

# Prices of North Dakota Farm Products

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The North Dakota all-commodity farm price index for April 15, 1956 was 231 which is seven points higher than a month earlier but six points lower than the index of a year ago. Eleven of the 20 commodities reported in the accompanying table show a higher price for the month, three show no change, and six show a lower farm price.

All of the crops included in this report show a higher farm price for the month except that oats were down one cent and alfalfa seed down \$1. Beef cattle were up 90 cents for the month, hogs were up \$1.50, milk cows were up \$5, but calves were down 20 cents and lambs down 30 cents. Wholesale milk and the retail milk farm price show no change for the month. Butterfat was up one cent for the month. Eggs also show no change for the month but the farm price of chickens and turkeys was down one cent.

Per Cent of Parity—North Dakota Farm Products, April 15, 1956

Crops		Livestock and Livestock Products		Poultry and Eggs	
Wheat	89%	Beef Cattle	64%	Chickens	48%
Corn	68%	Calves	72%	Turkeys	80%
Oats	51%	Lambs	71%	Eggs	67%
Barley	66%	Hogs	63%		
Rye	53%	Wholesale Milk	74%		
Flaxseed	76%	Butterfat	83%		
Potatoes	150%	Wool	66%		
Alfalfa Seed	48%				
Sweet Clover Seed	74%				

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**CROPS<sup>1</sup>**

Crop of	Spring Wheat (bu.)	Corn (bu.)	Oats (bu.)	Barley (bu.)	Rye (bu.)	Flax-seed (bu.)	Potatoes (bu.)	Alfalfa Seed (cwt.)	Sweet Clover Seed (cwt.)
1929 .....	\$1.00	\$ .67	\$ .33	\$ .43	\$ .79	\$2.85	\$1.33	\$29.00	\$ 5.85
1932 .....	.36	.27	.09	.14	.22	.27	.23	12.50	2.35
1935-39 .....	.83	.57	.24	.37	.43	1.60	.57	20.35	5.75
1952 .....	2.17	1.39	.63	1.16	1.59	3.62	1.79	30.80	8.40
1953 .....	2.19	1.34	.63	1.08	1.29	3.62	.62	22.50	8.60
1954 .....	2.25	1.25	.60	1.03	1.30	3.00	.90	31.10	10.50
1955—									
April .....	2.18	1.18	.55	.96	.90	2.83	1.80	31.00	12.50
1956—									
February .....	2.08	1.04	.44	.84	.79	3.05	1.45	18.60	9.00
March .....	2.09	1.06	.45	.86	.85	3.23	1.80	19.00	8.50
April .....	2.12	1.19	.44	.88	.88	3.40	2.10	18.00	8.70
U.S. Parity <sup>3</sup>									
4-15-56 .....	2.39	1.74	.86	1.34	1.67	4.46	1.40	37.20	11.80

**LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS<sup>2</sup>**

Year	Beef Cattle (cwt.)	Calves (cwt.)	Lambs (cwt.)	Hogs (cwt.)	Milk Cows (head)	Whsle. Milk (cwt.)	Retail Milk (qt.)	Butter-fat (lb.)	Wool (lb.)
1929 .....	\$ 8.30	\$11.10	\$10.70	\$ 8.40	\$ 82	\$2.45	\$ .098	\$ .44	\$ .29
1932 .....	3.30	4.20	3.95	2.65	30	1.55	.076	.16	.07
1935-39 .....	5.80	7.05	7.40	7.35	49	2.05	.087	.34	.23
1952 .....	21.10	23.70	23.00	16.50	264	4.21	.178	.77	.52
1953 .....	14.30	16.20	17.60	19.80	190	3.96	.176	.69	.49
1954 .....	14.40	15.70	17.80	19.30	166	3.78	.178	.60	.49
1955—									
April .....	15.40	17.50	18.70	15.50	165	3.50	.183	.59	.43
1956—									
Feb. ....	12.40	17.60	16.80	11.20	150	3.60	.180	.59	.40
March .....	12.90	17.10	17.10	11.80	145	3.45	.180	.59	.40
April .....	13.80	16.90	16.80	13.30	150	3.45	.180	.60	.40
U.S. Parity <sup>4</sup>									
4-15-56 .....	21.40	23.50	23.60	21.20		4.66		.73	.61

**POULTRY AND EGGS<sup>2</sup>**

**FARM PRICE INDICES**

Year	Chickens (lb.)	Turkeys (lb.)	Eggs (doz.)	N. Dak. Prices Rec'd.	U.S. Prices Rec'd.	U.S. Prices Paid	Ratio of Prices Pd. to Prices Rec'd.*
1929 .....	\$ .17	\$ .22	\$ .24	129	148	160	81
1932 .....	.08	.11	.10	52	65	112	46
1935-39 .....	.12	.17	.28	101	107	125	31
1952 .....	.18	.33	.30	269	288	287	94
1953 .....	.18	.34	.37	249	258	279	89
1954 .....	.12	.27	.27	242	250	281	86
1955—							
April .....	.15	.27	.27	237	247	284	83
1956—							
Feb. ....	.14	.29	.31	219	226	280	78
March .....	.15	.30	.31	224	230	282	79
April .....	.14	.29	.31	231	233	284	81
U.S. Parity <sup>4</sup>							
4-15-56 .....	.28	.36	.46				

<sup>1</sup>Yearly prices are weighted average prices for crop year.

<sup>2</sup>Yearly prices are weighted average prices for calendar year.

<sup>3</sup>Ratio of North Dakota prices received to United States prices paid by farmers.

<sup>4</sup>Price which would give that commodity a parity ratio of 100 on U.S. average basis.