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## Farm Product Price Index

October 2007

The prices that farmers received for their commodities increased in October from the same month a year earlier, as strong gains in crops continued to outstrip lower livestock prices.

Prices for crops were up 16.5% in October compared with the same month a year earlier, according to the Farm Product Price Index (FPPI), as only fruits and vegetables recorded decreases. Prices for grains, oilseeds and specialty crops continued to surge, while potato prices were up 6.2%.

Overall, prices for livestock and animal products were 4.6% below their October 2006 level, as cattle and calves and hog prices continued their descent. This was the fifth consecutive year-to-year decline for these major commodities. Meanwhile, prices for supply-managed commodities continued their upward trend, moderating the decrease. The increases ranged from 5.0% for eggs to 13.7% for poultry.

Prices farmers received for their commodities fell 3.5% in October from September, as declines were recorded in both the overall crops index and the livestock and animal products index.

The FPPI stood at 103.3 (1997=100) in October, down from a revised September index of 107.1.

The overall index for livestock and animal products was down in October from the revised September index, as all prices except dairy (+1.4%) and poultry (unchanged) were lower.

Cattle and hog prices have been pressured by high feed grain prices and a climbing Canadian dollar. The value of the Canadian dollar in relation to its US counterpart rose 5.1% between September and October. Compared with October 2006, the value of the Canadian dollar was up 15.7%.

The cattle and calf index (91.1) fell to its lowest level since the fall of 2004, when the border was closed to exports of live animals into the United States because of bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Falling prices pushed the hog index to its lowest level since September 2002. Producers have been exporting a record number of hogs into the United States as domestic slaughter continued to decline.

The overall crop index fell for the first time in nine months, with all commodities except oilseeds and specialty crops recording declines.

Grain prices edged down in October, while oilseed prices were unchanged. However, poor growing conditions in many of the major crop producing countries have yielded short supplies, and continued demand from the biofuel sector has helped to maintain the recent higher prices.

Overall potato prices were down in October despite a 2% decrease in production this fall due to lower yields. Area seeded in 2007 was 1% below 2006, however, generally good harvest conditions kept the harvested area unchanged.

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## Farm Product Price Index

	October 2006 <sup>r</sup>	September 2007 <sup>r</sup>	October 2007 <sup>p</sup>	October 2006 to October 2007	September to October 2007
	(1997=100)			% change	
<b>Farm Product Price Index</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>109.9</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
Grains	92.7	103.2	101.4	9.4	-1.7
Oilseeds	71.0	101.5	101.5	43.0	0.0
Specialty crops	82.5	119.9	121.1	46.8	1.0
Fruit	117.2	114.9	113.6	-3.1	-1.1
Vegetables	122.2	122.0	120.6	-1.3	-1.1
Potatoes	131.4	163.3	139.6	6.2	-14.5
<b>Livestock and animal products</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>-5.0</b>
Cattle and calves	104.6	100.3	91.1	-12.9	-9.2
Hogs	71.0	67.1	62.6	-11.8	-6.7
Poultry	91.5	104.0	104.0	13.7	0.0
Eggs	98.0	103.0	102.9	5.0	-0.1
Dairy	131.9	140.2	142.1	7.7	1.4

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

## Sawmills

October 2007

Monthly lumber production by sawmills rose 6.0% to 6 191.9 thousand cubic metres in October.

Sawmills shipped 6 114.3 thousand cubic metres of lumber in October, up 7.7% from September. However, lumber shipments were down 8.1% compared with October 2006.

Between September and October, stocks rose 2.4% to 8 158.4 thousand cubic metres.

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## Coal and coke statistics

October 2007

Data on coal and coke are now available for October.

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## Electric power statistics

October 2007

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**Farm Product Price Index**, October 2007, Vol. 7,  
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**Sawmills**, October 2007, Vol. 61, no. 10  
**Catalogue number 35-003-XWE**  
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