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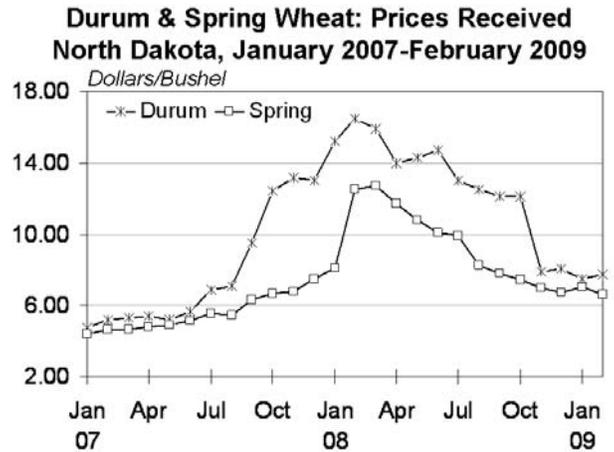
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AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in February is 163 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This

is down 23 percent from last year but 27 percent above two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 181 percent of the base, is down 27 percent from February 2008 and the All Livestock and Products Index, at 115 percent, is down 7 percent from last year. February indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.



Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota and United States, February 2009

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price Feb 2009
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	
Wheat, All	Bu	12.80	7.01	6.61	10.10	6.21	5.73	13.30
Durum	Bu	16.50	7.50	7.75	14.10	8.15	7.79	NA
Spring	Bu	12.50	7.03	6.60	11.20	7.03	6.51	NA
Winter	Bu	8.12	5.97	5.55	9.17	5.73	5.20	NA
Corn	Bu	4.39	4.15	4.00	4.54	4.36	4.13	8.22
Oats	Bu	2.58	2.02	¹	3.19	2.74	2.27	5.43
Barley, All	Bu	4.47	5.02	4.76	4.38	5.29	5.37	8.98
Feed	Bu	4.23	3.26	3.10	4.67	2.96	2.74	NA
Malting	Bu	4.56	5.29	5.05	4.29	5.60	5.85	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	22.30	22.30	21.00	24.20	21.90	20.60	41.00
Oil	Cwt	22.40	21.80	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	22.10	31.10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All ²	Ton	61.00	82.00	87.00	129.00	136.00	132.00	NA
Alfalfa ²	Ton	64.00	87.00	90.00	138.00	149.00	143.00	NA
Other ²	Ton	45.00	64.00	66.00	113.00	110.00	107.00	NA
Canola	Cwt	22.30	16.90	16.20	22.20	16.90	16.20	36.10
Flaxseed	Bu	16.00	11.00	11.50	16.00	11.00	11.50	21.80
Soybeans	Bu	10.90	9.41	9.10	11.70	9.97	9.58	20.00
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	29.40	30.20	29.50	32.00	35.50	34.30	64.20
Navy	Cwt	32.20	33.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	28.30	29.30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	7.25	8.90	8.75	7.51	9.40	8.94	18.90
Fresh ³	Cwt	9.60	14.70	NA	9.86	13.70	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	6.45	6.55	NA	6.25	6.68	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	92.90	84.90	86.30	89.00	80.10	80.20	235.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	99.00	91.50	93.00	94.30	85.80	85.40	NA
Cows	Cwt	52.00	44.00	45.00	51.70	42.30	44.30	NA
Calves	Cwt	118.00	99.00	103.00	120.00	106.00	105.00	336.00
Sheep	Cwt	30.00	28.00	NA	29.90	31.40	NA	102.00
Lambs	Cwt	100.00	100.00	NA	96.50	101.00	NA	265.00
Hogs	Cwt	41.90	41.90	NA	42.20	42.80	43.50	128.00

¹ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. ² Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. ³ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

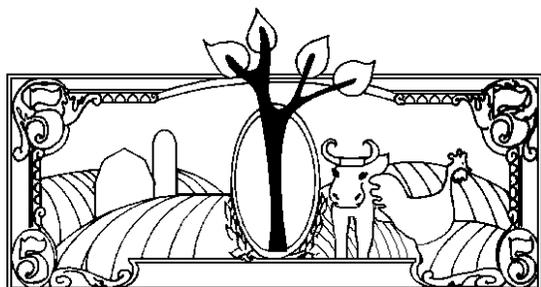
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AGRICULTURAL PRICES (Continued)

United States

The February All Farm Products Index is 127 percent of its 1990-92 base, down 9 percent from the January index and 13 percent below the February 2008 index. The All Crops Index is 148, down 8 percent from January and 10 percent below February 2008. The Livestock and Products Index, at 109, is 4 percent below last month and down 17 percent from February 2008.



Index Numbers of Farm Prices North Dakota and United States, February 2009

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009
Prices Received	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	212	177	163	146	139	127
Crops	249	201	181	164	160	148
Food Grains	408	230	211	293	217	207
Feed Grains & Hay	196	207	193	193	188	179
Oil Bearing Crops ¹	208	191	177	210	179	173
Potatoes & Dry Beans ²	119	140	128	134	166	157
Livestock and Products	123	112	115	131	114	109
Meat Animals	120	109	111	115	106	106
Dairy Products	159	148	159	146	102	88
Other Livestock Products ³	130	129	129	155	149	141
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	171	175	173
Ratio ⁴	NA	NA	NA	85	79	73

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 2008 compared with other states. North Dakota is also the leading producer of honey in the U.S. For total wheat production, North Dakota ranks second, behind Kansas.

Durum wheat production in North Dakota accounted for 50 percent of the U.S. total, down from 60 percent in 2007, while spring wheat accounted for 45 percent, down from 49 percent last year. Flaxseed production accounted for 96 percent of the U.S. total, up from 94 percent in 2007. Canola, dry edible peas, pinto beans, sunflower, navy beans, lentils, and barley production accounted for 90, 64, 65, 44, 46, 35, and 36 percent of the U.S. total, respectively.

North Dakota ranks first in the nation for honey production in 2008 for the fifth consecutive year. North Dakota bee colonies produced 22 percent of the U.S. production, up from 21 percent in 2007. North Dakota's share of oat production decreased in 2008, moving its rank from number one to number four, behind Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota. North Dakota's rank in sugarbeet production moved up one spot to second place, behind Minnesota.

North Dakota's Top Agricultural Commodities, 2008

2008 Rank in the U.S.	Commodity	Percent of Nation's Production
#1	Barley	36%
	Beans, Dry Edible, All	39%
	Beans, Navy	46%
	Beans, Pinto	65%
	Canola	90%
	Flaxseed	96%
	Honey	22%
	Lentils	35%
	Peas, Dry Edible	64%
	Sunflower, All	44%
	Sunflower, Non-Oil	42%
	Sunflower, Oil	44%
#2	Wheat, Durum	50%
	Wheat, Spring	45%
#4	Sugarbeets	19%
	Wheat, All	12%
#5	Oats	7%
#11	Potatoes	6%
	Alfalfa	3%
#12	Soybeans	4%
	Corn for Grain	2%

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 – 2008												
Wheat, All	KS	ND	SD	OK	MT	WA	MN	TX	ID	OH	2	12
Durum	ND	CA	AZ	MT	ID	SD					1	50
Spring	ND	MN	SD	MT	ID	WA	OR	CO	WI	UT	1	45
Winter	KS	OK	SD	TX	WA	MT	OH	IL	NE	ID	22	1
Barley	ND	ID	MT	WA	CO	MN	WY	AZ	PA	MD	1	36
Oats	MN	WI	SD	ND	TX	IA	PA	NY	MI	OH	4	7
Sunflower, All	ND	SD	KS	MN	CO	TX	NE				1	44
Oil	ND	SD	KS	CO	MN	TX	NE				1	44
Non-oil	ND	SD	MN	TX	NE	CO	KS				1	42
Canola	ND	MN	MT								1	90
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	NE	MO	OH	SD	AR	KS	11	4
Flaxseed	ND	SD	MT	MN							1	96
Corn, Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	KS	OH	WI	MO	12	2
Silage	WI	CA	NY	PA	MN	ID	MI	IA	TX	SD	15	2
Dry Edible Beans, All	ND	MI	NE	MN	ID	CA	WA	WY	CO	NY	1	39
Navy	ND	MI	MN	ID	SD	WY					1	46
Pinto	ND	NE	WY	CO	ID	MN	NM	MT	WA	KS	1	65
Dry Edible Peas	ND	MT	WA	ID	OR						1	64
Lentils	ND	MT	WA	ID							1	35
Potatoes	ID	WA	WI	CO	ND	MN	OR	MI	CA	ME	5	6
Sugarbeets	MN	ND	MI	ID	CA	NE	MT	CO	WY	OR	2	19
Hay, All	TX	MO	CA	SD	KS	NE	ID	OK	IA	MN	13	3
Alfalfa	CA	SD	ID	IA	MN	WI	NE	MT	KS	CO	11	3
Other	TX	MO	KY	OK	KS	TN	AR	VA	NE	SD	15	2
Total Acreage												
Principal Crops Planted	IA	ND	IL	KS	TX	MN	NE	SD	MO	IN	2	7
Principal Crops Harvested	IA	IL	ND	KS	MN	NE	TX	SD	MO	IN	3	7
Grain Storage, December 1												
On-Farm Capacity	IA	IL	MN	NE	IN	ND	SD	MO	OH	KS	6	6
Off-Farm Capacity	IA	IL	KS	NE	TX	MN	IN	OH	ND	WI	9	3
Livestock on Hand – January 1, 2009												
All Cattle & Calves	TX	NE	KS	OK	CA	MO	IA	SD	WI	CO/MT	17	2
Cattle & Calves on Feed	TX	NE	KS	IA	CO	CA	SD	AZ	OK	MN	21	1
Cows That Have Calved	TX	CA	MO/OK		NE	SD	KS	WI	MT	KY	15	2
Milk	CA	WI	NY	ID	PA	MN	TX	MI	NM	OH	34	*
Beef	TX	OK	MO	NE	SD	KS	MT	KY	TN	FL	13	3
All Sheep & Lambs	TX	CA	WY	CO	SD	UT	MT	OR	ID	IA	17	2
All Hogs & Pigs - Dec 1, 2008	IA	NC	MN	IL	IN	NE	MO	OK	OH	KS	28	*
Livestock Production – 2008												
Calf Crop	TX	CA	MO	OK	NE	SD	MT	KS	WI	IA/KY	14	3
Lamb Crop	TX	SD	WY	MT	CA	UT	CO	ID	IA	OR	13	2
Pig Crop	NC	IA	MN	IL	MO	NE	OK	IN	SD	OH	21	1
Wool Production	TX	CA	WY	CO	UT	SD	MT	ID	OR	IA	15	2
Honey Production	ND	SD	CA	FL	MN	MT	MI	TX	WI	GA	1	22

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

HONEY PRODUCTION

North Dakota
Honey production in 2008 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 35.1 million pounds, up 13 percent from 2007. North Dakota ranks first in the nation for honey production for the fifth consecutive year.

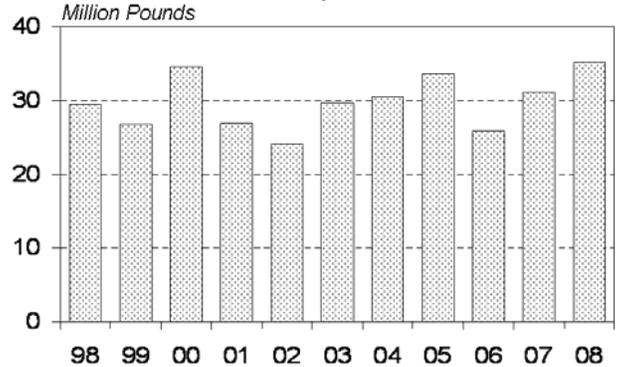
There were 390,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2008, down 30,000 from 2007. Yield was 90 pounds per colony, up from 74 pounds per colony in 2007. Producer stocks were 8.42 million pounds on December 15, 2008, down from 9.01 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2008 crop averaged 135 cents per pound, up from 96 cents in 2007. This is the highest price since 2003, at 136 cents per

pound, while the record high price is 146 cents, realized in 2002. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2008 was 47.5 million dollars, up 58 percent from 2007.

United States
Honey production in 2008 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 161 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2007. There were 2.30 million colonies producing honey in 2008, down 6 percent from 2007. Yield per colony averaged 69.9 pounds, up 15 percent from the 60.7 pounds in 2007. Producer honey stocks were 50.4 million pounds on December 15, 2008, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Honey prices increased to a record high during 2008 to 141.0 cents, up 31 percent from 107.7 cents in 2007.

Honey: Production North Dakota, 1998-2008



Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Selected States and United States, 2007-2008

State	Producing Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks on Hand Dec. 15 ¹		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	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	420	390	74	90	31,080	35,100	9,013	8,424	96	135	29,837	47,385
California	340	360	40	51	13,600	18,360	3,672	4,039	104	141	14,144	25,888
Florida	160	150	71	79	11,360	11,850	1,363	1,304	99	130	11,246	15,405
Minnesota	130	122	68	78	8,840	9,516	2,564	2,569	104	139	9,194	13,227
Montana	135	134	68	70	9,180	9,380	2,479	4,596	99	137	9,088	12,851
South Dakota	255	225	52	95	13,260	21,375	10,608	11,970	102	134	13,525	28,643
United States	2,443	2,301	60.7	69.9	148,341	160,861	52,635	50,445	107.7	141.0	159,763	226,814

¹ Held by producers.

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