



# Agricultural Prices

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## March Farm Prices Received Index Up 3 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 202 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (1.5 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 5 points (2.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, corn, and eggs and lower prices for hogs, milk, wheat, and onions. 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 strawberries, corn, broilers, and milk offset the decreased marketing of cattle, soybeans, cotton, and hay.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 18 points (9.8 percent) from March 2012. The Food Commodities Index, at 185, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from last month and is 13 points (7.6 percent) higher than March 2012.

## Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 221 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from February but 8 points (3.8 percent) above March 2012. Higher prices in March for nitrogen, feed grains, mixed fertilizer, and supplements offset lower prices for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, potash & phosphate, and diesel.

## Prices Received, Prices Paid, and Ratio of Prices Received to Prices Paid Indexes 1990-1992 Base – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

Index	March	February	March
	2012	2013	2013
Prices received by farmers .....	184	199	202
Prices paid by farmers .....	213	221	221
Ratio of prices received to prices paid .....	86	90	91

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## Prices Received by Farmers

The March All Farm Products Index is 202 percent of its 1990-1992 base, up 1.5 percent from the February index and 9.8 percent above the March 2012 index.

**All crops:** The March index, at 240, increased 2.1 percent from February and is 14 percent above March 2012. Index increases for feed grains & hay and commercial vegetables more than offset the index decreases for oilseeds and food grains.

**Food grains:** The March index, at 246, is 2.4 percent below the previous month but 7.4 percent above a year ago. The March price for all wheat, at \$7.66 per bushel, is down 31 cents from February but 46 cents higher than March 2012.

**Feed grains & hay:** The March index, at 307, is up 2.0 percent from last month and 13 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$7.18 per bushel, is up 14 cents from last month and 83 cents above March 2012. The all hay price, at \$196 per ton, increased \$2.00 from February and is \$13.00 higher than last March. Sorghum grain, at \$12.30 per cwt, is 20 cents above February and up \$1.40 from March last year.

**Cotton, Upland:** The March index, at 123, is down 0.8 percent from February and 17 percent below last year. The March price, at 74.6 cents per pound, is down 0.7 cents from the previous month and 15.4 cents below last March.

**Oilseeds:** The March index, at 252, is down 1.2 percent from February but 8.2 percent higher than March 2012. The soybean price, at \$14.50 per bushel, decreased 10 cents from February but is \$1.50 above March 2012.

**Fruits & nuts:** The March index, at 183, is up 1.1 percent from February and is 11 percent higher than a year ago. Price increases for strawberries and oranges more than offset the price decreases for apples and grapefruit.

**Commercial vegetables:** The March index, at 241, is up 14 percent from last month and is 96 percent above March 2012. Price increases during March for lettuce and tomatoes more than offset the price declines for celery and onions.

**Potatoes & dry beans:** The March index, at 144, is down 3.4 percent from last month and 21 percent below March 2012. The all potato price, at \$8.14 per cwt, is up 2 cents from February but down \$1.84 from last March. The all dry bean price, at \$32.00 per cwt, is down \$6.50 from the previous month and \$15.10 below March 2012.

**Livestock and products:** The March index, at 165, is 1.9 percent above last month and is 3.1 percent higher than March 2012. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for broilers, milk, and eggs. Prices for hogs, cattle, calves, and turkeys are down from last year.

**Meat animals:** The March index, at 159, is down 1.2 percent from last month and 4.2 percent lower than a year earlier. The March hog price, at \$59.80 per cwt, is down \$4.70 from February and \$5.40 lower than a year ago. The March beef cattle price of \$125 per cwt is up \$2.00 from last month but \$3.00 lower than March 2012.

**Dairy products:** The March index, at 146, is down 2.0 percent from a month ago but 11 percent higher than March last year. The March all milk price of \$19.10 per cwt declined 40 cents from last month but is up \$1.90 from March 2012.

**Poultry & eggs:** The March index, at 197, is up 9.4 percent from February and 13 percent above a year earlier. The March market egg price, at 95.2 cents per dozen, increased 17.6 cents from February and is 16.1 cents higher than March 2012. The March broiler price, at 66.0 cents per pound, is up 5.0 cents from February and 9.0 cents above a year ago. The March turkey price, at 64.1 cents per pound, increased 1.4 cents from the previous month but is down 4.9 cents from a year earlier.

## Prices Received Indexes – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

[Revised historical price indexes for months not shown are available at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)]

Index	1910-1914 Base				1990-1992 Base		
	1990-1992 Average	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
All products .....	639	1168	1262	1280	184	199	202
All crops .....	500	1044	1163	1187	211	235	240
Food grains .....	325	727	798	780	229	252	246
Feed grains & hay .....	363	968	1074	1096	271	301	307
Cotton, Upland .....	517	762	637	631	149	124	123
Tobacco .....	1263	1559	1760	1760	103	116	116
Oilseeds .....	554	1279	1396	1381	233	255	252
Fruits & nuts .....	716	1153	1261	1280	165	181	183
Commercial vegetables .....	698	879	1516	1721	123	212	241
Potatoes & dry beans .....	540	925	756	731	182	149	144
Other crops .....	493	651	655	655	132	133	133
Livestock and products .....	768	1223	1245	1264	160	162	165
Meat animals .....	1021	1695	1637	1619	166	161	159
Dairy products .....	799	1058	1200	1175	132	149	146
Poultry & eggs .....	282	490	507	554	174	180	197
Food commodities .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	172	183	185

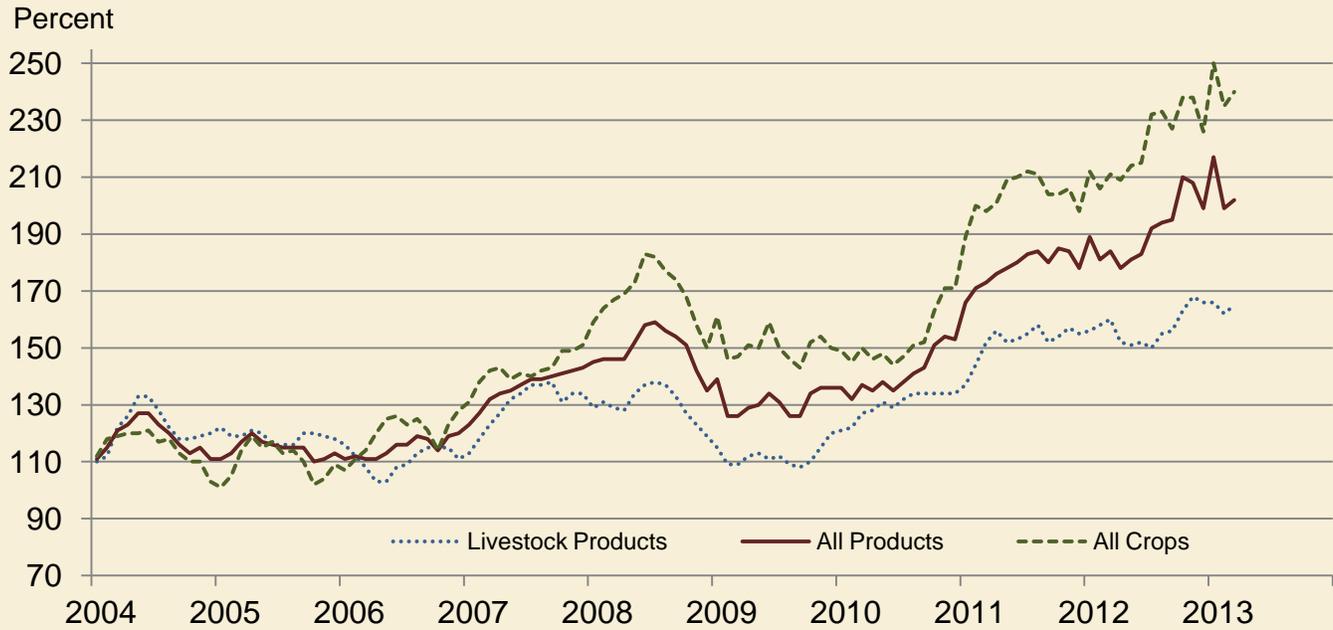
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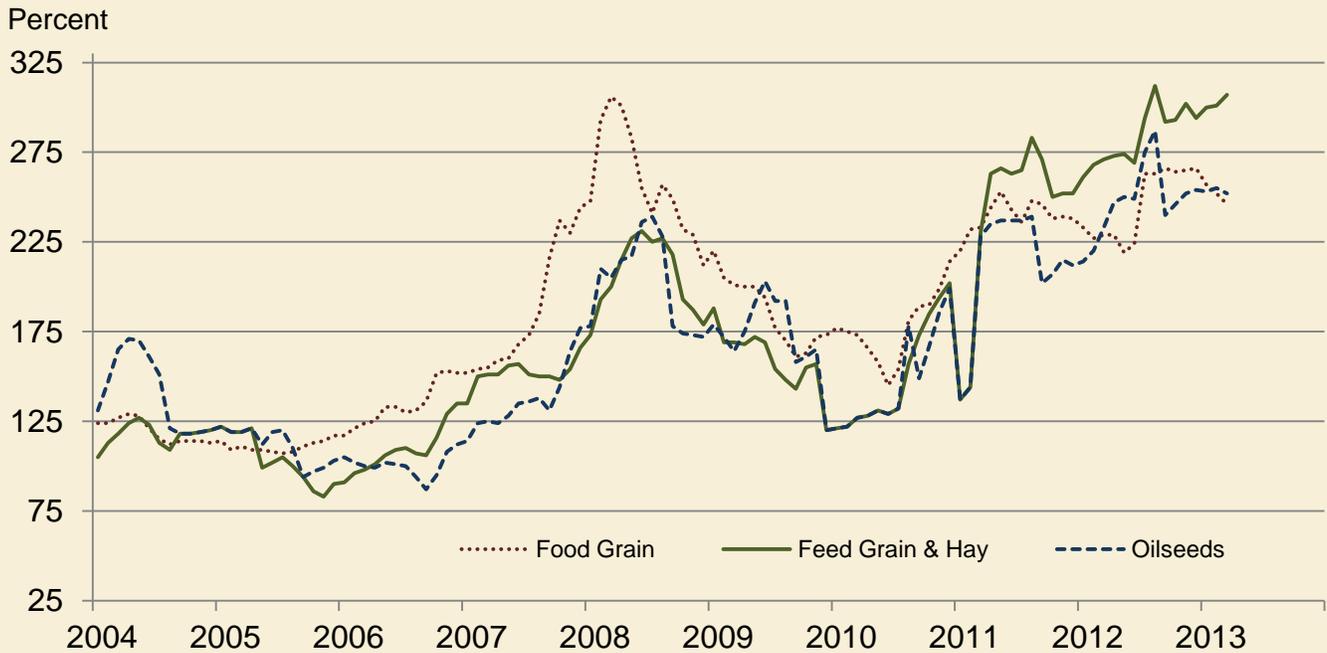
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Month	Index of prices received						Index of prices paid			
	All farm products		All crops		Livestock and products		All items		Production items	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	189	217	212	250	156	166	210	220	222	234
February .....	181	199	206	235	158	162	211	221	223	235
March .....	184	202	211	240	160	165	213	221	227	235
April .....	178		209		152		215		228	
May .....	181		214		151		215		229	
June .....	183		215		152		214		228	
July .....	192		232		150		214		227	
August .....	194		233		155		217		232	
September .....	195		227		156		218		233	
October .....	210		238		163		218		233	
November .....	208		238		168		217		232	
December .....	199		226		166		218		232	

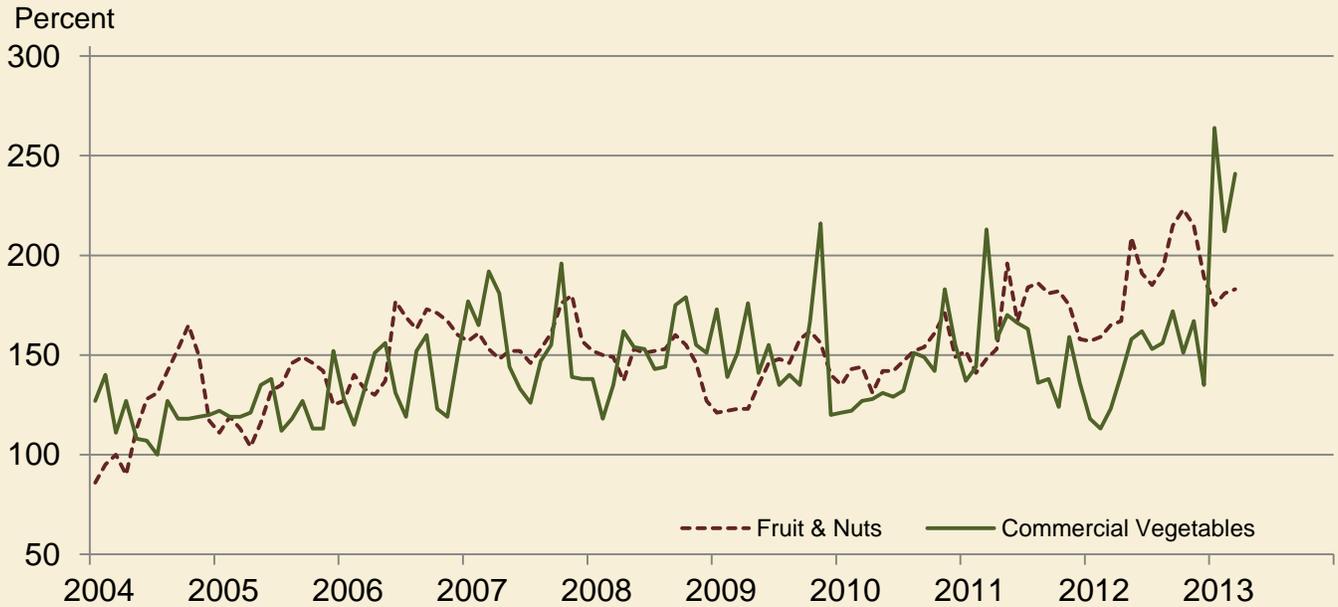
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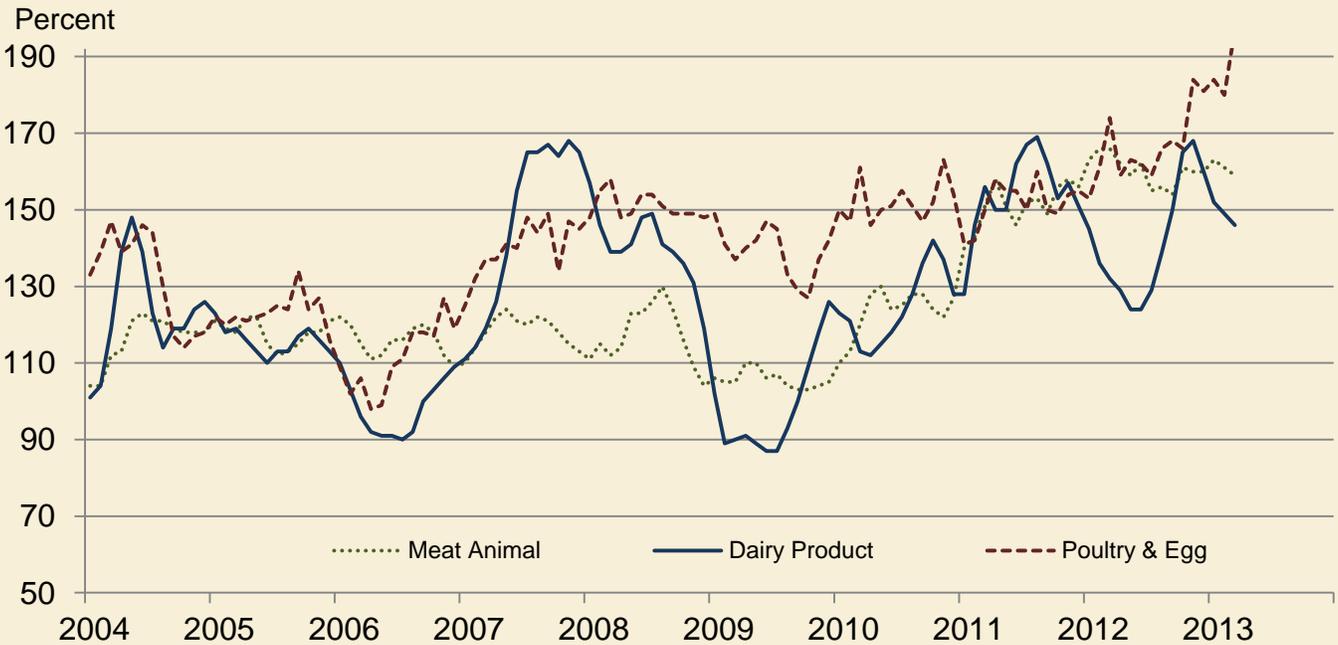
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**Received Indexes by Month,  
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**Prices Received for Field Crops and Fruits – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Average 1990-1992	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
<b>Field crops</b>				
Austrian winter peas ..... dollars/cwt	(NA)	(S)	(D)	(S)
Barley, all ..... dollars/bushel	2.12	5.34	6.47	6.29
Feed ..... dollars/bushel	1.90	4.76	5.99	5.41
Malting ..... dollars/bushel	2.43	5.43	6.55	6.42
Beans, dry edible ..... dollars/cwt	19.10	47.10	38.50	32.00
Canola ..... dollars/cwt	(NA)	27.10	27.80	26.80
Chickpeas, all ..... dollars/cwt	(NA)	43.10	35.40	35.30
Large ..... dollars/cwt	(NA)	45.20	36.30	38.90
Small ..... dollars/cwt	(NA)	36.70	31.20	25.80
Corn ..... dollars/bushel	2.30	6.35	7.04	7.18
Cotton, Upland ..... dollars/pound	0.606	0.900	0.753	0.746
Cottonseed ..... dollars/ton	96.00	(NA)	217.00	(NA)
Flaxseed ..... dollars/bushel	4.27	13.30	14.30	13.90
Hay, all, baled ..... dollars/ton	76.30	183.00	194.00	196.00
Alfalfa ..... dollars/ton	77.20	200.00	218.00	219.00
Other ..... dollars/ton	60.00	147.00	148.00	149.00
Lentils ..... dollars/cwt	(NA)	22.80	22.30	21.50
Oats ..... dollars/bushel	1.22	3.77	4.05	4.09
Peanuts, in-shell ..... dollars/pound	0.304	0.348	0.282	0.282
Peas, dry edible ..... dollars/cwt	(NA)	15.70	16.40	17.40
Potatoes ..... dollars/cwt	5.82	9.98	8.12	8.14
Rice, all ..... dollars/cwt	7.07	14.10	14.80	15.30
Long ..... dollars/cwt	(NA)	13.00	14.60	14.70
Medium and short ..... dollars/cwt	(NA)	16.50	15.80	16.80
Sorghum grain ..... dollars/cwt	3.75	10.90	12.10	12.30
Soybeans ..... dollars/bushel	5.61	13.00	14.60	14.50
Sunflowers, all ..... dollars/cwt	9.50	28.80	25.90	24.70
Wheat, all ..... dollars/bushel	2.96	7.20	7.97	7.66
Winter ..... dollars/bushel	2.93	6.70	7.87	7.47
Durum ..... dollars/bushel	2.86	8.39	8.19	8.05
Other spring ..... dollars/bushel	3.11	8.04	8.10	7.86
Hard red winter <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars/bushel	(NA)	6.72	7.76	(NA)
Soft red winter <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars/bushel	(NA)	6.70	7.78	(NA)
Hard red spring <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars/bushel	(NA)	8.13	8.10	(NA)
White <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars/bushel	3.24	6.63	8.03	(NA)
<b>Fruits</b>				
Citrus, equivalent on-tree				
Grapefruit ..... dollars/box	5.77	6.91	5.97	4.95
Lemons ..... dollars/box	10.10	12.51	7.22	7.26
Oranges ..... dollars/box	5.79	8.52	7.07	7.55
Tangelos ..... dollars/box	5.82	(S)	(S)	(S)
Tangerines and mandarins ..... dollars/box	15.11	24.11	19.96	24.92
Noncitrus, fresh				
Apples <sup>2</sup> ..... dollars/pound	0.212	0.332	0.435	0.404
Grapes <sup>2</sup> ..... dollars/ton	506.00	(S)	(S)	(S)
Peaches <sup>2</sup> ..... dollars/ton	432.00	(S)	(S)	(S)
Pears <sup>2</sup> ..... dollars/ton	370.00	301.00	778.00	753.00
Strawberries ..... dollars/cwt	56.00	103.00	123.00	131.00

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary estimates not set for this item.

<sup>2</sup> Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for California, Michigan, New York (apples only), and Washington (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

# Prices Received for Vegetables and Livestock – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

[Price data source for livestock and poultry commodities is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

Commodity	Average 1990-1992	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
<b>Vegetables, fresh <sup>1</sup></b>				
Asparagus .....dollars/cwt	79.80	108.00	(S)	(S)
Beans, snap <sup>2</sup> .....dollars/cwt	(NA)	57.60	60.30	105.00
Broccoli .....dollars/cwt	22.50	33.70	38.10	33.20
Cantaloupes <sup>2</sup> .....dollars/cwt	(NA)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Carrots .....dollars/cwt	13.20	26.80	28.50	30.60
Cauliflower .....dollars/cwt	26.80	39.00	43.30	42.40
Celery .....dollars/cwt	11.60	12.50	47.00	31.90
Corn, sweet .....dollars/cwt	15.70	33.70	36.70	32.50
Cucumbers <sup>2</sup> .....dollars/cwt	(NA)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Lettuce .....dollars/cwt	11.90	12.00	31.70	51.30
Onions <sup>3</sup> .....dollars/cwt	12.80	7.07	28.80	21.10
Tomatoes .....dollars/cwt	32.30	36.60	37.70	58.00
<b>Livestock</b>				
Calves .....dollars/cwt	94.30	184.00	167.00	163.00
Cattle, all beef .....dollars/cwt	72.90	128.00	123.00	125.00
Cows <sup>4</sup> .....dollars/cwt	49.60	84.20	80.80	82.90
Steers and heifers .....dollars/cwt	77.10	132.00	127.00	128.00
Milk cows <sup>5</sup> .....dollars/head	1130.00	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hogs, all .....dollars/cwt	47.70	65.20	64.50	59.80
Barrows and gilts .....dollars/cwt	48.40	65.50	65.10	59.80
Sows .....dollars/cwt	39.50	59.60	49.20	59.90
<b>Dairy and poultry</b>				
Milk, all <sup>6</sup> .....dollars/cwt	13.06	17.20	19.50	19.10
Fat test ..... percent	3.66	3.70	3.82	3.77
Broilers, live <sup>7</sup> .....dollars/pound	0.317	0.570	0.610	0.660
Eggs, all <sup>8</sup> .....dollars/dozen	0.643	0.995	0.993	1.150
Market <sup>8 9</sup> .....dollars/dozen	0.546	0.791	0.776	0.952
Turkeys, live <sup>8 10</sup> .....dollars/pound	0.380	0.690	0.627	0.641
<b>Adjusted for seasonal variation</b>				
Eggs, all .....dollars/dozen	0.545	0.913	0.987	1.050
Seasonal factor ..... percent	100	109	101	109
Milk, all <sup>6</sup> .....dollars/cwt	9.71	18.00	19.80	19.90
Seasonal factor ..... percent	100	95	98	96

(NA) Not available.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 2006, point of first sale. FOB shipping point for prior years.

<sup>2</sup> Monthly estimates began January 1995.

<sup>3</sup> Includes some processing.

<sup>4</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

<sup>5</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for January, April, July, and October.

<sup>6</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

<sup>7</sup> Live weight equivalent price.

<sup>8</sup> Mid-month price.

<sup>9</sup> Also referred to as table eggs.

<sup>10</sup> Live weight equivalent price is used when actual live weight price is not available. Beginning January 2011, price reflects FOB shipping point basis. Prior year price reflects delivered basis.

## Prices Received for Corn by Month – United States

Dollars per bushel



## Prices Received for Wheat by Month – United States

Dollars per bushel



## Prices Received for Upland Cotton by Month – United States

Dollars per pound



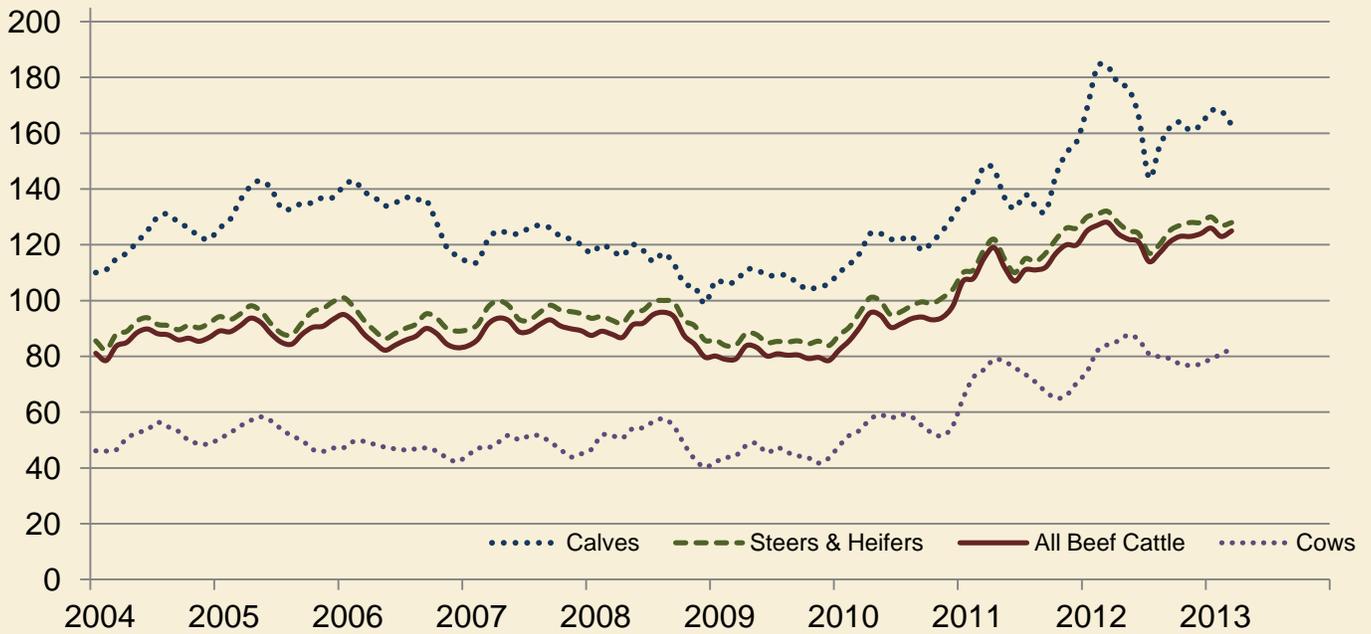
## Prices Received for Soybeans by Month – United States

Dollars per bushel



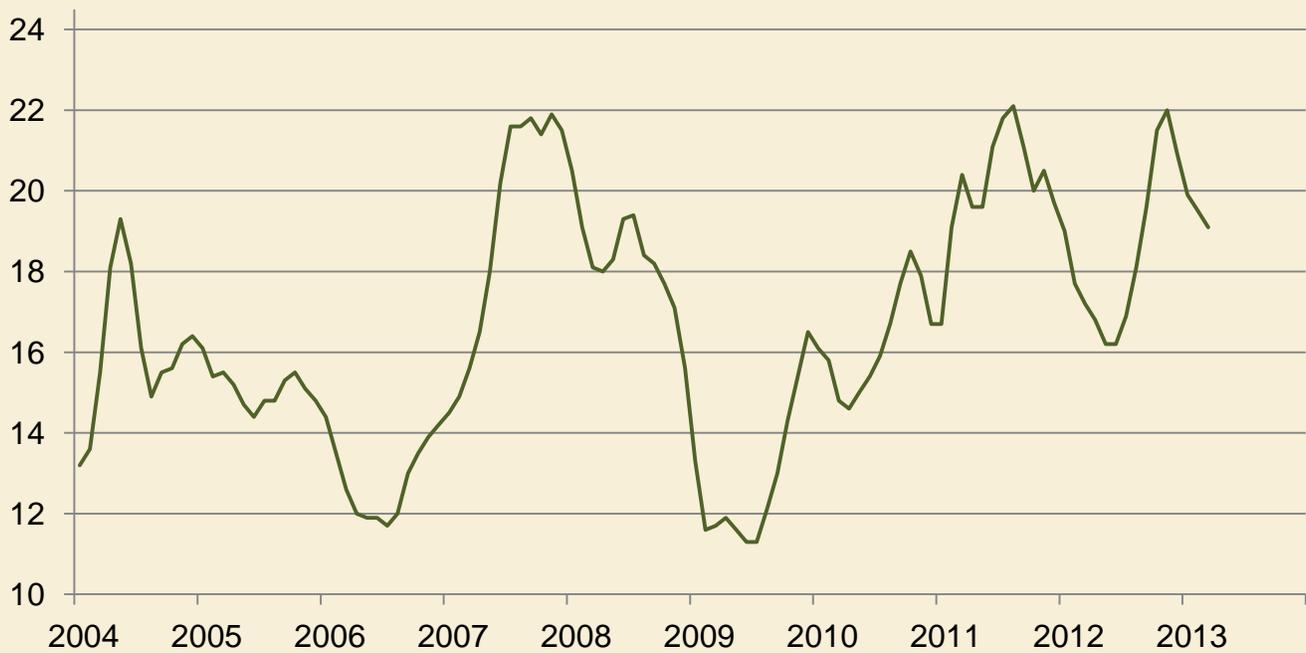
## Prices Received for Cattle by Month – United States

Dollars per cwt



## Prices Received for Milk by Month – United States

Dollars per cwt



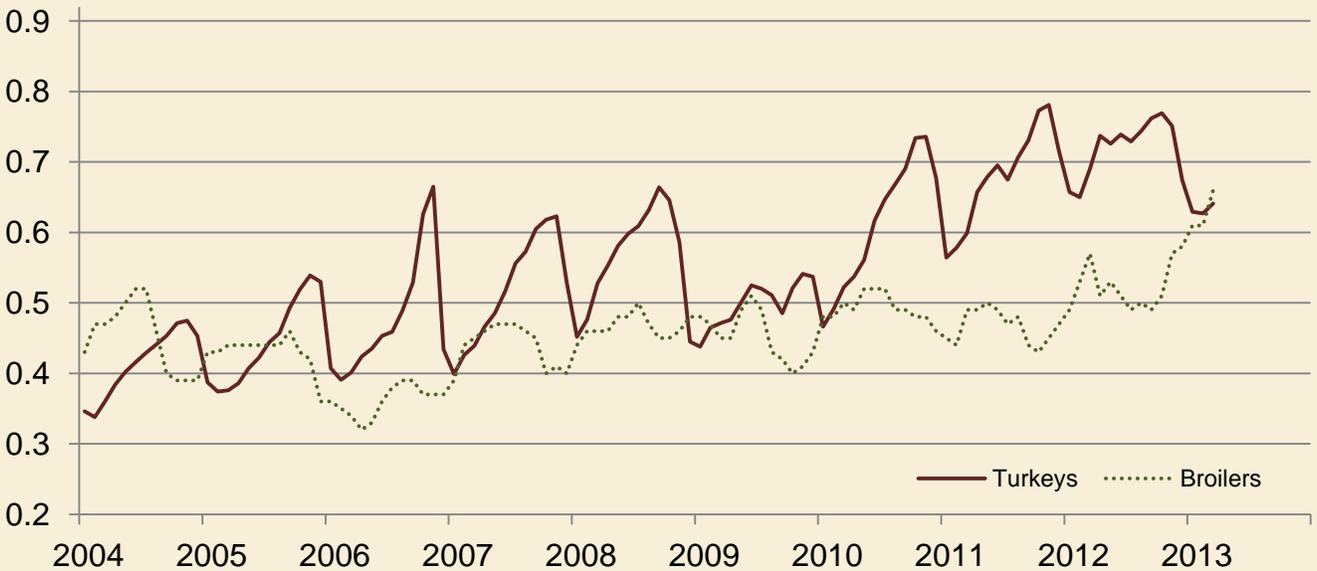
## Prices Received for Hogs by Month – United States

Dollars per cwt



## Prices Received for Poultry by Month – United States

Dollars per pound



## Prices Received for All Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans by Month – United States: 2013 with Comparisons

[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months and years are for the entire month. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	All wheat			Corn			Soybeans		
	2011	2012	Preliminary 2013	2011	2012	Preliminary 2013	2011	2012	Preliminary 2013
	(dollars per bushel)								
January .....	6.69	7.05	8.12	4.94	6.07	6.96	11.60	11.90	14.30
February .....	7.42	7.10	7.97	5.65	6.28	7.04	12.70	12.20	14.60
March .....	7.55	7.20	7.66	5.53	6.35	7.18	12.70	13.00	14.50
April .....	8.01	7.11		6.36	6.34		13.10	13.80	
May .....	8.16	6.67		6.32	6.34		13.20	14.00	
June .....	7.41	6.70		6.38	6.37		13.20	13.90	
July .....	7.10	7.93		6.33	7.14		13.20	15.40	
August .....	7.59	8.04		6.88	7.63		13.40	16.20	
September .....	7.54	8.27		6.38	6.89		12.20	14.30	
October .....	7.27	8.38		5.73	6.77		11.80	14.20	
November .....	7.30	8.46		5.83	7.02		11.70	14.30	
December .....	7.20	8.29		5.86	6.87		11.50	14.30	

## Prices Received for Beef Cattle and All Hogs by Month – United States: 2013 with Comparisons

[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months and years are for the entire month. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Beef cattle <sup>1</sup>			All hogs <sup>2</sup>		
	2011	2012	Preliminary 2013	2011	2012	Preliminary 2013
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
January .....	107.00	125.00	126.00	56.00	63.50	63.80
February .....	108.00	127.00	123.00	61.40	65.50	64.50
March .....	115.00	128.00	125.00	62.90	65.20	59.80
April .....	119.00	124.00		67.80	62.80	
May .....	112.00	122.00		68.60	62.80	
June .....	107.00	121.00		69.70	70.20	
July .....	111.00	114.00		71.70	72.10	
August .....	111.00	117.00		75.80	66.90	
September .....	112.00	121.00		67.10	55.70	
October .....	117.00	123.00		68.70	62.00	
November .....	120.00	123.00		64.40	61.10	
December .....	120.00	124.00		63.50	62.40	

<sup>1</sup> Cows and steers & heifers.

<sup>2</sup> Barrows & gilts and sows.

### Prices Received for All Wheat – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arizona .....	(S)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	(S)
California .....	(D)	(S)	(S)
Colorado .....	6.40	7.72	7.04
Idaho .....	7.24	8.19	8.50
Illinois .....	6.57	8.05	7.30
Indiana .....	7.06	7.80	7.07
Kansas .....	6.77	7.58	7.10
Michigan .....	6.62	7.51	7.00
Minnesota .....	8.07	7.94	7.70
Missouri .....	6.35	7.13	7.00
Montana .....	7.23	8.26	7.90
Nebraska .....	6.33	7.64	7.20
North Carolina .....	6.32	7.97	7.80
North Dakota .....	8.02	8.00	7.73
Ohio .....	6.81	7.67	7.10
Oklahoma .....	6.79	7.46	7.22
Oregon .....	6.82	8.19	8.65
South Dakota .....	7.24	8.05	7.50
Texas .....	7.68	7.22	7.10
Washington .....	6.76	8.04	8.32
United States .....	7.20	7.97	7.66

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

### Prices Received for Winter Wheat – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	(D)	(S)	(S)
Colorado .....	6.40	7.72	7.04
Idaho .....	6.89	8.12	8.45
Illinois .....	6.57	8.05	7.30
Indiana .....	7.06	7.80	7.07
Kansas .....	6.77	7.58	7.10
Michigan .....	6.62	7.51	7.00
Minnesota .....	(D)	(S)	(S)
Missouri .....	6.35	7.13	7.00
Montana .....	6.43	8.22	7.68
Nebraska .....	6.33	7.64	7.20
North Carolina .....	6.32	7.97	7.80
North Dakota .....	6.50	7.56	7.10
Ohio .....	6.81	7.67	7.10
Oklahoma .....	6.79	7.46	7.22
Oregon .....	6.76	8.14	8.62
South Dakota .....	6.56	7.92	7.30
Texas .....	7.68	7.22	(D)
Washington .....	6.56	8.00	8.26
United States .....	6.70	7.87	7.47

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

**Prices Received for Durum Wheat – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons**

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arizona .....	(S)	(D)	(D)
California .....	(S)	(S)	(S)
Idaho .....	(D)	(S)	(S)
Montana .....	9.04	8.10	(D)
North Dakota .....	8.19	8.21	8.10
United States .....	8.39	8.19	8.05

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

**Prices Received for Spring Wheat – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons**

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Colorado .....	6.18	(S)	(S)
Idaho .....	7.85	8.34	8.58
Minnesota .....	8.07	7.94	7.70
Montana .....	8.05	8.33	8.13
North Dakota .....	8.12	7.98	7.70
Oregon .....	7.22	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	8.11	8.11	7.60
Washington .....	7.68	8.24	8.52
United States .....	8.04	8.10	7.86

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

**Prices Received for All Barley – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons**

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
California .....	(S)	(D)	(S)
Colorado .....	5.28	(D)	(S)
Idaho .....	5.27	6.56	6.59
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana .....	5.51	6.49	6.32
North Dakota .....	5.42	6.31	6.24
Oregon .....	4.09	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	5.50
Washington .....	4.45	5.57	(D)
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	5.34	6.47	6.29

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

**Prices Received for Malting Barley – States: March 2013 with Comparisons**

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Idaho .....	5.33	6.57	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(S)	(S)
Montana .....	5.62	6.58	6.40
North Dakota .....	5.48	6.42	6.35
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

**Prices Received for Feed Barley – States: March 2013 with Comparisons**

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Idaho .....	4.60	6.46	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana .....	4.65	5.28	(D)
North Dakota .....	4.92	5.42	(D)
Wyoming .....	(S)	(D)	(S)

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

## Prices Received for Corn – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Colorado .....	6.37	7.26	7.38
Illinois .....	6.48	7.04	7.30
Indiana .....	6.59	7.38	7.49
Iowa .....	6.23	7.00	7.20
Kansas .....	6.42	7.19	7.30
Kentucky .....	6.70	7.18	7.35
Michigan .....	6.44	6.92	7.00
Minnesota .....	6.19	6.88	6.95
Missouri .....	6.50	7.52	7.50
Nebraska .....	6.25	6.92	7.10
North Carolina .....	7.05	7.65	7.70
North Dakota .....	6.06	6.62	6.70
Ohio .....	6.51	7.18	7.29
Pennsylvania .....	7.03	7.36	7.41
South Dakota .....	6.17	6.88	7.00
Tennessee .....	6.97	7.80	7.90
Texas .....	7.08	7.17	7.23
Wisconsin .....	6.25	7.06	7.06
United States .....	6.35	7.04	7.18

## Prices Received for Soybeans – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Arkansas .....	13.20	14.90	14.80
Illinois .....	13.10	14.70	14.60
Indiana .....	13.10	14.80	14.60
Iowa .....	12.80	14.60	14.50
Kansas .....	12.90	14.50	14.30
Kentucky .....	13.10	14.60	14.60
Louisiana .....	12.90	14.70	15.00
Michigan .....	12.90	13.60	14.10
Minnesota .....	12.80	14.40	14.50
Mississippi .....	13.10	15.90	14.70
Missouri .....	13.10	14.80	14.80
Nebraska .....	12.70	14.40	14.40
North Carolina .....	13.30	14.20	14.20
North Dakota .....	12.60	14.20	14.00
Ohio .....	13.50	14.80	14.70
South Dakota .....	12.80	14.40	14.20
Tennessee .....	13.40	15.10	15.00
Wisconsin .....	12.90	14.40	14.50
United States .....	13.00	14.60	14.50

### Prices Received for Oats – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(S)
Iowa .....	3.63	4.03	4.20
Michigan .....	3.77	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3.53	4.00	3.80
Montana .....	2.97	(S)	(S)
Nebraska .....	3.95	(D)	(D)
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	3.09	3.35	(S)
Oregon .....	(S)	(S)	(S)
Pennsylvania .....	4.44	(D)	4.33
South Dakota .....	3.59	4.37	4.26
Texas .....	(S)	(S)	(S)
Wisconsin .....	3.67	4.34	4.20
United States .....	3.77	4.05	4.09

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

### Prices Received for Sorghum Grain – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	(S)
Illinois .....	(D)	12.30	(S)
Kansas .....	10.90	12.10	12.40
Louisiana .....	(D)	(D)	(S)
Missouri .....	10.90	12.80	12.50
Nebraska .....	10.90	12.20	12.40
Oklahoma .....	11.20	11.70	12.20
Texas .....	11.40	12.20	(D)
United States .....	10.90	12.10	12.30

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(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

**Prices Received for Dry Beans – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons**

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
California .....	56.30	(D)	(S)
Colorado .....	50.50	36.00	34.80
Idaho .....	45.20	39.80	(D)
Michigan .....	50.10	(D)	36.20
Minnesota .....	49.90	47.80	(D)
Nebraska .....	40.90	37.40	36.20
North Dakota .....	45.70	32.00	30.50
United States .....	47.10	38.50	32.00

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

**Prices Received for Peanuts (in shell) – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons**

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
Alabama .....	0.340	0.212	0.244
Florida .....	0.360	0.266	0.279
Georgia .....	0.349	0.246	0.271
Mississippi .....	0.350	0.249	0.269
New Mexico .....	(S)	(D)	(S)
North Carolina .....	0.310	0.335	0.363
Oklahoma .....	(D)	0.361	0.354
South Carolina .....	0.371	0.311	0.304
Texas .....	0.378	0.489	0.346
Virginia .....	0.317	0.353	0.329
United States .....	0.348	0.282	0.282

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

### Prices Received for Sunflower – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
Colorado .....	30.90	(S)	(S)
Kansas .....	29.90	27.80	27.40
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	28.80	26.10	24.70
South Dakota .....	28.20	25.40	24.00
United States .....	28.80	25.90	24.70

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

### Prices Received for Canola – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(S)
North Dakota .....	27.10	27.80	26.80
United States .....	27.10	27.80	26.80

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

### Prices Received for Flaxseed – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)
North Dakota .....	13.30	14.30	13.90
United States .....	13.30	14.30	13.90

## Prices Received for Upland Cotton and Cottonseed – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

[Cottonseed marketing year August - February]

State	Cotton, Upland			Cottonseed		
	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)
Alabama .....	0.954	0.788	0.741	(NA)	205.00	(NA)
Arizona .....	(D)	0.718	(D)	(NA)	(S)	(NA)
Arkansas .....	0.922	0.737	(D)	(NA)	(S)	(NA)
California .....	(D)	0.873	(S)	(NA)	(S)	(NA)
Georgia .....	0.930	0.761	0.768	(NA)	209.00	(NA)
Louisiana .....	0.929	0.740	(D)	(NA)	(S)	(NA)
Mississippi .....	0.970	0.741	0.741	(NA)	(S)	(NA)
North Carolina .....	0.916	0.743	0.741	(NA)	222.00	(NA)
Tennessee .....	0.943	0.739	(D)	(NA)	(S)	(NA)
Texas .....	0.831	0.726	(D)	(NA)	271.00	(NA)
United States .....	0.900	0.753	0.746	(NA)	217.00	(NA)

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(NA) Not available.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

## Prices Received and Farm Marketings for Upland Cotton and Rice – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

Item	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
Cotton, Upland			
Average price ..... dollars/pound	0.900	0.753	0.746
Marketings <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000 bales	808	843	(NA)
Rice, all			
Average price ..... dollars/cwt	14.10	14.80	15.30
Marketings <sup>2</sup> ..... 1,000 cwt	14,682	14,029	(NA)
Rice, long			
Average price ..... dollars/cwt	13.00	14.60	14.70
Marketings <sup>2</sup> ..... 1,000 cwt	10,050	11,895	(NA)
Rice, medium and short			
Average price ..... dollars/cwt	16.50	15.80	16.80
Marketings <sup>2</sup> ..... 1,000 cwt	4,632	2,134	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Marketings based on a survey of cotton buyers in the major producing States - Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

<sup>2</sup> Purchases by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped by cooperatives.

## Prices Received for Hay by Type – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

State	All hay			Alfalfa hay			Other hay		
	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)
Arizona .....	256.00	201.00	219.00	260.00	200.00	220.00	195.00	210.00	200.00
California .....	239.00	205.00	201.00	245.00	209.00	204.00	215.00	190.00	185.00
Colorado .....	243.00	244.00	244.00	255.00	245.00	245.00	170.00	235.00	230.00
Idaho .....	206.00	199.00	207.00	210.00	200.00	210.00	145.00	150.00	150.00
Illinois .....	171.00	173.00	173.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	140.00	140.00	145.00
Iowa .....	139.00	226.00	232.00	149.00	240.00	248.00	94.00	155.00	160.00
Kansas .....	170.00	209.00	207.00	220.00	235.00	240.00	100.00	130.00	130.00
Kentucky .....	115.00	125.00	135.00	185.00	210.00	210.00	85.00	100.00	105.00
Michigan .....	114.00	227.00	241.00	125.00	235.00	245.00	80.00	205.00	230.00
Minnesota .....	136.00	228.00	231.00	145.00	255.00	245.00	90.00	165.00	160.00
Missouri .....	108.00	123.00	133.00	210.00	240.00	240.00	85.00	110.00	110.00
Montana .....	104.00	160.00	169.00	105.00	164.00	170.00	97.00	125.00	164.00
Nebraska .....	130.00	215.00	218.00	140.00	231.00	236.00	99.00	162.00	163.00
Nevada .....	223.00	205.00	202.00	226.00	205.00	203.00	175.00	163.00	186.00
New Mexico .....	290.00	229.00	228.00	301.00	236.00	235.00	224.00	175.00	175.00
New York .....	108.00	133.00	134.00	160.00	208.00	216.00	105.00	130.00	130.00
North Dakota .....	75.00	135.00	135.00	78.00	138.00	144.00	56.00	89.00	84.00
Ohio .....	145.00	227.00	235.00	192.00	260.00	255.00	111.00	210.00	220.00
Oklahoma .....	164.00	187.00	181.00	241.00	240.00	238.00	145.00	129.00	130.00
Oregon .....	235.00	217.00	206.00	246.00	220.00	227.00	208.00	212.00	177.00
Pennsylvania .....	183.00	185.00	176.00	228.00	209.00	204.00	174.00	170.00	164.00
South Dakota .....	122.00	216.00	221.00	129.00	230.00	230.00	85.00	158.00	170.00
Texas .....	190.00	119.00	115.00	276.00	242.00	239.00	162.00	95.00	90.00
Utah .....	173.00	182.00	171.00	173.00	184.00	175.00	141.00	148.00	142.00
Washington .....	232.00	227.00	223.00	245.00	230.00	225.00	215.00	220.00	220.00
Wisconsin .....	124.00	243.00	237.00	135.00	260.00	255.00	90.00	170.00	175.00
Wyoming .....	151.00	215.00	217.00	155.00	220.00	220.00	130.00	200.00	200.00
United States .....	183.00	194.00	196.00	200.00	218.00	219.00	147.00	148.00	149.00

## Prices Received for Apples – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

[Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for California, Michigan, New York, and Washington. Prices at point of first sale for other States]

State	Apples, fresh use		
	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
California .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Michigan .....	0.320	(NA)	(NA)
New York .....	0.298	0.461	0.452
Ohio .....	0.470	0.720	0.760
Pennsylvania .....	0.402	(S)	0.492
Virginia .....	0.350	0.560	0.540
Washington .....	0.338	0.429	0.397
United States .....	0.332	0.435	0.404

(NA) Not available.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

## Prices Received for Citrus Fruits by Utilization – States and United States: March 2012

[Net pounds per box: grapefruit in California-80, Florida-85, Texas-80; lemons-80; oranges in California-80, Florida-90, Texas-85; tangelos-90; tangerines and mandarins in Arizona and California-80, Florida-95]

Commodity, State, and type	FOB packed fresh	Equivalent returns					
		Packinghouse door			On-tree		
		All	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process
	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)
<b>Grapefruit</b>							
California <sup>1</sup> .....	20.30	13.77	13.77	(D)	11.63	11.63	(D)
Florida .....	24.70	9.44	13.96	7.95	6.59	11.71	4.90
White .....	25.00	8.10	14.05	7.70	5.34	11.85	4.90
Colored .....	24.70	10.20	13.95	8.15	7.31	11.70	4.90
Texas .....	24.20	7.77	13.00	1.60	6.29	11.45	0.20
United States .....	23.70	9.53	13.72	7.36	6.91	11.64	4.47
<b>Lemons</b>							
Arizona .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	35.00	18.56	23.88	(D)	12.57	17.89	(D)
United States .....	35.00	18.50	23.88	(D)	12.51	17.89	(D)
<b>Oranges</b>							
California .....	22.10	11.36	13.32	(D)	8.87	10.86	(D)
Navel and miscellaneous .....	22.20	11.44	13.39	(D)	8.95	10.93	(D)
Valencia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	25.30	11.09	14.15	11.00	8.39	11.35	8.30
Valencia .....	25.30	11.09	14.15	11.00	8.39	11.35	8.30
United States .....	22.50	11.17	13.43	10.55	8.52	10.96	7.85
<b>Tangerines and mandarins</b>							
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	32.90	15.66	19.50	9.65	11.78	15.95	5.25
United States .....	38.50	27.05	29.58	6.61	24.11	26.82	2.29

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<sup>1</sup> Some processed sales included in fresh sales.

## Prices Received for Citrus Fruits by Utilization – States and United States: February 2013

[Net pounds per box: grapefruit in California-80, Florida-85, Texas-80; lemons-80; oranges in California-80, Florida-90, Texas-85; tangelos-90; tangerines and mandarins in Arizona and California-80, Florida-95]

Commodity, State, and type	FOB packed fresh	Equivalent returns					
		Packinghouse door			On-tree		
		All	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process
	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)
Grapefruit							
California <sup>1</sup> .....	20.50	13.84	13.84	(D)	11.66	11.66	(D)
Florida .....	21.60	8.33	10.84	6.71	5.57	8.60	3.62
White .....	24.70	8.58	13.75	7.00	5.92	11.55	4.20
Colored .....	21.00	8.23	10.25	6.55	5.43	8.00	3.30
Texas .....	25.30	7.99	13.90	1.60	6.49	12.32	0.17
United States .....	22.20	8.50	11.72	6.00	5.97	9.61	3.14
Lemons							
Arizona .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	29.30	13.03	20.22	(D)	7.63	14.32	(D)
United States .....	29.30	12.58	20.24	(D)	7.22	14.34	(D)
Oranges							
California .....	21.60	10.91	12.61	(D)	8.38	10.10	(D)
Navel and miscellaneous .....	21.60	10.91	12.61	(D)	8.38	10.10	(D)
Florida .....	21.80	8.86	10.65	8.80	6.35	8.05	6.30
Early and mids .....	21.80	8.86	10.65	8.80	6.35	8.05	6.30
United States .....	21.60	9.58	12.49	8.18	7.07	9.98	5.67
Tangelos							
Florida .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
United States .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Tangerines and mandarins							
Arizona .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	33.50	16.17	20.10	7.55	12.35	16.55	3.15
United States .....	36.30	22.96	27.18	2.17	19.96	24.36	-1.73

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

<sup>1</sup> Some processed sales included in fresh sales.

## Prices Received for Citrus Fruits by Utilization – States and United States: March 2013

[Net pounds per box: grapefruit in California-80, Florida-85, Texas-80; lemons-80; oranges in California-80, Florida-90, Texas-85; tangelos-90; tangerines and mandarins in Arizona and California-80, Florida-95]

Commodity, State, and type	FOB packed fresh	Equivalent returns					
		Packinghouse door			On-tree		
		All	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process
	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)	(dollars per box)
<b>Grapefruit</b>							
California <sup>1</sup> .....	14.40	7.74	7.74	(D)	5.56	5.56	(D)
Florida .....	21.00	7.62	10.18	6.70	4.80	7.94	3.67
White .....	21.30	7.32	10.35	7.00	4.57	8.15	4.20
Colored .....	20.90	7.82	10.15	6.40	4.95	7.90	3.15
Texas .....	25.00	6.94	13.60	1.60	5.45	12.02	0.17
United States .....	21.20	7.50	10.75	5.92	4.95	8.68	3.13
<b>Lemons</b>							
Arizona .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
California .....	28.70	12.65	19.62	(D)	7.26	13.72	(D)
United States .....	28.70	12.65	19.62	(D)	7.26	13.72	(D)
<b>Oranges</b>							
California .....	21.40	10.64	12.41	(D)	8.11	9.90	(D)
Navel and miscellaneous .....	21.40	10.64	12.41	(D)	8.11	9.90	(D)
Florida .....	21.10	10.00	9.99	10.00	7.30	7.20	7.30
Early and mids .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Valencia .....	21.20	10.00	10.05	10.00	7.30	7.25	7.30
United States .....	21.40	10.20	12.25	9.35	7.55	9.72	6.66
<b>Tangerines and mandarins</b>							
Arizona .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	37.80	18.28	24.40	7.80	14.42	20.85	3.40
United States .....	40.10	27.84	31.21	2.76	24.92	28.43	-1.18

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

<sup>1</sup> Some processed sales included in fresh sales.

## Prices Received for Potatoes – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

State	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
California			
Spring .....	(S)	(S)	(S)
Fall .....	8.75	6.75	6.75
All <sup>1</sup> .....	8.75	6.75	6.75
Colorado			
Fresh <sup>2</sup> .....	12.90	6.90	(D)
All <sup>1</sup> .....	11.20	6.50	6.60
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho			
Fresh <sup>2</sup> .....	9.70	4.10	(D)
Processing .....	8.60	8.20	(D)
All <sup>1</sup> .....	9.55	6.75	6.90
Maine .....	11.20	11.00	11.40
Michigan .....	13.30	12.30	12.70
Minnesota .....	6.70	8.90	(D)
New York .....	15.30	14.00	14.20
North Carolina .....	(S)	(S)	(S)
North Dakota			
Fresh <sup>2</sup> .....	12.20	8.45	(D)
Processing .....	7.45	8.25	(D)
All <sup>1</sup> .....	9.35	8.50	(D)
Oregon .....	10.00	7.85	8.15
Texas .....	(S)	(S)	(S)
Virginia .....	(S)	(S)	(S)
Washington			
Processing .....	7.80	7.55	(D)
All <sup>1</sup> .....	8.80	7.60	7.70
Wisconsin			
Fresh <sup>2</sup> .....	11.90	7.00	(D)
Processing .....	9.50	9.20	(D)
All <sup>1</sup> .....	11.00	8.60	(D)
United States			
Fresh <sup>2</sup> .....	12.06	6.89	(D)
Processing .....	8.35	8.51	(D)
All <sup>1</sup> .....	9.98	8.12	8.14

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

<sup>1</sup> Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed.

<sup>2</sup> Fresh market prices only. Includes table stock prices.

## Prices Received for All Milk – States and United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

[Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies]

State	March 2012		February 2013		Preliminary March 2013	
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test
	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)
Arizona .....	16.50	3.52	18.60	3.55	18.40	3.50
California .....	15.51	3.69	18.01	3.80	17.70	3.73
Colorado .....	17.50	3.55	19.80	3.66	19.30	3.60
Florida .....	21.10	3.60	23.30	3.70	22.70	3.68
Idaho .....	16.70	3.65	18.50	3.85	18.40	3.80
Illinois .....	17.50	3.72	20.00	3.84	19.40	3.80
Indiana .....	17.50	3.64	20.10	3.82	19.70	3.75
Iowa .....	17.60	3.75	20.00	3.84	19.50	3.80
Kansas .....	17.60	3.78	19.90	3.82	19.60	3.78
Michigan .....	17.90	3.67	19.90	3.77	19.70	3.72
Minnesota .....	18.00	3.82	20.00	3.92	19.70	3.89
Missouri .....	17.60	3.69	20.00	3.83	19.50	3.78
New Mexico .....	15.90	3.53	18.40	3.67	18.10	3.55
New York .....	18.40	3.74	20.70	3.81	20.10	3.77
Ohio .....	18.50	3.74	20.90	3.89	20.20	3.83
Oregon .....	18.30	3.83	20.50	3.92	20.30	3.90
Pennsylvania .....	19.00	3.72	21.10	3.82	20.80	3.80
Texas .....	17.20	3.75	19.80	3.90	19.30	3.80
Utah .....	16.50	3.72	19.10	3.88	18.90	3.83
Vermont .....	18.50	3.81	20.80	3.87	20.00	3.85
Virginia .....	19.00	3.70	22.20	3.81	21.50	3.72
Washington .....	17.50	3.83	19.80	3.92	19.50	3.90
Wisconsin .....	17.70	3.73	19.70	3.85	19.40	3.83
United States .....	17.20	3.70	19.50	3.82	19.10	3.77

## Prices Received for Milk Cows – States and United States: January 2013 with Comparisons

[Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices estimated in January, April, July, and October]

State	January 2012 (dollars per head)	October 2012 (dollars per head)	January 2013 (dollars per head)
Arizona .....	1,500	1,450	1,500
California .....	1,400	1,300	1,200
Colorado .....	1,500	1,430	1,500
Florida .....	1,490	1,470	1,470
Idaho .....	1,450	1,400	1,300
Illinois .....	1,500	1,420	1,450
Indiana .....	1,450	1,350	1,440
Iowa .....	1,420	1,420	1,400
Kansas .....	1,400	1,300	1,350
Michigan .....	1,600	1,500	1,600
Minnesota .....	1,430	1,350	1,400
Missouri .....	1,200	1,100	1,200
New Mexico .....	1,380	1,400	1,380
New York .....	1,450	1,410	1,400
Ohio .....	1,500	1,380	1,400
Oregon .....	1,440	1,360	1,300
Pennsylvania .....	1,500	1,430	1,430
Texas .....	1,400	1,370	1,350
Utah .....	1,340	1,240	1,280
Vermont .....	1,550	1,550	1,490
Virginia .....	1,520	1,470	1,520
Washington .....	1,400	1,300	1,300
Wisconsin .....	1,550	1,460	1,480
United States .....	1,460	1,390	1,370

## Commodity Parity Prices and Price as Percent of Parity Price – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

[Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle a, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, and 1956. See January *Agricultural Prices* for details on adjusted base price and parity price computations. Parity data not available for blank cells. Primary source of data for livestock and milk prices is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

Commodity and unit	Adjusted base price	Parity price			Price as percent of parity		
		March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Basic commodities</b>							
All wheat .....bushel	0.636	17.70	18.60	18.70	41	43	41
Rice .....cwt	1.65	40.80	48.20	48.50	35	31	32
Corn .....bushel	0.434	11.60	12.70	12.80	55	55	56
<b>Cotton</b>							
Upland ..... pound	0.072	2.01	2.10	2.12	45	36	35
American Pima ..... pound	0.133	3.94	3.89	3.91	37	32	32
Peanuts ..... pound	0.027	0.726	0.789	0.794	48	36	36
<b>Designated nonbasic</b>							
All milk, to plants <sup>1</sup> .....cwt	1.75	50.30	51.10	51.50	36	39	39
Honey, extracted <sup>2</sup> ..... pound	0.141	3.88	4.12	4.15	45	42	42
<b>Wool and mohair</b>							
Wool ..... pound	0.107	2.90	3.13	3.15	58	49	49
Mohair ..... pound	0.336	9.30	9.82	9.89	45	40	39
<b>Other nonbasic</b>							
Apples, fresh <sup>3</sup> ..... pound	0.032	0.922	0.935	0.941	36	47	43
Barley .....bushel	0.444	12.20	13.00	13.10	44	50	48
Canola .....cwt	1.880	50.80	54.90	55.30	53	51	48
Cottonseed ..... ton	17.80	486.00	520.00	524.00	57	42	41
Dry edible beans .....cwt	3.01	84.10	88.00	88.60	56	44	36
Flaxseed .....bushel	1.110	30.70	32.40	32.70	43	44	43
Oats .....bushel	0.265	7.35	7.74	7.80	51	52	52
Potatoes .....cwt	0.822	23.90	24.00	24.20	42	34	34
Sorghum grain .....cwt	0.758	20.40	22.10	22.30	53	55	55
Soybeans .....bushel	1.030	27.90	30.10	30.30	47	49	48
Sunflower, all .....cwt	2.10	57.50	61.40	61.80	50	42	40
<b>Citrus (equivalent on-tree)</b>							
Grapefruit .....box	0.697	19.30	20.40	20.50	36	29	24
Lemons .....box	1.32	38.30	38.60	38.80	33	19	19
Oranges .....box	0.711	19.50	20.80	20.90	44	34	36
Tangerines .....box	1.49	41.60	43.50	43.80	58	46	57
<b>Livestock and poultry</b>							
Beef cattle .....cwt	10.00	282.00	292.00	294.00	45	42	43
Calves .....cwt	13.70	388.00	400.00	403.00	47	42	40
Hogs .....cwt	5.48	154.00	160.00	161.00	42	40	37
Eggs <sup>1</sup> .....dozen	0.089	2.54	2.60	2.62	36	38	40
Turkeys, live ..... pound	0.057	1.590	1.670	1.680	43	38	38

<sup>1</sup> Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

<sup>2</sup> Wholesale extracted. Adjusted base price derived from state annual averages prices weighted by production. For 1982 through 1985 the national averages are the support prices.

<sup>3</sup> Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for California, New York, Oregon, and Washington. Price at point of first sale for other states.

## Commodity Parity Prices – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

[Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle a, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, and 1956. See January *Agricultural Prices* for details on adjusted base price and parity price computations]

Commodity and unit	Adjusted base price	Parity price			
		March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	
<b>Field crops and miscellaneous</b>					
Hops .....	pound	0.303	8.55	8.85	8.91
Mustard seed .....	cwt	2.85	78.80	83.30	83.80
Rapeseed .....	cwt	2.25	62.30	65.70	66.20
Rye .....	bushel	0.535	14.70	15.60	15.70
Safflower .....	cwt	2.04	56.40	59.60	60.00
Spearmint oil .....	pound	1.50	41.90	43.80	44.10
Sweet potatoes .....	cwt	2.08	61.40	60.80	61.20
<b>Tobacco</b>					
Flue-cured, 11-14 .....	pound	0.185	5.47	5.41	5.44
Fire-cured, 21-23 .....	pound	0.267	7.90	7.80	7.86
Burley, 31 .....	pound	0.188	5.64	5.49	5.53
Maryland, 32 .....	pound	0.167	4.86	4.88	4.91
Dark air-cured, 35-37 .....	pound	0.240	7.15	7.01	7.06
Pennsylvania seedleaf, 41 .....	pound	0.176	5.08	5.14	5.18
Cigar binder, 51 .....	pound	0.610	17.90	17.80	17.90
<b>Noncitrus fruit</b>					
Apples, processing <sup>1</sup> .....	ton	16.60	461.00	485.00	488.00
Apricots					
Fresh <sup>2</sup> .....	ton	111.00	3,440.00	3,240.00	3,270.00
Dried (California) .....	ton	252.00	7,230.00	7,360.00	7,410.00
Avocados <sup>2</sup> .....	ton	189.00	5,700.00	5,520.00	5,560.00
Cherries					
Sweet .....	ton	205.00	6,000.00	5,990.00	6,030.00
Tart .....	pound	0.033	0.950	0.964	0.971
Cranberry <sup>3</sup> .....	barrel	4.68	135.00	137.00	138.00
Dates (California) <sup>2</sup> .....	ton	161.00	4,940.00	4,700.00	4,740.00
<b>Grapes</b>					
Raisin variety .....	ton	133.00	3,490.00	3,890.00	3,910.00
Other dried .....	ton	61.70	1,570.00	1,800.00	1,820.00
Kiwifruit .....	ton	88.60	2,630.00	2,590.00	2,610.00
Nectarines, fresh (California) <sup>2</sup> .....	ton	54.60	1,510.00	1,600.00	1,610.00
Olives, canning (California) <sup>3</sup> .....	ton	87.70	2,500.00	2,560.00	2,580.00

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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## Commodity Parity Prices – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons (continued)

[Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle a, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, and 1956. See January *Agricultural Prices* for details on adjusted base price and parity price computations]

Commodity and unit	Adjusted base price	Parity price		
		March 2012	February 2013	March 2013
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Noncitrus fruit - continued				
Papayas (Hawaii) ..... pound	0.038	1.23	1.11	1.12
Peaches				
Fresh <sup>4</sup> ..... ton	80.20	2,290.00	2,340.00	2,360.00
Dried (California) ..... ton	48.50	1,500.00	1,420.00	1,430.00
Processing, excludes dried				
Clingstone (California) <sup>3</sup> ..... ton	31.60	930.00	923.00	930.00
Pears				
Fresh <sup>4</sup> ..... ton	54.70	1,550.00	1,600.00	1,610.00
Dried (California) <sup>1</sup> ..... ton	150.00	4,780.00	4,380.00	4,410.00
Plums (California)				
Fresh, equivalent on-tree ..... ton	58.10	1,640.00	1,700.00	1,710.00
Prunes, dried (California) <sup>1</sup> ..... ton	143.00	4,130.00	4,180.00	4,210.00
Prunes and plums				
Fresh, excludes California <sup>5</sup> ..... ton	61.90	1,740.00	1,810.00	1,820.00
Processing, excludes dried <sup>1</sup> ..... ton	23.80	704.00	695.00	700.00
Tree nuts <sup>6</sup>				
Almonds ..... pound	0.211	5.95	6.17	6.21
Hazelnuts ..... ton	191.00	5,470.00	5,580.00	5,620.00
Pistachios ..... pound	0.194	5.47	5.67	5.71
Walnuts ..... ton	185.00	5,000.00	5,410.00	5,440.00
Vegetables, fresh <sup>7</sup>				
Carrots <sup>8</sup> ..... cwt	2.57	75.10	75.10	75.60
Cauliflower <sup>8</sup> ..... cwt	4.04	120.00	118.00	119.00
Celery <sup>8</sup> ..... cwt	1.94	56.10	56.70	57.10
Honeydew melons ..... cwt	1.97	58.40	57.60	58.00
Lettuce ..... cwt	2.09	64.00	61.10	61.50
Onions <sup>8</sup> ..... cwt	1.41	41.60	41.20	41.50
Tomatoes ..... cwt	4.30	131.00	126.00	127.00

<sup>1</sup> Equivalent returns at processing plant door.

<sup>2</sup> Equivalent returns at packinghouse door.

<sup>3</sup> Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point.

<sup>4</sup> Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for California, New York (apples only), Oregon (except peaches), and Washington. Price at point of first sale for other states.

<sup>5</sup> Based on "as sold" prices for fresh fruit in all states.

<sup>6</sup> Prices In-Shell basis except almonds which are shelled basis.

<sup>7</sup> FOB shipping point prices.

<sup>8</sup> Includes some processing.

## Reliability of Prices Received Estimates

**Definition:** Prices received represent sales from producers to first buyers. They include all grades and qualities. The average commodity price from the survey multiplied by the total quantity marketed theoretically should give the total cash receipts for the commodity.

**Survey procedures:** Primary sales data used to determine grain prices were obtained from probability samples of about 1900 mills and elevators. These procedures ensure that virtually all grain moving into commercial channels has a chance of being included in the survey. Generally, States surveyed account for 90 percent or more of total United States production. Livestock prices are obtained from packers, stockyards, auctions, dealers, and market check data from AMS-USDA, private marketing organizations, and state commodity groups and agencies. Inter-farm sales of grain and livestock are not included since they represent very small percentages of the total marketings. Grain marketed for seed is also excluded. Fruit and vegetable prices are obtained from sample surveys and market check data from AMS-USDA, private marketing organizations, state agencies, and universities.

**Summary and estimation procedures:** Survey quantities sold are expanded by strata to state levels and used to weight average strata prices to a state average. State prices are then weighted to a United States price based on expanded marketings. Recommendations are prepared by the State Field Offices and reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board in Washington, D.C. State recommendations are reviewed for reasonableness with survey data, other States, and recent historic estimates.

**Revisions:** For most items, the current month's preliminary price represents a 3-5 day period around the 15th of the month. Previous month's prices represent actual dollars received for quantities sold during the entire month. Revisions are published in monthly issues of *Agricultural Prices*.

**Reliability:** United States price estimates based on probability surveys generally have a sampling error of less than one percent for the major commodities such as corn, wheat, soybeans, cotton, and rice. Current methods of summarization for non-probability commodities are not designed directly to calculate sampling errors. However, analytical measures approximate the United States relative sampling errors at around five percent. Any nonsampling errors are attributed to such things as the inability to obtain correct information, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, mistakes in coding or processing the data, etc. Efforts are made at each step in the survey process to minimize these nonsampling errors.

## Prices Paid by Farmers

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) at 221 (1990-1992=100) was unchanged from February 2013 but up 3.8 percent from March 2012.

**Production index:** The March index, at 235, was unchanged from last month but increased 3.5 percent from last year. Higher prices in March for nitrogen, feed grains, mixed fertilizer, and supplements offset lower prices for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, potash & phosphate, and diesel.

**Feed:** The March index, at 277, increased 0.7 percent from February and increased 18 percent from last March. Since February, higher prices for feed grains, supplements, and hay & forages offset lower prices for complete feeds and concentrates.

**Livestock and poultry:** The March index, at 161, decreased 4.2 percent from last month and decreased 13 percent from last year. Since February, prices for feeder cattle and feeder pigs are lower. The March feeder cattle price, at \$139.10 per cwt, is down \$5.30 per cwt from the February price. March feeder pigs averaged \$159.00 per cwt, down \$25.00 per cwt from February.

**Fertilizer:** The March index, at 344, is up 1.5 percent from February and 3.3 percent above March a year ago. Since February, higher prices for nitrogen and mixed fertilizer more than offset lower prices for potash & phosphate.

**Chemicals:** The March index, at 154, decreased 0.6 percent from February but increased 1.3 percent from last March. Compared with last month, prices for herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides/other are lower.

**Fuels:** The March index, at 362, is down 0.3 percent from a month earlier and 5.2 percent below March 2012. Compared with last month, prices are lower for diesel but higher for gasoline and LP gas.

**Machinery:** The March index, at 258, was unchanged from February but is 2.4 percent above last March. Compared with last month, prices are higher for other machinery and tractors but lower for self-propelled machinery.

**Consumer price index:** The February 2013 Consumer Price Index, as issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for all urban consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.8 percent before seasonal adjustment to a level of 232.166 (1982-1984=100). The January index is 230.280. For the 12 month period ending in February, the overall index increased 2.0 percent.

## Prices Paid Indexes and Related Parity Ratios – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

[Revised historical price indexes for months not shown are available at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)]

Indexes and ratios	1910-1914 Base			1990-1992 Base		
	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Prices paid by farmers for commodities, services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (PPITW) .....	2842	2940	2942	213	221	221
Production .....	2200	2285	2283	227	235	235
Feed .....	1146	1345	1350	235	275	277
Livestock and poultry .....	2350	2150	2060	184	168	161
Seeds .....	3606	3606	3606	364	364	364
Fertilizer .....	1219	1243	1260	333	339	344
Chemicals .....	939	957	954	152	155	154
Fuels .....	2950	2799	2796	382	363	362
Supplies and repairs .....	1207	1218	1218	170	172	172
Autos and trucks .....	3136	3172	3177	118	119	119
Machinery .....	6330	6468	6484	252	258	258
Building materials .....	2376	2426	2433	175	179	179
Services and rent .....	2180	2229	2230	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Services .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	167	170	170
Rent .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	212	217	217
Interest <sup>1</sup> .....	3684	3594	3594	147	143	143
Taxes <sup>2</sup> .....	6080	6273	6273	227	234	234
Wage rates .....	7444	7599	7599	199	203	203
Production, interest, taxes, and wage rates (PITW) .....	2972	3081	3080	221	229	229
Family living-CPI <sup>3</sup> .....	2179	2205	2223	170	172	174
Ratio (received/paid) .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	86	90	91
Parity ratio <sup>4</sup> .....	41	43	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Parity ratio adjusted <sup>5</sup> .....	42	44	45	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
PPITW adjusted for productivity <sup>6</sup> .....	1497	1486	1489	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Crop sector (PPITW) .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	222	227	227
Livestock sector (PPITW) .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	204	215	214
Farm sector (production) .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	240	257	256
Non-farm sector (production) .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	220	223	224

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Interest per acre on farm real estate debt and interest rate on farm non-real estate debt.

<sup>2</sup> Farm real estate taxes payable per acre.

<sup>3</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), for the previous month converted by the USDA.

<sup>4</sup> Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-1914=100).

<sup>5</sup> Based on estimated cash receipts, from marketings and government payments, the preliminary adjustment factor is 1.044 for 2013 and the revised factor is 1.041 for 2012.

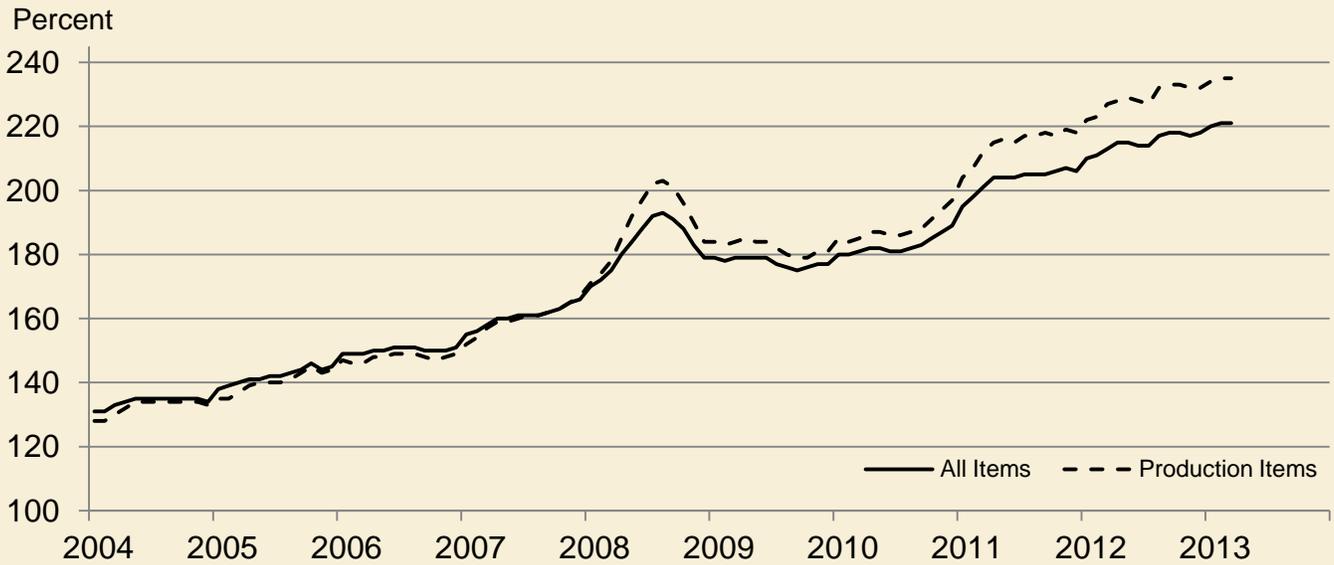
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## Prices Paid Indexes and Annual Weights for Input Components and Sub-components – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

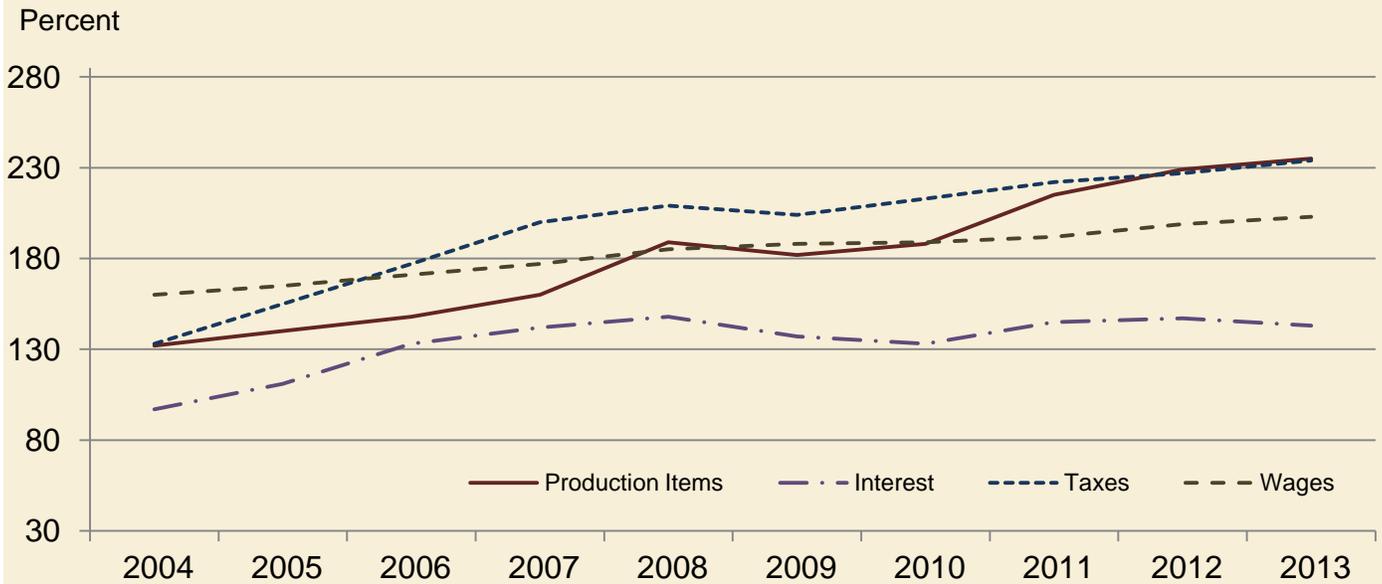
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	Relative weights		Indexes (1990-1992=100)		
	2012	2013	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Production items .....	71.1	71.9	227	235	235
Feed .....	12.7	13.4	235	275	277
Feed grains .....	1.8	1.9	272	302	307
Complete feeds .....	6.2	6.6	230	284	283
Hay and forages .....	1.6	1.7	239	252	254
Concentrates .....	2.0	2.1	210	241	240
Supplements .....	1.1	1.1	238	282	287
Livestock and poultry .....	8.3	8.0	184	168	161
Feeder cattle .....	6.5	6.3	188	171	164
Feeder pigs .....	0.7	0.6	215	200	173
Milk cow replacements .....	0.7	0.7	129	121	121
Poultry .....	0.5	0.5	158	158	158
Seeds .....	4.3	4.4	364	364	364
Field crops .....	3.9	4.0	384	384	384
Grasses and legumes .....	0.4	0.4	178	178	178
Fertilizer .....	5.7	6.1	333	339	344
Mixed fertilizer .....	2.5	2.7	321	297	300
Nitrogen .....	2.4	2.6	327	374	386
Potash and phosphate .....	0.8	0.9	386	368	355
Chemicals .....	3.2	3.2	152	155	154
Herbicides .....	2.0	2.0	136	139	138
Insecticides .....	0.7	0.7	176	175	175
Fungicides and other .....	0.5	0.5	182	193	192
Fuels .....	4.0	4.0	382	363	362
Diesel .....	2.5	2.5	423	422	419
Gasoline .....	0.8	0.8	333	319	323
LP gas .....	0.7	0.7	292	199	200
Supplies and repairs .....	4.6	4.5	170	172	172
Supplies .....	1.5	1.5	165	166	166
Repairs .....	3.0	3.0	173	174	174
Autos and trucks .....	1.2	1.2	118	119	119
Autos .....	0.2	0.2	115	117	117
Trucks .....	1.1	1.1	118	120	120
Machinery .....	4.3	4.5	252	258	258
Tractors .....	0.9	1.0	210	209	209
Self-propelled .....	1.7	1.8	270	271	270
Other machinery .....	1.6	1.7	259	272	274
Building materials .....	4.2	4.1	175	179	179
Services .....	12.0	11.7	167	170	170
Custom rates .....	1.2	1.2	157	157	157
Other services .....	10.7	10.5	168	171	172
Rent .....	6.6	6.7	212	217	217
Cash .....	3.5	3.6	270	278	278
Share .....	3.0	3.1	145	147	147
Interest .....	3.4	3.2	147	143	143
Taxes .....	3.1	3.1	227	234	234
Wage rates .....	7.2	6.9	199	203	203
Family living-CPI .....	15.3	15.0	170	172	174

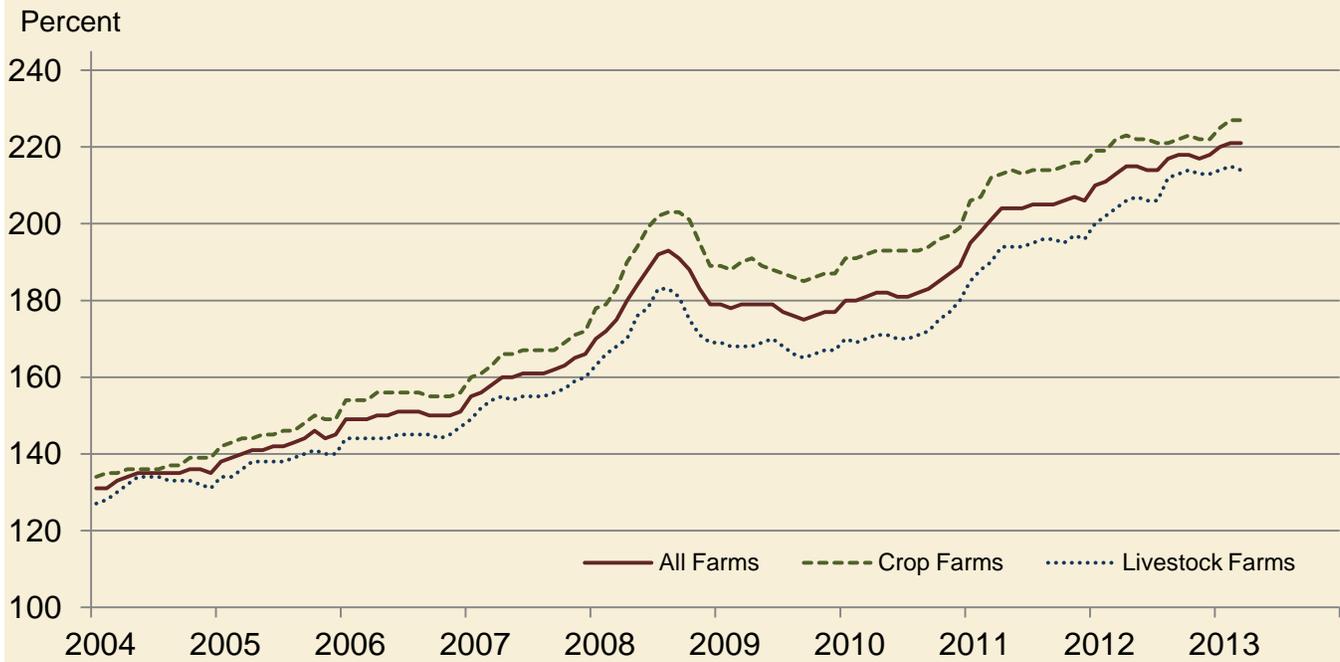
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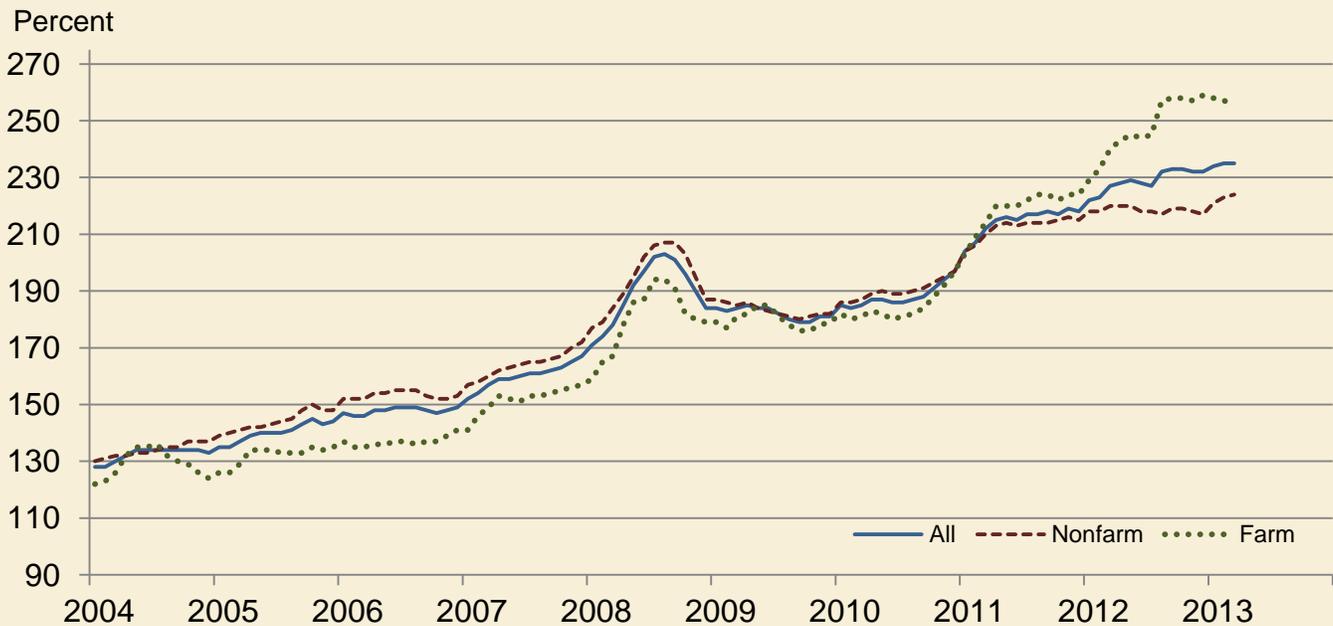
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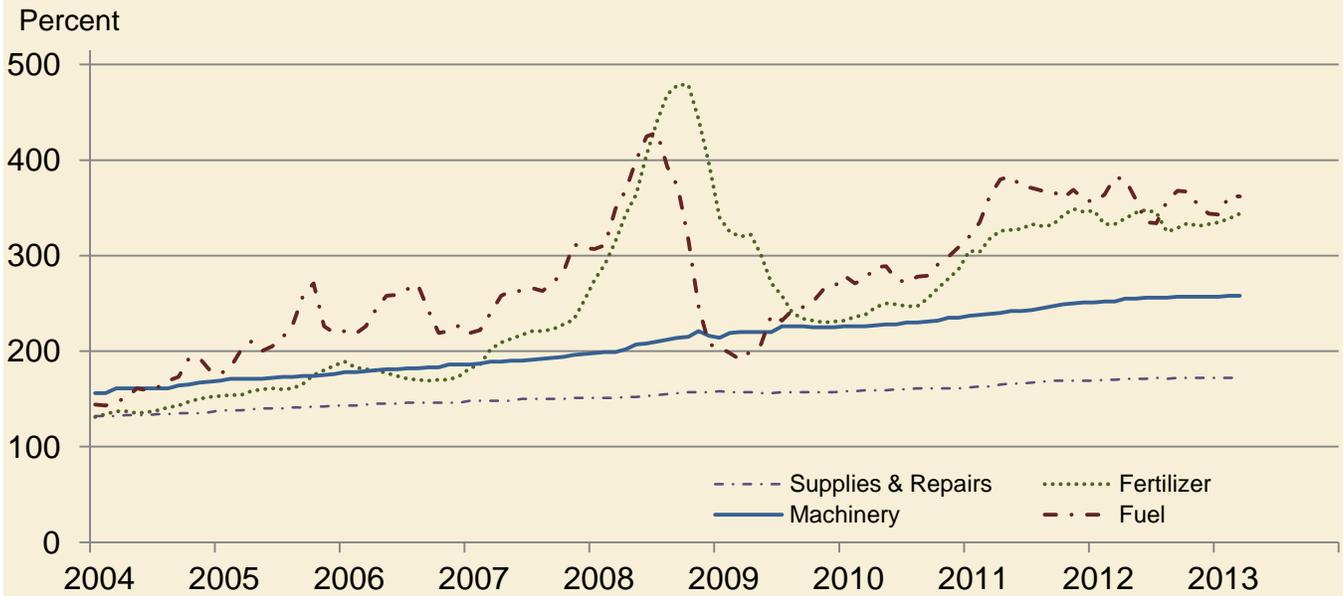
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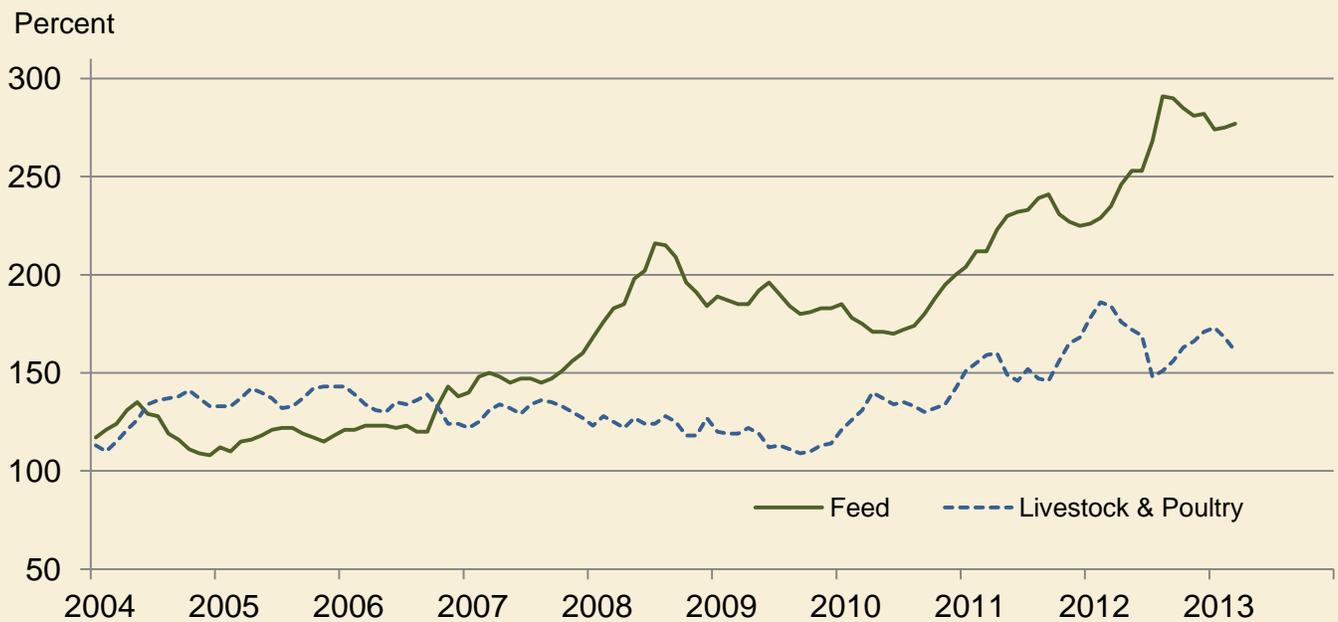
## Paid Indexes by Origin and Month, All Production Items – United States: 1990-1992=100



### Paid Indexes by Non-Farm Sector and Month, Supplies & Repairs, Fertilizer, Machinery, and Fuel – United States: 1990-1992=100



### Paid Indexes by Month, Feed and Livestock & Poultry – United States: 1990-1992=100



## Feed Price Ratios – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

Feed price ratio <sup>1</sup>	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
Broiler-feed: pounds of broiler grower feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight <sup>2</sup> .....	3.6	3.5	3.8
Market egg feed: pounds of laying feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	5.7	5.0	6.1
Hog-corn: bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight .....	10.3	9.2	8.3
Milk-feed: pounds of 16% mixed dairy feed equal in value to 1 pound of whole milk <sup>4</sup> .....	1.48	1.52	1.47
Steer and heifer-corn: bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of steer & heifers, live weight .....	20.8	18.0	17.8
Turkey-feed: pounds of turkey grower equal in value to 1 pound of turkey, live weight <sup>5</sup> .....	4.8	3.9	4.0

<sup>1</sup> Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current United States prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

<sup>2</sup> The price of commercial prepared broiler feed is based on current United States prices received for corn and soybeans. The modeled feed uses 58 percent corn and 42 percent soybeans.

<sup>3</sup> The price of commercial prepared layer feed is based on current United States prices received for corn and soybeans. The modeled feed uses 75 percent corn and 25 percent soybeans.

<sup>4</sup> The price of commercial prepared dairy feed is based on current United States prices received for corn, soybeans, and alfalfa hay. The modeled feed uses 51 percent corn, 41 percent alfalfa hay, and 8 percent soybeans.

<sup>5</sup> The price of commercial prepared turkey feed is based on current United States prices received for corn, soybeans, and wheat. The modeled feed uses 51 percent corn, 28 percent soybeans, and 21 percent wheat.

## Prices Received Used to Calculate Feed Price Ratios – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

[Price data source for livestock and poultry commodities is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

Item	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Broilers, live .....pound	0.570	0.610	0.660
Eggs, market .....dozen	0.791	0.776	0.952
Hogs, all .....cwt	65.20	64.50	59.80
Milk, all .....cwt	17.20	19.50	19.10
Steers and heifers .....cwt	132.00	127.00	128.00
Turkeys, live .....pound	0.690	0.627	0.641
Corn .....bushel	6.35	7.04	7.18
Hay, alfalfa .....ton	200.00	218.00	219.00
Soybeans .....bushel	13.00	14.60	14.50
Wheat, all .....bushel	7.20	7.97	7.66

## Prices Paid for Feeder Livestock – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

[Price data source is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

Item	March 2012	February 2013	Preliminary March 2013
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Feeder cattle and calves .....cwt	159.40	144.40	139.10
Feeder pigs .....cwt	198.00	184.00	159.00

## Reliability of Prices Paid Estimates

**Definition:** Prices paid by farmers represent the average costs of inputs purchased by farmers and ranchers to produce agricultural commodities. Conceptually, the average price when multiplied by quantity purchased should equal total producer expenditures for the item.

**Survey procedures:** The prices paid data are obtained from establishments that sell goods and services to farmers and ranchers. Annually, about 8,500 firms are randomly selected from lists by type of item sold with an average response rate in the range of 75-80 percent. Firms are asked to report the price for the specified item "most commonly bought by farmers" or that was the "volume seller". Approximately 135 items are surveyed each March to represent all production input items purchased. The survey reference period for most items is the five business days centered around the 15th of the month. Separate prices paid surveys are conducted for agricultural chemicals, fuels, feed, fertilizer, machinery, and seed.

**Summary and estimation procedures:** The annual March Prices Paid Survey is summarized as a nonprobability survey. Average prices reported are aggregated to the region and United States level using weights available from expenditure data and other administrative sources. Price recommendations are prepared by the State Field Offices and Headquarters for review by the Agricultural Statistics Board in Washington, D.C. Also, the change in price level for individual items surveyed are combined to the regional and United States levels, and are published as prices paid indexes referenced to a specific base period. Prices paid indexes for new autos and trucks, building materials, farm supplies, motor supplies, and marketing containers are updated based on price changes measured in selected Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indexes.

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**Reliability:** Current methods of summarization for the March data are not designed directly to calculate sampling errors. However, analytical measures approximate the United States relative sampling errors for major items around 10 percent. Any nonsampling errors are attributed to such things as the inability to obtain correct information, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, mistakes in coding or processing the data, etc. Efforts are made at each step in the survey process to minimize these nonsampling errors.

**Program change:** Effective January 1, 1995, the National Agricultural Statistics Service updated the weights and changed the construction of its prices paid and received by farmers indexes. A Federal Register Notice dated October 28, 1994 discussed these program modifications.

A 1990-1992 reference and base period replaced the 1977 reference and 1971-1973 base weight period. Five-year moving average weights replaced the current fixed 1971-1973 base period weights. The 1910-1914=100 price indexes, required by statute for computing parity prices, were linked forward based on the changes in the new 1990-1992=100 indexes. The new indexes were constructed by multiplying the ratios of the current prices to the base period prices by the moving average weights (adjusted for seasonal marketing patterns for the prices received indexes).

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