

Types of marketing agencies operating in North Dakota in 1941. Operations of Markets and market agencies. The part played by local dealers, market auctions, packing plants, retail meat dealers who slaughter. Comparing truck and rail movement. Areas served by market agencies. This is a part of a regional study embracing 14 states and reporting in detail upon

livestock marketing in North Dakota and other states.

"The effect of soil texture and slope of land on productivity in two North Dakota counties." by W. M. Johnson and C. F. Bortfeld. June, 1942. Bulletin 315.

The relationship of the physical make-up of the land and its slope to crop producing capacity in Pierce and Walsh counties, North Dakota.

North Dakota Farm Prices

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THE 15th OF THE MONTH North Dakota farm prices for the months of September and October as reported by the Agricultural Statistician of the United States Department of Agriculture are given in the following table:

**AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS
OCT. 15, 1943, WITH COMPARISONS¹**

Commodity	Average Prices				Price Relatives ²		
	1943		1942	1910-14	1943		1942
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Average	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat, bu.....	1.28	1.22	.95	.86	149	142	110
Flaxseed, bu.....	2.73	2.80	2.18	1.71	160	164	127
Oats, bu.....	.65	.58	.30	.35	186	166	86
Barley, bu.....	.98	.90	.45	.54	181	167	83
Rye, bu.....	.87	.80	.40	.60	145	133	67
Potatoes, bu.....	1.00	1.05	.55	.64	156	164	86
Beef cattle, cwt.....	11.10	11.60	10.60	4.68	237	248	226
Hogs, cwt.....	13.20	13.20	13.30	6.77	195	195	196
Sheep, cwt.....	6.20	5.70	5.60	4.51	137	126	124
Lambs, cwt.....	11.90	12.10	11.70	5.65	211	214	207
Wool, lb.....	.43	.42	.37	.16	269	263	231
Butterfat, lb.....	.50	.49	.47	.26	192	188	181
Chickens, lb.....	.20	.214	.161	.10	200	214	161
Eggs, doz.....	.362	.350	.30	.21	172	167	143

¹Average prices reported to Agricultural Statistician of the U.S.D.A. on the fifteenth of the month.

²Relation of current prices of each commodity to the average price of each commodity during the base period, August 1909 to July 1914.

INDICES OF NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURE¹

	1943		1942
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.
North Dakota farm price index ²	166	162	131
U. S. farm price index.....	192	193	169
U. S. index of prices paid by farmers.....	166	165	154
Purchasing power of North Dakota farm products ³	100	98	85

¹August 1909-July 1914—100.

²Calculated by weighted aggregative method on the basis of the 14 commodities.

³Ratio of North Dakota prices received to United States prices paid by farmers.

The October 15th prices of the feed grains were all higher than a month earlier. Barley was up 8 cents while oats and rye were each up 7 cents. Wheat had increased 6 cents. Potatoes were 5 cents lower and flaxseed was 7 cents lower. The prices of all of these field crops were considerably higher on October 15th 1943 than they were October 15th 1942. As a matter of fact, the prices of the three feed grains, barley, oats and rye, have more than doubled. During the year (October 15, 1943 compared to October 15, 1942) the North Dakota farm price of flaxseed increased 55 cents. Other increases in crop prices for the year were barley 53 cents, rye 47 cents, potatoes 45 cents, oats 35 cents, and wheat 33 cents.

The October 15th farm price of sheep was 50 cents higher than a month earlier. The beef cattle price was 50 cents lower, lamb price 20 cents lower, but

hogs showed no change in price for the month. The price of wool was up 1 cent as was the price of butterfat. Eggs were up a fraction over 1 cent but chickens were down almost 1½ cents. A comparison of the October 15th 1943 livestock and livestock products prices with those of October 15th 1942 reveals that for the one year period, the following changes has taken place; sheep up 60 cents, cattle up 50 cents, lambs up 20 cents and hogs 10 cents lower. For the year wool has increased 6 cents, butterfat 3 cents, eggs slightly more than 6 cents, and chickens almost 4 cents.

The North Dakota farm price index for October was 166 which is 4 points higher than a month earlier or 35 points higher than that of October 15th 1942. The purchasing power of North Dakota farm products on October 15th of this year was 100.