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Short-term and Long-term Agricultural Planning Prices for North Dakota

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The estimated short-term planning prices should be used as a guide in setting price expectations for 2023 production. These planning prices can be used for preparing annual enterprise budgets and annual whole-farm cash-flow projections.

The short-term planning prices should **not** be used for planning capital purchases or expansion alternatives that extend beyond the next production year. Unfortunately, the use of short-term planning prices to make long-term decisions is common. This practice is not recommended because current supply/demand conditions rarely continue for long periods of time and are a poor indicator of future trends.

The long-term planning prices are valuable for evaluating alternative plans that affect the farm or ranch business for more than one year. Both individual yearly price forecasts and long-term average prices are presented.

The long-term crop planning prices were derived from annual average price forecasts made by the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI). The U.S. price estimates reported in the 2022 Baseline Briefing Paper, November 2022, were adjusted using historical relationships to reflect North Dakota farm gate prices.

Historical prices are reported for reference. This information can be a valuable reminder of past price fluctuations and trends. Prices for 2022 are averages to date.

The historical crop prices were obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) "2022 North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service publication No. 91." Historical milk prices are from FAPRI. Historical feeder steer prices are from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for Kist Livestock Auction, Mandan, N.D. Historical slaughter steer, cull cow, hog and sheep prices are from NASS and AMS.

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HISTORIC and PROJECTED PLANNING PRICES for NORTH DAKOTA

CROPS																	
Marketing Year	Spring Wheat	Durum Wheat	Oats	Feed Barley	Malting Barley	Oil Sunflower	Non-oil Sunflower	Corn	Soybeans	Canola	Flaxseed	Winter Wheat	Dry Beans	Dry Peas	Lentils	Alfafa Hay	Other Hay
	(bu)	(bu)	(bu)	(bu)	(bu)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(bu)	(bu)	(cwt)	(bu)	(bu)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(ton)	(ton)
2017	5.72	6.00	2.55	2.94	4.59	17.10	21.70	3.04	8.88	17.60	9.53	4.14	24.10	12.00	23.50	105.00	77.00
2018	5.12	4.83	2.41	3.13	4.43	17.10	23.40	3.32	7.98	15.80	9.89	5.05	22.90	10.50	14.80	91.00	68.00
2019	4.44	4.66	2.47	3.30	4.41	19.00	23.80	3.07	7.93	14.80	9.15	3.87	29.60	9.49	13.90	88.00	66.00
2020	5.11	5.98	2.54	3.51	4.76	20.50	26.50	4.44	10.20	18.50	11.10	4.82	28.90	10.60	18.20	89.00	71.00
2021	8.82	13.90	4.80	5.44	5.35	32.40	33.40	5.86	12.60	33.40	25.90	8.27	41.00	19.90	37.60	172.00	113.00
Historical avg. (2017-2021)	5.84	7.07	2.95	3.66	4.71	21.22	25.76	3.95	9.52	20.02	13.11	5.23	29.30	12.50	21.60	109.00	79.00
2022 (to date)*	9.07	10.61	4.71	5.92	7.59	27.10**	N.A.	6.06	13.53	31.55	19.42	8.59	39.22	19.14**	32.77**	137.46	86.71
2023 short-term	8.00	9.00	3.00	4.50	6.50	25.00	35.00	5.25	12.25	26.00	14.00	7.00	36.00	15.00	23.00	120.00	80.00
2024	7.08	7.68	2.77	3.60	5.76	22.44	32.31	4.42	11.16	21.00	12.00	6.09	33.48	11.72	29.30	110.00	75.00
2025	6.82	7.39	2.76	3.58	5.73	21.62	31.13	4.39	10.75	20.23	11.56	5.86	32.25	11.29	28.23	115.00	80.00
2026	6.68	7.24	2.72	3.53	5.65	21.19	30.51	4.33	10.54	19.83	11.33	5.74	31.62	11.07	27.68	112.00	75.00

* average of beginning of marketing year to December 2022 ** average of local cash bids

Projected long-term avg. (2024-28)

2027

2028

CDODS

Note: FAPRI projections are updated in January 2023 1 Spring wheat price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. spring wheat = U.S. wheat x 1.07

7.20

7.13

 7.33^{2}

2.69

2.64

 2.72^{3}

3.49

3.43

 3.53^{4}

5.58

5.49

5.64⁵

20.98

20.78

21.40⁶

30.21

29.92

30.82⁷

2 Durum wheat price is calculated based on the historical relationship: U.S. spring wheat x 1.16

6.64

6.58

6.76¹

- 3 Oats price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. oats = N.D. feed barley x 0.77
- 4 Feed barley price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. feed barley = U.S. corn \times 0.75
- 5 Malting barley price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. malting barley = N.D. feed barley x 1.6
- 6 Oil sunflower price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. oil sunflower = U.S. soybean x 1.87
- 7 Non-oil sunflower price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. non-oil sunflower = N.D. oil sunflower x 1.44

4.28

4.20

4.328

10.43

10.33

10.649

11.22

11.11

11.4411

5.71

5.66

5.81¹²

19.64

19.44

20.0310

- 8 Corn price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. corn = U.S. corn x 0.92
- 9 Soybean price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. soybean = U.S. soybean x 0.93
- 10 Canola price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. canola = U.S. soybean x 1.75

- 11 Flaxseed price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. flaxseed = U.S. soybean x 1.0
- 12 Winter wheat price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. winter wheat = U.S. wheat x 0.92

27.38

27.13

27.94¹⁵

120.00

125.00

116.40

80.00

85.00

79.00

- 13 Dry bean price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. dry bean = N.D. soybean x 3.0
- 14 Dry pea price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. dry pea = N.D. soybean x 1.05
- 15 Lentil price is calculated based on the historical relationship: N.D. lentil = N.D. dry pea x 2.5

10.95

10.85

11.18¹⁴

31.29

30.99

31.93¹³

BEEF		. 500-600 lb. Steers		o. 700-800 lb. Steers	. 800-900 lb. Steers	1,100-1,700 lb. Cull Cows	5-Area Direct . Slaughter Steers		HOGS	SHEE	MILK		
Year*	400-500 lb. Steers		600-700 lb. Steers					Year	250 lb. Slaughter Hogs	Slaughter Ewes	105-140 lb. 60-90 lb. Slaughter Lambs Feeder Lamb		All Milk
	(bu) Fourth quarter prices	(bu) Fourth quarter prices	(bu) Fourth quarter prices	(bu) First quarter prices	(bu) First quarter prices	(cwt) Annual prices	(cwt) Annual prices		(cwt)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(cwt)
2017	194.23	177.01	166.22	151.40	141.74	68.80	121.52	2017	50.00	58.00	152.00	188.00	17.60
2018	187.67	169.21	157.80	144.95	137.42	63.50	117.12	2018	47.00	45.00	141.00	177.00	16.20
2019	168.41	156.01	145.11	143.89	135.51	62.00	116.78	2019	48.70	44.00	149.00	175.00	19.50
2020	170.96	155.85	147.04	140.90	132.60	64.20	108.51	2020	44.80	62.00	144.00	189.00	19.90
2021	192.30	173.62	163.51	165.69	155.56	70.20	123.17	2021	64.40	98.00	220.00	268.00	19.30
Historical avg. (2017-2021)	182.71	166.34	155.94	149.37	140.57	65.74	117.42	Historical avg. (2017-2021)	50.98	61.40	161.20	199.40	18.50
2022 (to date)	227.27	204.74	190.84	180.00**	175.00**	84.00	144.52	2022 (to date)	70.00	97.00	165.00	230.00	25.00
2023 short-term	235.00	225.00	210.00	200.00**	195.00**	90.00	155.00	2023 short-term	68.00	75.00	150.00	180.00	23.00
2024	245.00	235.00	220.00	210.00**	205.00**	95.00	165.00	2024	67.00	80.00	160.00	190.00	22.00
2025	255.00	245.00	230.00	220.00**	215.00**	100.00	170.00	2025	68.00	82.00	170.00	200.00	23.00
2026	260.00	250.00	235.00	225.00**	220.00**	100.00	175.00	2026	69.00	85.00	175.00	205.00	24.00
2027	255.00	245.00	230.00	220.00**	215.00**	95.00	170.00	2027	70.00	86.00	180.00	210.00	25.00
2028	250.00	240.00	225.00	215.00**	210.00**	90.00	165.00	2028	71.00	87.00	185.00	215.00	26.00
Projected long-term avg. (2024-28)	253.00	243.00	228.00	218.00	213.00	96.00	169.00	Projected long-term avg. (2024-28)	69.00	84.00	174.00	204.00	24.00

^{* 400-500, 500-600} and 600-700 lb. weights are fourth quarter prices. 700-800 and 800-900 lb. weights are first quarter prices of the next year. To estimate heifer prices, subtract \$15/cwt for 400-500, 500-600 and 600-700 lb. animals and subtract \$6/cwt for 700-800 and 800-900 lb. animals. Cull cow and slaughter steer prices are calendar year averages.

** Projected for the first quarter of the next year.

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