

# North Dakota Farm Prices

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There has been no material change in the February 15, 1946 farm prices of North Dakota farm products as compared with the prices of the previous month, with the single exception of rye. Thirteen of the twenty-six farm commodities were the same as the previous month. However, fifteen of the commodities were higher than they were a year ago. The farm prices of all spring wheat, rye, retail milk, and butter are at the highest level of the last twenty years or more.

There was no change in the farm prices of wheat or flax-seed for the month ending February 15, 1946. Corn, oats, and barley were each up one cent per bushel; and rye shows an increase of twenty-two cents reaching a twenty-seven year high of \$1.89 per bushel. In the meat animal group, beef cattle were up \$1.00, sheep and hogs were unchanged and veal calves and lambs were each up \$.60 per hundred. There was no change on February 15th in the dairy products group. Poultry and eggs were unchanged to lower with chickens almost half a cent lower, turkeys unchanged, and eggs almost four cents lower. Loose hay was up \$.30 per ton and alfalfa seed was down \$.30 per bushel. The farm prices of wool, potatoes, and sweet clover seed were unchanged for the month. Milk cows had increased \$4.00 per head, but horses continued to establish new lows with a decline in the farm prices to \$31.00 per head.

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## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS Feb. 15, 1946, WITH COMPARISONS

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Commodity	Unit	Average Prices				Price Relatives <sup>1</sup>		
		Feb. 15 1946	Jan. 15 1946	Feb. 15 1945	Aug. 1909 July 1914 Average	Feb. 15 1946	Jan. 15 1946	Feb. 15 1945
All Spring Wheat	bu.	1.52	1.52	1.43	.847	179	179	169
Durum	bu.	1.54	1.54	1.47	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other Spring	bu.	1.51	1.51	1.42	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corn	bu.	.95	.94	.81	.573	166	164	141
Oats	bu.	.64	.63	.63	.353	181	178	178
Barley	bu.	1.07	1.06	1.02	.539	199	197	189
Rye	bu.	1.89	1.67	1.00	.60	315	278	167
Flaxseed	bu.	2.83	2.83	2.85	1.708	166	166	167
Beef Cattle	cwt.	11.20	10.20	10.70*	4.48	250	228	239*
Veal Calves	cwt.	13.30	12.70	12.30*	6.01	221	211	205*
Sheep	cwt.	6.20	6.20	6.50	4.50	137	137	137
Lambs	cwt.	13.10	12.50	13.10	5.62	233	222	233
Hogs	cwt.	13.40	13.40	13.30	6.78	198	198	196
Wholesale Milk**	cwt.	2.75	2.75	2.70	2.08	132	132	130
Retail Milk	qt.	.112	.112	.110	.063	178	178	175
Butter	lb.	.51	.51	.47	.236	216	216	199
Butterfat**	lb.	.51	.51	.51	.254	201	201	201
Chickens (Live)	lb.	.202	.206	.205	.099	204	208	207
Turkeys (Live)	lb.	.31	.31	.33	.125	248	248	264
Eggs	doz.	.278	.316	.297	.206	135	153	144
Loose Hay	ton	7.00	6.70	6.90	6.35	110	105	109
Horses	head	31.00	32.00	44.00	149.00	21	21	30
Milk Cows	head	108.00	104.00	102.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wool	lb.	.43	.43	.41*	.171	251	251	240*
Potatoes	bu.	1.15	1.15	1.35	.636	181	181	212
Alfalfa seed	bu.	21.00	21.30	21.20	.....	177	180	179
Sweet clover seed	bu.	6.20	6.20	6.20	.....	140	140	140

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

\*Revised.

\*\*Does not include Dairy production payments

## INDICES OF NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURE<sup>1</sup>

	Feb. 15 1946	Jan. 15 1946	Feb. 15 1945
North Dakota farm price index <sup>2</sup> (All Groups) .....	193	189	180
Grains .....	189	186	170
Meat Animals .....	225	213	218*
Dairy Products .....	195	195	194
Poultry & Eggs .....	179	190	189
Miscellaneous .....	144	144	159
U. S. farm price index (All Groups) .....	207	206	199
U. S. index of prices paid by farmers, interest and taxes .....	178	177	172
North Dakota ratio of prices received to prices paid, interest and taxes <sup>3</sup> .....	108	107	105

<sup>1</sup>August 1909-July 1914-100.

<sup>2</sup>Calculated by Percentage Method

<sup>3</sup>Ratio for North Dakota based on United States prices paid by farmers.

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