

Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for steers and heifers, cows (beef and cull dairy), milk, corn, oats, soybeans, potatoes, alfalfa hay, and other hay are expected to decrease from August to September. Calf prices, on the other hand, are expected to increase during the same period.

As of mid-September, the average price Wisconsin farmers were expected to receive for corn was \$5.10 per bushel, 26 cents below the average price in August, and \$1.79 above September 2007. Nationally, corn prices were expected to average \$5.17 per bushel for mid-September.

Wisconsin soybeans were expected to decrease \$1.50 per bushel from August, for an average of \$11.10. This would be a \$2.97 per bushel increase from September of last year. U.S. soybeans sold for \$11.70 in mid-September, up \$3.55 from last year.

Oat prices declined in Wisconsin, averaging \$2.80 per bushel, a 22-cent decrease from August. Nationally, oat prices were expected to be \$2.92 per bushel, 45 cents above September 2007.

As of mid-September, Alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$100.00 per ton, falling \$5.00 from August. Other hay types decreased \$10.00 from last month, selling at \$75.00.

Wisconsin steer and heifer prices averaged \$88.30 per hundred-weight (cwt.) in mid-September, \$1.00 below August. Cow prices decreased \$3.00 per cwt. to \$55.70. Calf prices were up, averaging \$2.00 per cwt. more than last month, at \$152.00.

At the U.S. level, steer and heifer prices are \$1.20 per cwt. above a year ago at \$99.50. Cow prices, at an average of \$56.00 per cwt., were \$6.70 above September of last year. Calf prices were down \$10.00 per cwt. from last year to \$116.00.

Wheat, barley, and hog monthly prices are not published separately for Wisconsin, but nationally, all wheat sold for \$6.91 per bushel, an increase of 15 cents from last year. U.S. winter wheat decreased 26 cents per bushel from last year, averaging \$6.63. U.S. barley sold for \$4.83 per bushel in mid-September, 78 cents above last year. Hog prices averaged \$53.70 per cwt., \$6.90 above September 2007.

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Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		Sept. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 15, 2008	Sept. 2007	Sept. 15, 2008
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk cows 1/	Head	-	-	-	-	-
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	89.90	89.30	88.30	98.30	99.50
Cows 2/	Cwt.	49.90	58.70	55.70	49.30	56.00
Calves	Cwt.	164.00	150.00	152.00	126.00	116.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	21.40	18.40	17.30	21.80	18.00
Corn	Bu.	3.31	5.36	5.10	3.28	5.17
Oats	Bu.	2.47	3.02	2.80	2.47	2.92
Soybeans	Bu.	8.13	12.60	11.10	8.15	11.70
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	6.50	15.30	12.30	5.81	9.08
Fresh	Cwt.	7.15	21.60	-	7.92	-
Processing	Cwt.	5.95	5.95	-	5.34	-
Alfalfa hay, baled 5/	Ton	75.00	105.00	100.00	135.00	176.00
Other hay, baled 5/	Ton	50.00	85.00	75.00	111.00	122.00
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	6.76	6.91
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	6.89	6.63
Barley, all	Bu.	-	-	-	4.05	4.83
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	24.50	39.10
Apples, fresh use	Lb.	-	-	-	0.402	0.536
Hogs, all	Cwt.	-	-	-	46.80	53.70

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October. 2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Mid-month. Monthly estimates for wheat, barley, dry beans, apples, and hogs are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO