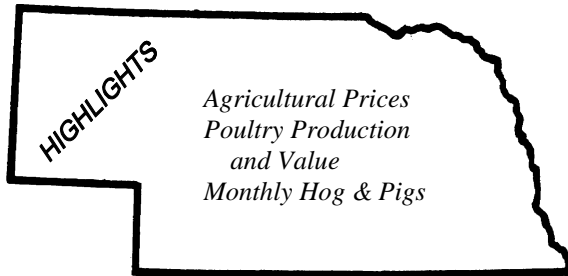


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## U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in April was 107 based on 1990-92=100, up 4 points (3.9%) from the March Index. Higher prices for strawberries, milk, oranges, and hay were partially offset by lower prices for tomatoes, broilers, soybeans, and corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of cattle, milk, cucumbers, and broilers were

partially offset by lower marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and hogs.

Compared with April 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 7 points (7.0%) higher. Price increases from April 2000 for milk, strawberries, cattle, and broilers were partially offset by lower prices for lettuce, soybeans, corn, and tomatoes.

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		April 2000 1/	March 2001 1/	April 15, 2001	April 2000 1/	March 2001 1/	April 15, 2001	% of Parity	Parity Price*
Wheat .....	Bu.	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.93	\$ 2.90	\$ 2.57	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.84	29	\$ 9.70
Corn .....	Bu.	2.01	1.97	1.95	2.03	1.95	1.91	29	6.62
Oats .....	Bu.	1.49	1.48	1.45	1.35	1.24	1.29	34	3.79
Grain Sorghum .....	Cwt.	3.33	3.33	3.32	3.24	3.29	3.34	30	11.30
Soybeans .....	Bu.	5.00	4.25	4.10	5.00	4.39	4.18	29	14.40
Hay, All, Baled .....	Ton	42.00	84.00	84.00	78.20	87.20	94.80	---	---
Alfalfa, Baled .....	Ton	44.00	88.00	87.00	81.90	93.70	100.00	---	---
Other, Baled .....	Ton	37.00	74.00	75.00	67.40	71.30	74.20	---	---
Dry Edible Beans .....	Cwt.	15.30	14.90	15.10	15.70	15.00	15.50	32	48.10
Hogs .....	Cwt.	48.80	47.90	48.20	47.40	46.00	46.70	45	104.00
Barrows & Gilts .....	Cwt.	48.90	48.10	48.40	47.90	46.60	47.00	---	---
Sows .....	Cwt.	42.70	35.90	38.40	37.90	34.80	39.30	---	---
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt.	72.70	77.10	77.70	71.30	76.30	76.50	48	159.00
Steers & Heifers .....	Cwt.	74.00	78.10	78.70	75.20	80.50	80.70	---	---
Cows .....	Cwt.	41.10	43.40	44.30	39.80	42.30	42.70	---	---
Calves .....	Cwt.	105.00	110.00	112.00	111.00	112.00	113.00	54	209.00
Sheep .....	Cwt.	37.00	42.90	n/a	35.00	43.60	n/a	---	72.80
Lambs .....	Cwt.	95.00	79.20	n/a	82.60	84.40	n/a	---	175.00
Milk Cows .....	Head	2/	2/	2/	1,340.00	---	1,390.00	---	---
All Milk .....	Cwt.	2/	2/	2/	11.90	13.90	14.40	47	32.30
Milk, Fluid .....	Cwt.	2/	2/	2/	11.90	13.90	14.40	---	---
Milk, Mfg. ....	Cwt.	2/	2/	2/	10.20	12.20	12.70	---	---

1/ Entire month average except hay and milk cows. 2/ Monthly and mid-month prices discontinued January 2000. \*Parity price based on data for April 2001. n/a - Not Available.

**FARM MACHINERY AND TRACTORS: PRICES PAID, WITH COMPARISONS,  
UNITED STATES, APRIL 1999-2001**

Item	1999	2000	2001	Item	1999	2000	2001
Dollars				Dollars			
Baler, Square, Pick-Up, Automatic Tie, P.T.O.				Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing (cont.)			
Conventional Size Bales Under 200 Lbs. ....	15,400	16,100	16,300	Min/No-Till W/Fert. Attach., 15 Foot .....	26,000	26,300	27,100
Round, Manual Release, 1200-1500 Lbs. ....	17,700	17,300	17,600	Hay Rake, Side-Delivery, or Wheel Rake,			
Chisel Plow, Max. 1 Ft. Depth of Tillage, Chisel				Traction Drive, 8-12 Foot Working Width .....	4,250	4,670	4,980
or Sweep Type, Drawn or Mounted, 16-20 ft. ....	12,300	13,400	13,000	Hay Tedder, 15-18 Foot .....	4,230	4,480	4,560
Combine, Self Propelled with Grain Head				Manure Spreader, Conveyer Type, P.T.O.			
Extra Large capacity .....	163,000	176,000	181,000	2-wheel, with Tires			
Large capacity .....	142,000	146,000	152,000	141-190 Bushel Capacity .....	6,300	6,720	6,630
Corn Head for Combine, 6 Row .....	22,600	23,400	24,500	225-300 Bushel Capacity .....	9,010	9,640	9,980
Row Crop Planter				Mower-Conditioner, P.T.O., Pull Type with			
With Fertilizer Attachment, 4-Row .....	14,500	15,300	15,500	8-10 Foot, Sickle (Cutter) Bar or Disc .....	12,700	13,200	13,700
With Fertilizer Attachment, 8-Row .....	26,000	26,900	28,800	Mower, Mounted or Drawn, 7-8 Ft. Sickle			
12-Row, Conservation (No-Till Cond) .....	46,600	46,400	47,400	(Cutter) Bar .....	4,370	4,360	4,730
Cultivator, Row Crop, 6-Row .....	5,670	5,860	6,040	Rotary Hoe, 20-25 Foot .....	6,320	6,280	6,920
12-Row, Flexible .....	13,300	13,400	13,800	Rotary Cutter, 7-8 Foot .....	2,980	2,970	3,100
Disk Harrow, Tandem, Drawn 1/				Sprayer, Field Crop, Power, Boom Type			
15-17 Foot .....	12,700	13,500	13,700	(Excl. Self-Propelled and Orchard)			
18-20 Foot .....	17,300	17,400	18,000	Tractor Mounted, w/ 300 Gal. Spray Tank .....	4,940	5,260	5,500
Elevator, Portable, Without Power Unit				Trailer Type, w/ 500-700 Gal. Spray Tank .....	10,600	11,100	11,300
Auger Type, 8 Inch Diameter, 60 Foot .....	3,870	3,820	3,820	Tractor, 2-Wheel Drive			
Feed Grinder-Mixer, Trailer Mtd., P.T.O. ....	12,900	13,600	14,600	30-39 P.T.O. horsepower .....	15,400	16,400	16,600
Field Cultivator, Mounted or Drawn,				50-59 P.T.O. horsepower .....	21,900	21,800	22,000
17-19 Foot .....	9,920	10,300	10,700	70-89 P.T.O. horsepower .....	32,300	33,700	34,200
20-25 Foot, Flexible .....	13,800	14,400	14,300	110-129 P.T.O. horsepower .....	60,100	62,400	63,000
Forage Harvester, P.T.O. Shear Bar,				140-159 P.T.O. horsepower .....	79,000	81,700	82,300
With Pick-Up Attachment .....	25,500	28,200	28,900	Tractor, 4-Wheel Drive			
With Row Crop Unit, 2-Row .....	27,900	30,400	31,400	200-280 P.T.O. horsepower .....	116,000	120,000	127,000
Front-End Loader, Hydraulic, 1800-2500 Lb.				Wagon, Gravity Unload, w/Box and Running			
Capacity, 60 Inch Bucket, Tractor Mounted .....	5,060	4,880	4,910	Gear and Tires, 200-400 Bushel			
Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing				Capacity Without Side Extensions .....	3,960	4,040	4,160
Plain, 15-17 Openers .....	10,500	11,200	12,100	Wagon, Running Gear, W/O Box,			
Press, 23-25 Openers .....	15,600	17,500	18,500	8-10 Ton Capacity .....	1,650	1,660	1,800
With Fertilizer Attachment, 20-24 Openers .....	13,400	15,200	15,700	Windrower, Self-Propelled, 14-16 Foot .....	56,400	61,600	63,200

1/ With hydraulic lift transport wheels, tires.

**FIELD SEEDS: PRICES PAID, WITH COMPARISONS  
UNITED STATES, APRIL 1998-2001**

Item	Unit	1998	1999	2000	2001
Dollars					
<b>LEGUMES</b>					
Alfalfa					
Proprietary .....	cwt.	288.00	287.00	277.00	278.00
Public and Common .....	cwt.	205.00	184.00	165.00	158.00
Clover					
Ladino .....	lb.	3.08	2.98	2.85	2.85
Red .....	cwt.	194.00	178.00	143.00	132.00
<b>ROW CROPS</b>					
Corn, Hybrid .....	1/	86.90	88.10	87.50	92.20
Grain Sorghum, Hybrid .....	cwt.	96.00	97.60	93.00	93.00
Potatoes .....	cwt.	9.10	8.50	10.45	8.50
Soybeans .....	bu.	17.15	17.00	17.10	20.70
Sunflower .....	cwt.	380.00	400.00	395.00	407.00
<b>SMALL GRAINS</b>					
Barley .....	bu.	6.04	5.80	5.80	5.80
Oats, Spring .....	bu.	5.02	4.60	4.50	4.70
Wheat, Spring .....	bu.	6.85	6.10	6.10	6.20
Wheat, Winter .....	bu.	8.25	7.35	7.05	7.20

1/ 80,000 kernels.

**PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR FEED**

Item	Unit	NORTHERN PLAINS			UNITED STATES		
		April 1999	April 2000	April 2001	April 1999	April 2000	April 2001
		Dollars			Dollars		
Alfalfa Meal	cwt.	11.00	10.90	12.40	12.80	12.50	13.40
Alfalfa Pellets	cwt.	10.00	9.20	10.60	12.80	12.40	13.40
Bran	cwt.	13.00	12.50	13.30	13.40	13.20	13.40
Beef Cattle Concentrate							
32-36% protein	ton	249.00	254.00	276.00	258.00	261.00	279.00
Corn Meal	cwt.	7.40	7.00	6.15	7.54	7.67	7.59
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	cwt.	11.30	12.00	12.10	14.60	14.90	15.70
Dairy Feed							
14% protein	ton	164.00	165.00	162.00	167.00	170.00	176.00
16% protein	ton	168.00	165.00	183.00	180.00	175.00	184.00
32-38% protein	ton	290.00	303.00	309.00	272.00	287.00	291.00
Hog Feed							
14-18% protein	ton	193.00	208.00	221.00	200.00	203.00	215.00
38-42% protein	ton	253.00	273.00	278.00	280.00	297.00	302.00
Molasses, Liquid	cwt.	10.20	9.40	10.20	12.00	12.00	12.40
Poultry Feed							
Laying Feed	ton	221.00	215.00	229.00	208.00	206.00	212.00
Turkey Grower	ton	200.00	214.00	243.00	261.00	255.00	259.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	cwt.	10.70	11.60	12.00	12.20	13.00	13.40
Stock Salt	50 lb.	3.00	2.90	3.00	3.99	4.01	4.05

Northern Plains States: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota.

**PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR FUEL**

Item	NORTHERN PLAINS			UNITED STATES		
	April 1999	April 2000	April 2001	April 1999	April 2000	April 2001
		Dollars per gallon				
Unleaded Gasoline <u>1/</u> :						
Service Station	1.11	1.44	1.43	1.10	1.47	1.43
Bulk Delivery	1.15	1.46	1.46	1.13	1.48	1.47
Diesel <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u> , Bulk Delivery	.670	1.02	1.02	.728	1.08	1.08
L.P. Gas <u>2/</u> , Bulk Delivery	.550	.770	.990	.699	.963	1.16

1/ Includes federal, state and local per gallon taxes. 2/ Excludes State road taxes, but includes State and local per gallon taxes where applicable.

3/ Excludes federal excise tax.

**PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR FERTILIZER**

Item	NORTHERN PLAINS			UNITED STATES		
	April 1999	April 2000	April 2001	April 1999	April 2000	April 2001
		Dollars per ton				
8-32-16	243.00	231.00	251.00	235.00	225.00	228.00
10-34-0	241.00	229.00	253.00	252.00	243.00	260.00
11-52-0	261.00	237.00	241.00	277.00	259.00	260.00
18-46-0 (DAP)	250.00	228.00	234.00	264.00	240.00	244.00
Ammonium Nitrate	171.00	173.00	241.00	181.00	194.00	260.00
Anhydrous Ammonia	190.00	209.00	385.00	211.00	227.00	399.00
Muriate of Potash - 60-62% K <sub>2</sub> O	164.00	162.00	171.00	168.00	165.00	170.00
Nitrogen Solutions - 28% N	111.00	117.00	203.00	122.00	125.00	204.00
Superphosphate - 44-46% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	238.00	215.00	226.00	255.00	233.00	236.00
Urea - 44-46%	165.00	194.00	277.00	176.00	200.00	280.00

**POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1998-2000**

Item	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES		
		1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
<b>Chickens, Excluding Broilers</b>							
Number Sold	mil. head	5.5	5.2	6.2	193.8	210.2	218.4
Pounds Sold	mil. lbs.	22.1	17.1	21.1	934.6	1,034.1	1,116.6
Price per Pound	cents/lb.	2.4	1.1	2.1	8.0	7.1	5.8
Value of Sales	1,000 dol.	531	188	442	75,542	73,150	64,655
<b>Broilers</b>							
Number Produced	mil. head	1.2	11.5	3.4	6,906.1	7,080.2	7,137.7
Pounds Produced	mil. lbs.	7.2	59.8	19.0	33,818.1	35,779.5	36,269.4
Price per Pound	cents/lb.	39.0	37.0	33.0	39.4	37.0	33.6
Value of Production	mil. dol.	2.8	22.1	6.3	13,322.3	13,254.2	12,203.2
<b>Eggs</b>							
Produced	mil. eggs	2,706	2,837	2,999	79,754	82,715	84,412
Price per Pound	cents/doz.	43.2	39.5	37.5	66.8	62.2	61.8
Value of Production	mil. dol.	97.4	93.4	93.7	4,439.4	4,287.2	4,347.2
<b>Turkeys</b>							
Number Raised	mil. hd.	1/	1/	1/	285.2	270.5	270.0
Pounds Produced	mil. lbs.	1/	1/	1/	7,050.9	6,886.4	6,988.4
Price per Pound	cents/lb.	1/	1/	1/	38.0	40.8	40.7
Value of Production	mil. dol.	1/	1/	1/	2,679.3	2,809.9	2,843.2

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**MONTHLY HOG AND PIGS**

The March 2001 U.S. pig crop at 8.78 million head, was 2% more than the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 988 thousand head, 1% above last year. The average pigs per litter for March rose to 8.89, compared to 8.87 pigs last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts totaled 6.00 million head on April 1, 2001. U.S. sows and gilts bred during the month of March totaled 1.20 million head.

**MONTHLY FARROWINGS: NUMBER OF SOWS, PIGS PER LITTER, AND PIG CROP,  
UNITED STATES DECEMBER-NOVEMBER 2000-2001 1/ 2/**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Number	Number	1,000 head	1,000 head
Dec 1/	922	934	8.77	8.74	8,091	8,163
Jan	911	946	8.76	8.77	7,977	8,301
Feb	965	956	8.76	8.82	8,454	8,432
Mar	974	988	8.87	8.89	8,639	8,782
Apr	956		8.85		8,461	
May	955		8.86		8,465	
Jun	960		8.83		8,479	
Jul	970		8.85		8,580	
Aug	959		8.85		8,489	
Sep	979		8.84		8,654	
Oct	947		8.85		8,382	
Nov	922		8.86		8,172	
Total	11,420		8.83		100,843	

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

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