

North Dakota Farm Prices

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The all-commodity index of farm prices received by North Dakota farmers on April 15th was 183 which is the highest the index has been since October, 1920. Of the five commodity group indexes (which when combined make up the all-commodity index), the grains index, the meat animals index and the miscellaneous index have all been steadily advancing for the past six to eight months. The dairy products index has shown but little change for the past eighteen months. The poultry and eggs index has declined 17 points the last four months.

The farm price of all spring wheat on April 15, 1945, was 1 cent higher than a month earlier making it \$1.46 which is the highest farm price for all spring wheat since February, 1925. The feed grains, with the exception of rye, were all lower in price from that of a month earlier. Rye increased 7 cents for the month ending April 15th, making it \$1.10 per bushel which is the highest farm price for rye since May, 1928. Flaxseed was unchanged at \$2.85 per bushel.

Beef cattle farm prices were 50 cents higher, veal calves and sheep each 20 cents higher, while lambs and hogs were unchanged for the month ending April 15th. There were no changes in the prices of any of the dairy products. Chicken prices and egg prices were but a fraction above that of the previous month and turkeys were 1 cent higher. Changes in the farm price of the miscellaneous commodities from that of the previous month were: loose hay down 30 cents per ton, horses down \$1.00 per head, milk cows up \$2.00 per head, wool down 2 cents per pound, potatoes up 10 cents per hundred, alfalfa seed up 10 cents per bushel and sweet clover seed prices were unchanged.

**AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS
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Commodity	Unit	Average Prices				Price Relatives ¹		
		Apr. 15 1945	Mar. 15 1945	Apr. 15 1944	Aug. 1909 July 1914 Average	Apr. 15 1945	Mar. 15 1945	Apr. 15 1944
		All Spring Wheat	bu.	1.46	1.45	1.44	.847	172	171	170
Durum	bu.	1.49	1.49	1.46	.....		
Other Spring	bu.	1.45	1.44	1.44	.....		
Corn	bu.	.78	.81	.99	.....	136	141	173
Oats	bu.	.57	.64	.68	.....	161	181	193
Barley	bu.	.98	1.03	1.08	.....	182	191	200
Rye	bu.	1.10	1.03	1.04	.....	183	172	173
Flaxseed	bu.	2.85	2.85	2.80	.....	167	167	164
Beef Cattle	cwt.	11.50	11.00	10.80*	.....	257	246	241*
Veal Calves	cwt.	13.30	13.10	12.30*	.....	221	218	205*
Sheep	cwt.	7.00	6.80	6.70	.....	155	150	148
Lambs	cwt.	13.30	13.30	13.20	.....	237	237	235
Hogs	cwt.	13.40	13.40	12.40	.....	198	198	183
Wholesale Milk ²	cwt.	2.65	2.65	2.60	.....	127	127	125
Retail Milk	qt.	.11	.11	.105	.....	175	175	167
Butter	lb.	.48	.48	.47	.....	204	204	199
Butterfat ³	lb.	.50	.50	.51	.....	197	197	201
Chickens (Live)	lb.	.209	.207	.199	.....	211	209	201
Turkeys (Live)	lb.	.32	.33	.31	.....	256	264	248
Eggs	doz.	.295	.292	.254	.....	143	142	123
Loose Hay	ton	6.50	6.80	6.30	.....	102	107	99
Horses	head	43.00	44.00	56.00	.....	29	30	38
Milk Cows	head	104.00	102.00	105.00	.....		
Wool	lb.	.40	.42	.41	.....	234	246	240
Potatoes	bu.	1.50	1.40	1.00	.....	236	220	157
Alfalfa seed	bu.	21.50	21.40	22.30	.....	181	180	188
Sweet clover seed	bu.	6.20	6.20	6.80	.....	140	140	153

¹Relation of current prices of each commodity to the average price of each commodity during the base period, August 1909 to July 1914.

²Does not include dairy production payments.

*Revised.

INDICES OF NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURE¹

	Apr. 15 1945	Mar. 15 1945	Apr. 15 1944
North Dakota farm price index ² (All Groups)	183	182	179*
Grains	173	172	172
Meat Animals	228	223	214*
Dairy Products	191	191	192
Poultry & Eggs	187	188	172
Miscellaneous	168	163	136
U. S. farm price index (All Groups)	203	198	196
U. S. index of prices paid by farmers	173	173	169
North Dakota ratio of prices received to prices paid ³	106	105	106

¹August 1909-July 1914—100.

²Calculated by percentage method.

³Ratio for North Dakota based on United States prices paid by farmers.

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