND	CA	FL	SD	MT	MN	WI	TX	GA	ID	1	17

* Less than one-half of one percent. ¹ North Dakota's percent of Nation's total.

HONEY PRODUCTION

North Dakota Honey production in 2006 from North Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 25.9 million pounds, down 23 percent from 2005. North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production for the third consecutive year.

There were 350,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2006, down 20,000 from 2005. Yield per colony averaged 74 pounds, down from 91 pounds in 2005 and 78 pounds in 2004. This is the lowest average yield per colony since 1989, when yield was 56 pounds per colony.

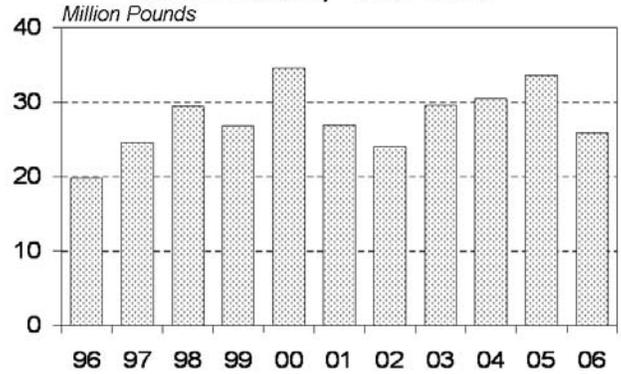
Producer honey stocks were 7.77 million pounds on December 15, 2006, down from 8.42 million

pounds a year earlier. Prices for the 2006 crop averaged 90 cents per pound, up 8 cents from 2005. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives.

United States Honey production in 2006 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 155 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2005.

There were 2.39 million colonies producing honey in 2006, down 1 percent from 2005. Yield per colony averaged 64.7 pounds, down 11 percent from the 72.4 pounds in 2005. Producer honey stocks were 60.5 million pounds on December 15, 2006, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Honey 2006 prices increased to 104.2 cents, up 14 percent from 91.8 cents in 2005.

Honey: Production North Dakota, 1996-2006



Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Selected States and United States, 2005-2006

State	Producing Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks on Hand Dec. 15 ^{1/}		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000	1,000	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
North Dakota	370	350	91	74	33,670	25,900	8,418	7,770	82	90	27,609	23,310
California	400	380	75	52	30,000	19,760	9,300	7,706	84	98	25,200	19,365
Florida	160	170	86	81	13,760	13,770	2,477	1,790	86	101	11,834	13,908
Minnesota	120	125	74	80	8,880	10,000	1,598	3,300	79	89	7,015	8,900
Montana	130	132	67	79	8,710	10,428	3,136	1,981	83	100	7,229	10,428
South Dakota	220	225	79	47	17,380	10,575	11,818	10,575	79	82	13,730	8,672
United States	2,413	2,392	72.4	64.7	174,818	154,846	62,478	60,528	91.8	104.2	160,428	161,314

^{1/} Held by producers.

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