

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS
February 15, 1941, With Comparisons.¹

Commodity	Average Prices				Price Relatives ²		
	Feb. 1941 ²	Jan. 1941	Feb. 1940	Average 1910-14	Feb. 1941	Jan. 1941	Feb. 1940
Wheat, bu. ....	.62	.68	.79	.86	72	79	92
Flax, bu.	1.45	1.48	1.81	1.71	85	87	106
Oats, bu. ....	.23	.24	.28	.35	66	69	80
Barley, bu. ....	.30	.30	.34	.54	56	56	63
Rye, bu. ....	.29	.32	.46	.60	48	53	77
Potatoes, bu. ....	.37	.37	.50	.64	58	58	78
Beef cattle, cwt.	7.50	7.50	6.40	4.63	160	160	137
Hogs, cwt.	6.50	6.60	4.20	6.77	96	97	82
Sheep, cwt.	3.95	3.50	3.65	4.51	88	78	81
Lambs, cwt.	8.30	8.20	7.40	5.65	147	145	131
Wool, lb. ....	.30	.30	.27	.16	188	188	169
Butterfat, lb. ....	.29	.30	.28	.26	112	115	108
Chickens, lb. ....	.10	.10	.093	.10	100	100	93
Eggs, doz. ....	.125	.16	.166	.21	60	76	79

¹ Average prices reported to Agricultural Marketing Service on the fifteenth of the month.

² Preliminary.

³ August 1909 — July 1914 = 100.

INDICES OF NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURE.¹

	February 1941	January 1941	February 1940
North Dakota Farm Price Index ²	84	89	95
U. S. Farm Price Index	103	104	101
U. S. Index of Prices Paid by Farmers	123	123	122
Purchasing Power of North Dakota Farm Products ³	68	72	78

¹ August 1909 — July 1914 = 100.

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

³ Ratio of prices received to prices paid.

Notes

Premier, Merit and Vesta Wheats

The Department of Cereal Technology has completed milling and baking tests on a large number of variety samples from the 1940 crop. On the basis of these tests it is shown that the rust resistant new varieties Premier and Merit, promising from field behavior, have not

measured up satisfactorily in certain quality characters. The variety Vesta has given more favorable results in milling and baking. As to the release of these wheats the recommendation of the Wheat Research Committee of the Experiment Station is not to release them at present but to continue tests with them through the 1941 crop year.