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Farm Product Price Index

July 2005

Prices farmers received for their commodities fell 8.3% in July from the same month a year earlier in the wake of a sharp decline in crop prices, while prices for livestock increased slightly.

Overall, producers received prices for crops that were 18.5% below levels in July 2004, continuing a downward trend in year-over-year price changes that began in September 2003, according to the Farm Product Price Index. Farmers received lower prices for grains, oilseeds, potatoes, fruit, special crops and vegetables.

Prices for livestock and animal products were 0.8% above the year earlier level. The overall livestock and animal products index has increased in 12 of the last 14 months, mainly on the strength of hog prices. However, it was stronger cattle and calf and dairy prices which supported July's increase.

On a monthly basis, prices farmers received for their commodities dropped 0.9% in July from June, as the lower overall crops index outstripped the slight increase in the livestock and animal products index.

The FPPI (1997=100) stood at 94.3 in July, the lowest level this year and down from the revised June index of 95.2. The index has fallen four times in seven months after reaching a high of 98.4 in February.

The overall crops index was lower in July compared to June as all commodities except grains and specialty crops slumped. Grain market prices oscillated on weather through July and its effect on crop production, but in the end the grain index was unchanged from June. Prices for oilseeds were slightly lower in July,

burdened by continued large supplies and good crop conditions in most areas.

Prices for livestock and animal products were up slightly in July from the revised June index, as higher prices for cattle and calves and eggs more than offset lower poultry, hog and dairy prices.

Cattle and calf prices rose in July, as live Canadian cattle moved across the US border for the first time since May 2003. In July, the preliminary injunction which had delayed the March 9th reopening of the US border was overturned by the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals resuming the trade of live cattle.

Poultry prices were lower in July, as poultry stocks in cold storage were strong during the first half of 2005 compared with last year's level, ranging from year-over-year gains of 3.9% in April to 25.0% in June.

Hog prices were down slightly in July, as producers reported a record number of hogs on Canadian farms on July 1 and the Canadian dollar continued to make gains.

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The July issue of *Farm Product Price Index*, Vol. 5, no. 7 (21-007-XIE, free) is now available online. From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet publications*, choose *Free*, then *Agriculture*.

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Farm Product Price Index
(1997=100)

	July 2004 ^r	June 2005 ^r	July 2005 ^p	July 2004 to July 2005 % change	June to July 2005
Farm Product Price Index	102.8	95.2	94.3	-8.3	-0.9
Crops	104.4	86.4	85.1	-18.5	-1.5
Grains	99.5	68.8	68.8	-30.9	0.0
Oilseeds	107.3	80.6	77.9	-27.4	-3.3
Specialty crops	107.2	91.8	100.2	-6.5	9.2
Fruit	110.2	102.7	100.7	-8.6	-1.9
Vegetables	115.6	116.0	110.1	-4.8	-5.1
Potatoes	147.0	129.4	129.2	-12.1	-0.2
Livestock and animal products	101.5	101.9	102.3	0.8	0.4
Cattle and calves	89.5	97.2	102.5	14.5	5.5
Hogs	101.6	85.7	84.2	-17.1	-1.8
Poultry	97.5	99.3	93.3	-4.3	-6.0
Eggs	108.8	95.7	95.9	-11.9	0.2
Dairy	116.6	125.0	123.6	6.0	-1.1

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

Production and disposition of tobacco products

August 2005

Total cigarettes sold in August by Canadian manufacturers increased 9.6% from July to 3.5 billion cigarettes, up 0.6% compared with August 2004.

Cigarette production for August increased 4.9% from July to 3.2 billion cigarettes, but was down 0.4% compared with the same period a year earlier.

At 4.6 billion cigarettes, the level of closing inventories for August increased by 0.6% from July and stood 31.9% higher compared with August 2004.

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The August issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products*, Vol. 34, no. 8 (32-022-XIE, \$6/\$51) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index

August 2005

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (CMSPI, 2003=100) is a monthly price index measuring the change over time in prices for courier and messenger services provided by long and short distance delivery companies to Canadian-based business clients.

The CMSPI was up 0.6% from July. The courier portion and local messengers component also rose 0.6%.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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Annual Survey of Manufactures: Products shipped by Canadian manufacturers 2003

The Annual Survey of Manufactures collects information on products shipped by Canadian manufacturers. Data on products shipped by the sawmill industry

(NAICS 321111) are now available for Canada, the provinces and the territories for reference year 2003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2103.

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All prices are in Canadian dollars and exclude sales tax. Additional shipping charges apply for delivery outside Canada.

Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, August 2005, Vol. 34, no. 8
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
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