

# CALIFORNIA GRAIN AND FEED REPORT



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## CALIFORNIA DELIVERED GRAIN PRICES 10-DAY SHIPMENT

This Week
Last Report
Last Year  
Feb 16, 2012
Feb 9, 2012
Feb 17, 2011  
 (Paid by Feed Manufacturers and Other Users, Delivered Plant or Receiving Station)  
 -Dollars Per Cwt. – Bulk

### Grain and Destination

#### BARLEY - U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)

Truck: Petaluma-Santa Rosa	Sale	14.25		Offer	14.25		Offer	14.00
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock		NA		Offer	14.25			NA
Fresno/Tulare/Corcoran/Coalinga/Hanford	Sale	13.00			NA		Bids	12.50-12.75
Los Angeles-Chino Valley		NA			NA			NA
Tehama County		NA			NA			NA
Colusa County		NA		Sale	13.87			NA
Rail: Any Origin								
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock via BNSF & Union Pacific	Offer	13.25			13.60		Ind, Offer	13.25
Tulare via BNSF & Union Pacific	Offer	13.50			13.60		Ind, Offer	13.50

#### CORN - U.S. No. 2 Yellow

Truck: Petaluma-Santa Rosa	Offers	13.25-13.35		Offer	13.43	Sale Monday, Feb-Mar	13.85	
				Sale	13.40	Offer late week	14.15	
Stockton/Modesto/Oakdale/Turlock	Offers	13.25-13.86		Offers	13.34-13.98		Offers	14.15-14.55
	Sale	13.18		Sale	13.66			NA
Fresno-Tulare-Corcoran-Coalinga	Sale	13.15			NA			NA
Los Angeles-Chino Valley		NA			NA			NA
Merced/Madera Counties		NA			NA			NA
Rail: Single car units via BNSF								
Chino Valley Single Units		13.97			13.96			14.46
Los Angeles Single Units		13.97			13.96			14.46

#### SORGHUM - U.S. No. 2 Yellow (Milo)

Rail: Los Angeles-Chino Valley via BNSF Single		13.99			13.98-14.00		14.44
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#### OATS - U.S. No. 2 White (38-lbs. per bushel)

Truck: Petaluma-Stockton-Modesto-Turlock	Offers	14.00-14.50			NA		13.25-13.75
<u>U.S. No. 1 White (38-lbs. per bushel)</u>							
Los Angeles-Chino Valley-Van/Truck	Offer	15.00			15.00		15.25-15.50

#### WHEAT - U.S. No. 2 or Better - Hard Red Winter

Truck: California origin (Domestic Values for Flour Milling)							
Los Angeles 12% Protein		14.18-14.52		N	14.33-14.67		NA
Los Angeles 13% Protein		14.38-14.72		N	14.53-14.87		16.89-17.22
Los Angeles 14% Protein		14.58-14.92		N	14.73-15.07		NA
Rail/Truck: Out-of-State origin (Domestic Values for Flour Milling)							
Los Angeles							
Ranging 11-12% Protein		NA			NA		NA
Guaranteed 11.5% Protein		13.88-14.05		N	14.03-14.20		NA
Guaranteed 12% Protein		NA			NA		16.55-16.89

#### WHEAT - Any Class For Feed

Truck: Petaluma-Santa Rosa	Offers	13.25-13.30		Offer	13.25		NA	
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	Offer	13.30		Offers	13.25-13.85		NA	
	Sale	13.40		Sale	13.40			
Fresno-Tulare	NC Sales Jun-Jul	11.55-12.97			NA		NA	
Colusa County		NA			NA		Offer	14.00
Rail/Truck: Los Angeles-Chino Valley (11-1/2 to 12-1/2 Percent Protein)	Sales	13.75-14.25		Offers	14.25-14.75		16.00-16.25	

**FH** = First Half    **AH** = As Harvested    **N** = Nominal    **NA** = Not Available    **NC** = New Crop    **Ind** = Indicated    **Ltd** = Limited  
**CA** = California    **NFE** = Not fully established    **BNSF** = Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad    **U.P.** = Union Pacific Railroad  
**Del** = Delivered

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**CALIFORNIA DELIVERED MARKETS**  
**Seven-Day Reporting Period Ending Thursday, February 16, 2012**

(Unless otherwise stated, all prices per cwt)

**TRENDS:** Kansas City March wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, February 16, at 6.83, nine cents per bushel lower than last Thursday's close of 6.92. Chicago March corn futures closed at 6.36-1/4, 3/4 of a cent per bushel lower than last Thursday's close of 6.37. Trading was slow during the week.

**BARLEY:** Trading of barley was slow during the week and not well tested.

**CORN:** Offers for corn rail delivered to Los Angeles and the Chino Valley trended one cent per cwt higher compared to week ago offers due to a slight increase in the basis. Offers for corn truck delivered to the Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock areas trended nine cents lower to two cents higher.

**OATS:** Oats offers for truck delivery to Los Angeles were steady with last week's offers. Offers for oats delivered to California points had no recent price comparison as last week's offers were not quoted in slow trading.

**WHEAT:** Bids for California origin, 13.0 percent protein milling wheat at Los Angeles, trended 15 cents per cwt lower than bids on February 9 in reaction to the lower Kansas City March wheat futures for the same time period. The basis for California origin 13.0 percent protein milling wheat ranged from 1.80 to 2.00 per bushel over the Kansas City March wheat futures close, steady with last week's basis. Protein scales remained steady at three cents each 1/4 of a percent of protein down to 12 percent protein, and three cents each 1/4 of a percent of protein up to 14 percent protein. The basis for out of state origin, 11.5 percent protein hard red winter wheat, were 1.50 to 1.60 over the Kansas City March wheat futures.

**PRICES PAID TO CALIFORNIA FARMERS**  
**Seven-Day Reporting Period Ending Thursday, February 16, 2012**

Point of Sales County	Price Per Cwt	Shipment Period	Basis of Sale
<b>WHEAT, U.S. NO. 2 OR BETTER, HARD RED WINTER ORDINARY PROTEIN</b>			
No confirmed sales			
<b>WHEAT, U.S. NO. 2 OR BETTER, HARD RED WINTER WHEAT 11% PROTEIN</b>			
No confirmed sales			
<b>WHEAT, U.S. NO. 2 OR BETTER, HARD RED WINTER WHEAT 13% PROTEIN</b>			
San Joaquin (early week)	12.65	AH, Jun-Jul	Del Fresno County
<b>WHEAT, U.S. NO. 2 OR BETTER, HARD WHITE WHEAT 13% PROTEIN</b>			
No confirmed sales			
<b>WHEAT, U.S. NO. 1, HARD AMBER DURUM FOR FLOUR MILLING</b>			
No confirmed sales.			
<b>WHEAT, ANY CLASS FOR FEED (Red or White)</b>			
No confirmed sales.			
<b>BARLEY, U.S. NO. 2, 48 LBS PER BUSHEL</b>			
No confirmed sales.			
<b>CORN, U.S. NO. 2 OR BETTER YELLOW</b>			
San Joaquin	10.25	AH, Oct-Nov	Del Stockton
Kings/Tulare	12.50	AH, Aug-Sep	Del Hanford
Tulare (late week)	12.50	AH, Aug-Sep	Del Tulare County
Tulare (late week)	12.65	AH, Aug-Sep	Del Kings County
Kings	11.93	AH, Sep	Del Tulare County

AH= As Harvested

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING February 12, 2012:** Dry-land grains showed good growth and development, although more precipitation was still needed. Some replanting of **wheat** fields was required, due to earlier dry conditions. Some small grain fields were being irrigated. Weed control in **hay**, wheat, **rye** and **oat** fields continued. Ground preparation and fertilization also continued. **Alfalfa** growth was improved with recent rainfall. Field preparation for spring **cotton** planting continued with bed formation, pre-irrigation and weed control. Fields were also being prepared for **corn** planting.

**GRAINS: CLOSING CASH PRICES DELIVERED TO SELECTED MARKETS as of February 16, 2012:**

MARKET	WHEAT	DOLLARS PER FEED GRAINS BUSHEL		DOLLARS PER SHORT TON	
Portland	No. 1 Soft White	7.13	5/	Barley No. 2	NA
Great Falls	No. 1 Hard Red Winter 11%	6.10	1/	Barley No. 1 Malting	230.00
Great Falls	No. 1 Dark Northern Spring 14%	8.39	1/	Barley No. 2	170.50 1/
Ogden	No. 1 Hard Red Winter 11%	5.71	1/	Barley No. 2	218.00 1/
Minneapolis	No. 1 Dark Northern Spring 14%	9.60	3/	Barley No. 2	216.75
Minneapolis	No. 1 Hard Amber Durum	NA	4/	Oats Non-Milling	218.00 5&6/
Denver Area	No. 1 Hard Red Winter, Ordinary	6.53		Corn No. 2 Yellow	222.75 1/
Chicago	No. 2 Soft Red Winter	6.24	1/	Corn No. 2 Yellow	231.75 2/
Kansas City	No. 1 Hard Red Winter, Ordinary	6.59	1/	Sorghum, No. 2 Yellow	225.50 1/
New Orleans	No. 2 Soft Red Winter	6.96	6/	Soybeans No. 1 Yellow	443.75 6/

1/ Truck delivered. 2/ Processor bids. 3/ Milling quality. 4/ Choice milling quality. 5/ Exporter bids. 6/ 20 days to arrive.

**U. S. G R A I N F U T U R E S**

Grain and Grade	Delivery Month	This Week Feb 16, 2012 Price Per		Last Week Feb 9, 2012 Price Per		Last Year Feb 17, 2011 Price Per	
		Bushel	Cwt.	Bushel	Cwt.	Bushel	Cwt.
<b>CORN - U.S. No. 2 Yellow</b>							
<b>Chicago Board of Trade</b>							
	Mar	6.36 1/4	11.36	6.37	11.37	7.12 3/4	12.73
	May	6.39 3/4	11.42	6.41 1/2	11.46	7.23	12.91
	Jul	6.42 3/4	11.48	6.45 3/4	11.53	7.26 3/4	12.98
	Sep	5.94 1/4	10.61	5.93	10.59	6.62	11.82

**WHEAT U.S. No. 2 Hard Red Winter****Kansas City Board of Trade**

	Mar	6.83	11.38	6.92	11.53	9.53 1/4	15.89
	May	6.91	11.52	6.99 1/2	11.66	9.64	16.07
	Jul	7.00	11.67	7.07 1/4	11.79	9.73 1/4	16.22
	Sep	7.14	11.90	7.20	12.00	9.87 1/4	16.45

**UNITED STATES GRAIN EXPORTS (1,000 Bushels)**

Grain	Week Ending Feb 9, 2012	Week Ending Feb 2, 2012	Week Ending Feb 10, 2011	Total To Date This Season	Total to Date Last Season
Barley	76	60	8	5,766	4,525
Wheat	16,502	17,072	24,868	690,467	811,639
Corn	29,016	40,438	27,578	740,977	739,641
Oats	0	12	0	400	65
Sorghum	507	573	722	33,323	61,338

Standard crop marketing years: Wheat, Oats & Barley June 1-May 31; Corn & Sorghum September 1-August 31.

**NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE REVIEW**

Negotiated: Prices paid for Domestic Slaughter Steers (live basis)

	Feb 16, 2012	Feb 9, 2012	Feb 17, 2011
Over 80 percent Choice	NA	NA	110.00
65-80 percent Choice	NA	NA	105.00
35-65 percent Choice	NA	NA	NA
Under 35 percent Choice	NA	NA	NA

Source: USDA Livestock Market News, St. Joseph, MO (816) 238-0678.

**WEST COAST COW AND BULL CARCASS REPORT (Carlot-Volume-Carcass)**

	Feb 17, 2012	Feb 10, 2012	Feb 18, 2011
Boning Utility 1-3 400 lbs and up	119.00	119.00	111.00
Cutter 1-2 350 lbs and up	119.00	119.00	111.00

Source: USDA Livestock Market News, Des Moines, IA (515) 284-4460.

**CALIFORNIA ALFALFA PRICES**

Prices in Dollars per Ton for week ending Feb 17, 2012

Quality	Regions 1 and 2 Northern California Delivered Market	Regions 3 and 4 Central California Delivered Market	Regions 5 and 6 Southern California Delivered Market
	Supreme	NA	335.00
Premium	290.00	305.00-315.00	NA
Good	NA	285.00-305.00	NA
Fair	NA	NA	NA
	FOB from Grower	FOB from Grower	FOB from Grower
Supreme	NA	NA	264.00-266.00
Premium	270.00	285.00-300.00	255.00-265.00
Good	240.00	285.00	252.00-260.00
Fair	240.00	NA	250.00

Note: Alfalfa hay test guidelines: Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF): Supreme (ADF of less than 27); Premium (ADF 27-30); Good (ADF 30-32); Fair (ADF 32-35). Source: USDA Livestock and Grain Market News, Greeley, CO (970) 353-9750

Source: [http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ml\\_gr311.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ml_gr311.txt)

**CALIFORNIA WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFF PRICES**

	Tuesday <u>Feb 14, 2012</u>	Last Report <u>Feb 7, 2012</u>	Last Year <u>Feb 15, 2011</u>
<b><u>OILSEED MEAL:</u></b>			
<b>Soybean Meal, 47 1/2% Protein, solvent process (includes fuel)</b>			
Santa Fe Singles Delivered Chino Valley	Offers 362.10-370.10	357.40-363.40	391.60-401.60
Union Pacific Singles Delivered Chino Valley	Offers 362.10-365.10	357.40-362.40	391.60-412.60
<b>Cottonseed Meal, 41% Protein, solvent process</b>			
FOB Central San Joaquin Valley	Offers 260.00-275.00	Spot Offers 260.00-275.00	Offers Spot 300.00-306.00
Truck-Rail Delivered Los Angeles	NA	Sale Feb-Sep 260.00	Offers May-Oct 290.00-295.00
<b>Cottonseed Hulls</b>			
FOB Central San Joaquin Valley	Offers 190.00-195.00	Spot Offers 200.00-205.00	Offers May-Sep 165.00-170.00
Truck-Rail Delivered Los Angeles	NA	Offer Apr-Sep 190.00	NA
<b>Whole Cottonseed</b>			
FOB Central/Southern San Joaquin Valley	Offers 325.00-330.00	Offers 325.00-340.00	Offers & Trades 320.00-322.00
	Pima Offers 275.00-280.00	Pima Offers 280.00-300.00	Pima Offers & Trades 295.00-302.00
Truck-Rail Delivered Los Angeles	NA	NA	NA
<b><u>SAFFLOWER MEAL:</u></b>			
FOB Southern San Joaquin Valley	NA	NC Offer 165.00	NA
<b><u>ANIMAL BY-PRODUCT:</u></b>			
<b>Fish Meal</b>			
Mixed Bottom Fish Meal 60% Protein	NA	NA	NA
FOB Production Plant Salinas	NA	NA	NA
<b>Meat and Bone Meal, 50% Protein</b>			
FOB Northern & Central California Plants	280.00-325.00	275.00-325.00	300.00-310.00
FOB Los Angeles Area Plants	NA	275.00-320.00	300.00-315.00
Truck Delivered Central California	340.00-370.00	340.00-365.00	NA
<b>Yellow Grease (cents per lb)</b>			
Delivered San Joaquin Valley	.31 - .35	.31 - .3450	.39 - .4125
Delivered Imperial Valley	.3175 - .37	.3175 - .3650	.42 - .4375
San Francisco Bay Area Plants	.30 - .33	.30 - .33	.41
FOB Los Angeles Area Plants	.30 - .36	.30 - .35	.41 - .4250
<b>Feather Meal, 80%-85% Protein</b>			
FOB San Joaquin Valley Suppliers	NA	NA	NA
<b>Blood Meal, 85% Protein</b>			
Delivered Central San Joaquin Valley	725.00	775.00	700.00
<b><u>MILLFEEDS:</u></b>			
<b>Wheat Millrun—Truck Delivered</b>			
FOB Los Angeles Mill Door	Offers 175.00-190.00	182.00-190.00	182.00-185.00
<b>Rice Bran</b>			
FOB Northern California Mills	160.00-165.00	160.00-165.00	130.00-135.00
<b>Yellow Hominy Feed</b>			
Rail Delivered California Points	Offers 265.00-270.00	Offers N 265.00-270.00	NA
Truck Delivered California Points	Offers 275.00-282.00	Offers N 275.00-282.00	NA
<b><u>OTHER ITEMS:</u></b>			
<b>Distillers Dried Grains (includes fuel)</b>			
FOB Truck	Offers 250.00-262.00	Offers 240.00-247.00	NA
Rail Delivered California Points	Offer 260.00	Offers 245.00-257.00	Trades & Offers 242.00-249.00
<b>Canola Meal:</b>			
Truck FOB San Joaquin Valley	Offer 275.00-277.00	Offer 275.00	NA
Rail	Offer 269.00	Offer 267.00	NA
<b>Whole Almond Hulls</b>			
FOB Butte County	NA	NA	NA
FOB Colusa County	NA	NA	NA
FOB Stanislaus County	NA	NA	Sale Feb-Jun 130.00
			Sale NC Sep-Nov 118.00
			Sale NC Clock Sep-Jun 130.00
FOB Huller Merced County	NA	Sale 135.00	NA
FOB Madera County	NA	Sale 140.00	Sale Feb-Jun 135.00
			Sale NC Sep-Nov 120.00
			Sale NC Clock Sep-Jun 135.00
FOB Fresno County	NA	NA	NC Sale Sep-Oct 125.00
			NC Sale Clock Sep-Jun 135.00
			Sale Hull and Shell Clock Sep-Jul 100.00
FOB Kern County	NA	Sales 145.00	Sale Feb-Jun 138.00
			NC Sale Sep-Oct 125.00
			NC Clock Sep-Jun 138.00-140.00
Delivered Modesto/Oakdale/Turlock	NA	NA	NA
Delivered Hanford/Tulare/Visalia	Offers 148.00-152.00	Offers 150.00-152.00	Offers 140.00-148.00
Delivered Los Angeles/Chino Valley	Offers 165.00-168.00	Offers 161.00-168.00	Offers 151.00-155.00
<b>Grape Pomace</b>			
FOB San Joaquin Valley	NA	NA	NA

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