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PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR SEED SHOW MIXED CHANGES

Prices paid by farmers for fall planted seeds in mid-September were mixed when compared with a year ago. Survey results indicated seed wheat prices down 27 percent, seed oats down 4 percent, seed barley down 13 percent, and seed rye down 13 percent.

Prices for most clover and grass seeds were up, although common crimson clover was down as was annual ryegrass. Certified alfalfa seed prices increased 26 percent and prices for uncertified alfalfa seed varieties averaged 30 percent more than a year earlier.

The September 15 index of prices paid for seeds was 266 percent of its 1967 base. This compares with 269 percent for April 1977 and 240 for September 1976.

FIELD SEEDS: PRICES PAID, UNITED STATES, SEPTEMBER 15, 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM AND UNIT	: SEP : 15, : 1974	: SEP : 15, : 1975	: SEP : 15, : 1976	: SEP : 15, : 1977
	D O L L A R S			
ALFALFA, UNCERTIFIED VARIETIES, PER 100 LB.	: 151.00	: 107.00	: 122.00	: 158.00
ALFALFA, CERTIFIED VARIETIES, PER 100 LB.	: 166.00	: 132.00	: 145.00	: 182.00
CLOVER, RED, PER 100 LB.	: 112.00	: 100.00	: 100.00	: 110.00
CLOVER, ALSIKE, PER 100 LB.	: 62.00	: 64.50	: 71.00	: 88.00
CLOVER, LADINO, PER LB.	: 2.25	: 2.50	: 2.10	: 2.20
CLOVER, CRIMSON, COMMON, PER 100 LB.	: 91.00	: 99.00	: 73.00	: 59.00
TIMOTHY, PER 100 LB.	: 60.00	: 43.00	: 49.00	: 75.00
ORCHARDGRASS, PER 100 LB.	: 66.00	: 59.00	: 58.00	: 62.00
BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY, PER LB.	: 1.43	: .869	: 1.07	: 1.45
FESCUE, TALL, PER 100 LB.	: 40.00	: 34.00	: 40.00	: 50.00
RYEGRASS, ANNUAL, PER 100 LB.	: 41.00	: 28.50	: 31.00	: 28.00
RYEGRASS, PERENNIAL, PER 100 LB.	: 84.00	: 43.00	: 46.00	: 56.00
VETCH, HAIRY, PER 100 LB.	: 37.00	: 37.00	: 48.00	: 49.00
SEED WHEAT, PER BU.	: 7.50	: 6.10	: 6.00	: 4.40
SEED OATS, PER BU.	: 3.95	: 4.75	: 3.75	: 3.60
SEED BARLEY, PER BU.	: 5.30	: 5.45	: 4.95	: 4.30
SEED RYE, PER BU.	: 5.90	: 5.90	: 6.00	: 5.20

FIELD SEEDS: RETAIL PRICES, BY STATES, SEPTEMBER 15, 1976-77

STATE	ALFALFA SEED				SEED WHEAT		SEED BARLEY		SEED OATS	
	CERTIFIED		UNCERTIFIED		WINTER		WINTER		WINTER	
	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977
	DOLLARS PER 100 POUNDS				DOLLARS PER BUSHEL					
ALA					6.70	5.10			3.40	3.50
ARIZ	143	155	120	135	7.00	6.50	5.20	3.90		
ARK					5.00	3.40			3.30	2.70
CALIF	163	158	140	140	7.50	6.50	4.90	4.10	5.20	4.80
COLO	143	192	114	166	5.00	4.30	4.70	3.60	3.10	3.00
DEL								4.90		
FLA										3.30
GA					6.80	5.00	5.30	4.80	3.80	3.60
IDAHO	151	189	121	177	5.60	4.70	4.30	4.00	3.80	
ILL	152	191	125	157	6.10	4.50	5.50	4.60	4.30	3.90
IND	150	182	115	160	6.50	4.50	5.50	4.80	4.10	4.00
IOWA	135	178	123	157						
KANS	141	175	122	140	5.60	4.10	5.80	4.40	3.40	2.50
KY	146	180	123	149	5.60	4.00	4.60	3.80		
LA									3.40	3.20
MD							5.20	4.90	4.60	
MICH	141	184	128	163	6.20	4.30				
MINN	134	178	115	159						
MISS					5.40	3.90			3.40	3.00
MO	145	190	125	147	5.80	3.60	6.30	5.00	3.50	3.10
MONT	149	193	120	169	5.80	4.30	5.00	3.90		
NEBR	140	184	119	153	6.20	4.00				
NEV	152	170	122	150						
N J								4.70		
N MEX	142	157	120	140	5.70	5.25				
N Y	151	189	140	170	6.60	5.30		5.50		
N C					6.70	4.60	4.70	4.60	3.70	3.80
N DAK	142	195	122	165						
OHIO	140	177	114	155	6.00	4.00	5.10	4.90	3.70	3.90
OKLA	140	145	130	135	5.40	4.20	5.70	3.90	3.20	2.70
OREG	164	190	135	170	5.80	4.80	4.20	3.70	2.90	2.60
PA	145	183	132	166	7.00	5.40	5.40	5.00	4.70	4.70
S C							4.80	4.70	3.70	3.60
S DAK	142	180	110	144	6.20	4.10				
TENN					5.40	3.40	4.50	3.90	3.90	3.80
TEX	140	150	109	125	7.50	4.90	5.70	4.30	3.30	3.10
UTAH	144	175	118	150	5.50	5.00	4.70	3.70		
VA					6.90	5.00	4.80	4.70	4.60	4.50
WASH	168	185	140	175	6.00	4.90	4.20	3.80		
W VA							5.10	4.80		
WIS	145	184	124	165						
WYO	145	195	124	175			4.80	3.80		
U S	145	182	122	158	6.00	4.40	4.95	4.30	3.75	3.60