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Farm product prices

February 2006

Prices received by farmers in February for grains, oilseeds, specialty crops, potatoes, cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs and dairy products are now available.

The Saskatchewan feed barley price in February was \$73.83 per metric tonne, down 5% from one month earlier but up 2% from February 2005 when the price was \$72.27.

The February slaughter calves price in Ontario was \$127.16 per hundredweight, up 8% from one month earlier and up 23% from the February 2005 price of \$103.33.

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Data on natural gas transportation and distribution are now available for August.

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February 2006

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