



Market Information on the Internet

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There's more market information out there than most of us even dreamed about. Much of it is available on the Internet through the World Wide Web. Some is provided for a fee but a great deal is available at no cost.

Most Web sites are well designed. They're easy to use and easy to find your way through. Some, however, are clumsy to find your way through because they are just plain poorly designed.

Here is a list of some of the many, many Internet Web sites that provide market or weather information grouped in alphabetical order. There are obviously many, many more I could have listed but 'surfing the Web' looking for interesting sites is not as exciting as you'd think. If a Web site has good information, I've listed it, even if it has design problems.

aginfonet Markets

<http://www.aginfonet.com/index.html>

Very, very large collection of market related Web pages under the 'Markets' link at the top left corner of the home page including

Agriculture Canada

<http://www.agr.ca/newintre.html>

Market Analysis Division -

<http://www.agr.ca/policy/winn/biweekly/English/framee.htm>

A very good site providing detailed market analysis, outlook and background information for grains, oilseeds, special crops, and livestock markets.

Poultry Market Information -

<http://www.agr.ca/misb/aisd/poultry/poulsece.htm>

Red Meat Market Information -

<http://www.agr.ca/misb/aisd/redmeat/redmsece.html>

- Weekly and Monthly Livestock and Meat Trade Report
- Canadian Cattle on Feed Report

AgriBiz.com

<http://www.agribiz.com>

Markets and Analysis -

<http://www.agribiz.com/markets.html>

Links to many US market analysis and reports.

Excellent options courses, options strategies and options analysis material - **<http://www.agribiz.com/cfor/>**

Agricore

<http://www.agricore.com>

The Market Information link provides commodity futures quotes, daily special crops price quotes and links to agricultural marketing and production sites.

Access to futures and special crops price information requires a password which is available at no cost after you submit a request form on the site.

Agricultural Market Information Virtual Library

<http://www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/fs2/market/contents.htm>

An incredibly comprehensive guide to US and world 'Market Information Sources Available Through the Internet: Daily To Yearly Market and Outlook Reports, Prices, Commodities and Quotes' and a huge number of links to agricultural market information sources world wide.

Agricultural Traders Resource Center

<http://www.cme.com/market/aglinks.html>

Links to hundreds of useful reports including US cattle and hog prices, major daily and monthly livestock reports, and weather reports.

Many numbers and commentaries on the livestock markets.

Agri-ville.com

<http://www.agri-ville.com>

Click on the green Market News link for futures quotes, charts and market commentary.

AgWeb.com

<http://www.agweb.com>

This US website provides a great deal of market and marketing-related information on farming and agriculture in general on the Home Page.

Detailed market and price information on many, many US commodities by clicking on the 'Markets' tab at the top of AgWeb.com's Home Page.

AgWeather.com

US weather conditions and forecasts -
<http://www.agriculturalweather.com>

Canadian weather conditions and forecasts -
<http://www.canadianweather.com>

Alberta Agriculture's 'Ropin' The Web
<http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca>

Market News, Price Information and Market Analysis - **<http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/navigation/economics/marketing/index.html>**

Alberta Feed Grain Prices -
<http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/economic/stats/feedgr.html>
Weekly cash feed wheat, oats and barley price ranges for the Brooks, Lethbridge, Vermilion, Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton and Grande Prairie regions. Updated each Monday morning except Tuesdays following a Monday holiday.

Alberta Closing Cash Grain Prices -
<http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/economic/stats/grdaily.html>
Daily closing elevator cash bids for flax, wheat, oats, rye, feed peas and barley and crusher cash bids for canola updated in late afternoon each week day. Prices are quoted as averages or ranges for five areas of Alberta.

Weekly Grain Price Review -
<http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/economic/stats/wkgrain.html>
A summary of Canadian and U.S. grain futures prices, elevator feedgrain bids, special crop bids, world and U.S. cash markets, Canadian and U.S. exports, and Canadian /U.S. canola-soybean crush updated each Friday afternoon.

Weekly Livestock Price Review -
<http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/economic/stats/wklvstck.html>
A summary of Canadian and U.S. cattle and hog market information including futures prices, live and slaughter prices, slaughter numbers, and grades updated each Friday afternoon.

Weekly Special Crops Market Review -
<http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/economic/outlook/wkmktcom.html>
Special crops market price summary and monthly analysis and outlook.

Special Crops Weekly Commentary and Monthly Outlook -
<http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/economic/outlook/wkmktcom.html>

Market Clippings - http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/newsletters/market_clippings/index.html

Alberta Cattle Commission

http://www.cattle.ca/Prov_Assoc/acc/acc_daily.htm

Daily slaughter and feeder cattle price report.

Alberta Cattle Feeders Association

<http://cattlefeeder.ab.ca>

Many market information links, primarily but not all livestock related, including livestock futures and options, currency futures and options, and live cattle market information.

Balog Auction Service

<http://www.balogauction.com>

Market reports -

<http://www.balogauction.com/MarketReports.html>

Bow Slope Shipping Association

<http://www.eidnet.org/local/bssa/index.htm>

Weekly market summary -

<http://www.eidnet.org/local/bssa/mrkrep.htm>

Calgary Stockyards, Ltd. and TEAM

<http://www.teamcsy.com/index.htm>

Market summary -

<http://www.teamcsy.com/mreport.htm>

Canadian Grain Commission

<http://www.cgc.ca>

General grain markets information including a list of licensed grain companies; rights, responsibilities and opportunities for western grain producers; Canada Grain Act; elevator tariffs; and more.

Canadian Satellite Livestock Auction

<http://www.cslauction.com>

Sale results - <http://www.cslauction.com/recap.html>

Canadian Wheat Board

<http://www.cwb.ca>

Pool Return Outlooks, contract calls (delivery updates), transportation updates, brief world weather updates, links to other useful sites, etc.

Cattle-Fax

<http://www.cattle-fax.com>

Links to many USDA and other cattle market reports - <http://www.cattle-fax.com/usdareports.html>

Chicago Board of Trade

<http://www.cbot.com>

10-minute updates on futures and 30-minute delay updates on options and futures and options settlement (closing) prices -

<http://www.cbot.com/mplex/quotes/>

Futures price charts -

<http://www.cbot.com/mplex/charts/mri.html>

Closing US grain and oilseed market commentaries -

<http://www.cbot.com/mplex/news/>

Chicago Mercantile Exchange

<http://www.cme.com>

Futures Prices and Charts -

<http://www.cme.com/market/prices/index.html>

10-minute updates on CME futures contracts, including live cattle, feeder cattle, lean hog and Canadian dollar futures.

20-Minute updates on agricultural and Canadian dollar options. Daily settlement (closing) prices on all CME futures and options. Daily and weekly futures charts (graphs)

Links to literally dozens of U.S. daily, weekly, and monthly livestock reports -

<http://www.cme.com/market/aglinks.html#prices>

Futures and options courses -

<http://www.cme.com/educational/course.html>

CNN Weather

<http://www.cnn.com/WEATHER/images.html>

Brief US and World one- and four-day weather maps and forecasts.

Edmonton Stockyard

<http://www.edmonton-stockyard.com>

Daily Edmonton Stockyard cattle sale prices summary

Environment Canada Weather Forecasts

http://weather.ec.gc.ca/text/index_e.shtml

Current and extended Canadian weather forecasts by region or specific location.

Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba weather forecasts -

<http://www.mb.ec.gc.ca/air/a00s01.en.html>

- weather maps load very slowly.

Farm Central (sponsored by Monsanto)

<http://www.farmcentral.com>

Major cattle and hog and major North American grains and oilseeds futures quotes on 10-minute delay -

<http://www.farmcentral.com/p/home.htm>

FBMInet

<http://fbminet.ca/>

Markets Link (**<http://fbminet.ca/markets.htm>**) contains many, many links to closing futures and options quotes, weekly nearby futures charts (price graphs), grain company bids, Canadian and U.S. daily market reports and commentary.

Home page (**<http://fbminet.ca>**) contains many links to weather maps and many other interesting agriculture-related areas.

Fort Macleod-Highwood Auction Company

<http://www.fmhauction.com>

Market reports - **<http://www.fmhauction.com/mr.html>**

International Grains Council

<http://www.igc.org.uk>

World wheat and feed grains production forecasts and market commentaries - **<http://www.igc.org.uk/gmrsumm.htm>**

Iowa Farm Outlook Newsletter

<http://www.econ.iastate.edu/outreach/agriculture/periodicals/ifo/>

Twice monthly livestock and crops market analysis and outlook newsletters.

Kansas City Board of Trade

<http://www.kcibt.com/quotes.htm>

Hard red winter wheat futures and options quotes, market analysis and charts.

K-State Livestock & Meat Marketing Web Site

<http://www.agecon.ksu.edu/livestock/default.htm>

Dr. Jim Mintert's very well written monthly cattle and hog market analysis and outlook includes analysis of USDA Cattle-on-Feed and Hogs and Pigs Reports.

Livestock Marketing Information Center

<http://lmic1.co.nrcs.usda.gov/current.html>

US cattle and hog market information and analysis including detailed charts explaining reports like Cattle-on-Feed and Hog-and-Pigs reports. It includes many links to other market information sites.

Manitoba Agriculture and Food

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/>

Market analysis, outlook and Manitoba cash prices for cattle, hogs, grains and oilseeds - <http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/news/markets/index.html>

Market Advisor for Prairie Beef Producers, by Harlan Hughes

<http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/cow/>

This site includes beef cattle business management and marketing strategies and financial management advice for North Dakota cattlemen. Much of the information is applicable to western Canadian cattlemen. Mr Hughes has recently retired but much of his information is still valid.

Minneapolis Grain Exchange

<http://www.mgex.com>

Minneapolis futures and options quotes for hard red spring and white wheat, durum and barley -

<http://exchanges.barchart.com/intra/mgex/>

Nilsson Bros. Inc.

<http://www.nbinc.com/index.htm>

Weekly Clyde auction mart cattle market prices summary updated every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Also some interesting cattle links.

Oilworld

<http://www.oilworld.de/index.shtml>

Oil World has been the premier source for market analysis and forecasting for oilseeds, oils and meals for years. This Web site is a detailed source of information on the major oilseeds, oils and fats and meals.

PCTS Inc.

<http://www.pcts.ca>

Daily Morning and closing futures market comments -

<http://www.pcts.ca/cgi-bin/reports.cgi>

Pro Farmer Canada

<http://www.pfcanada.com>

Much of the information at this site is available only for a fee. However, the links following links are provided at no cost. Futures quotes and charts. Futures World News/Bridge News - huge collection of market news. Stocks/Financial News Links

Purcell Weekly Agricultural Commodity Market Report

<http://www.ext.vt.edu/news/periodicals/purcell/>

Weekly (Tuesday) update of US wheat, corn, soybean, cattle and hog markets. Includes price risk strategy suggestions which may apply to Canadian producers.

Sekura Auctions, Drayton Valley

http://www.sekuraauctions.com/sekura_auctions_market_report.htm

Weekly market summary.

Statcom, Ltd.

<http://www.statcom-online.com>

Statcom, Ltd. provides market detailed information to the grain trade on the oats and canola markets so some information on this site requires a fee. However, there is a huge amount of market analysis and outlook information of use to farm managers.

Statistics Canada

<http://www.statcan.ca/start.html>

Crop report release dates and links to released reports -

<http://www.statcan.ca/Daily/English/today/daily.htm>

Stat Publishing's Commodity News

<http://www.statpub.com/stat/>

Commodity news and analysis for many agricultural commodities but especially field peas, lentils, dry edible beans, chick peas, mustard seed, birdseed ingredients and other specialty seeds. Some of the information requires a subscription fee for access. Many interesting marketing and weather related links.

TFC Commodity Charts

<http://www.futures.tradingcharts.com>

Futures quotes and daily, weekly and monthly futures price charts (graphs) for all the major agricultural commodity futures as well as currency exchange rates, energy sources, metals and financials -

<http://www.futures.tradingcharts.com/menu.html>

The Ag Center

<http://www.agcenter.com>

Daily fed and feeder cattle market report -

<http://www.agcenter.com/cattlereport.asp>

'Drover's News' cattle market background information -

<http://www.agcenter.com/cattlereport.asp>

The Weather Network

http://www.theweathernetwork.com/index_can.htm

Weather maps and forecasts Canada, the US and the world. Detailed forecasts are primarily for urban areas.

University of Illinois Outlook

<http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/farmdoc/Outlook/default.htm>

A link to get to all the major USDA production and market reports and USDA outlook reports as well as a selection of other outlook reports.

USDA Reports

<http://www.usda.gov>

<http://www.usda.gov/usdareg.htm>

USDA Supply/Disposition, Outlook and other reports are posted as soon as they are released.

Major report dates and links to Cattle-on-Feed, Seeding Intentions, Seeded Acres, and all other major USDA reports -

<http://www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/rptscal.htm>

Historical information and many nifty charts -

<http://www.usda.gov/nass/>

Livestock, Dairy, Poultry Situation & Outlook -

<http://www.econ.ag.gov/Prodsrvs/rept-ldp.htm>

Situation and outlook (analysis and price forecasts) -

<http://www.econ.ag.gov/whatsnew/calendar/>

US and World Feedgrains, Wheat, Oil Crops Situation and Outlook -

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/erssor/field/>

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service cash market information on nearly any farm product imaginable -

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm>

Special Crops Market Prices and Commentary -

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/GL_GR851.txt

Vold, Jones & Vold Auction Company

<http://www.vjvauction.com>

Market reports -

<http://www.vjvauction.com/vjvold/marketreports.html>

Walker Seeds Market Update

<http://www.quantumlynx.com/wsl/newslet.html>

Special crops market update newsletter.

Winnipeg Commodity Exchange

<http://www.wce.mb.ca/frameset.htm>

Delayed futures and options quotes -

http://www.wce.mb.ca/market/_activepages/market.htm

Futures price charts -

http://www.wce.mb.ca/market/_activepages/market.htm

Other Interesting Sites

Farmtools.com

<http://www.farmtools.com/index.asp>

This site offers a number of pages on hedging, risk analysis and 'options fair value prices' for the major US grains and oilseeds. This information would be useful for Canadian farm managers using US futures and/or options as part of their price risk management strategies.

Statfor, Inc.

<http://www.stratfor.com>

Stratfor, Inc. is a private world-wide intelligence services company. It provides its customers with customized, in-depth analysis and forecasting on global, political, and financial issues. However, much of Statfor's basic information is available at no cost from their Web site. You can subscribe to free daily updates by going to:

<http://www.stratfor.com/services/gju/subscribe.asp>.

If you find other interesting marketing Web Sites, please send me the URL (see What's It Mean below) at my e-mail address: lee.melvill@gov.ab.ca

What's It Mean

URL - Uniform Resource Locator: the Web 'address' of a particular Web site or page. For example the URL of the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange is: <http://www.wce.mb.ca/>. Each Web page has its own unique URL.

Link or Hyperlink - an picture or underlined or colored word or phrase on a Web page. When a mouse pointer is moved to a link, the pointer changes to a hand. When a link is clicked once with a mouse pointer, the Web software 'jumps' to a new page or other information that is 'connected' to the link. Links make moving from Web page to Web page very easy.