



Market Information Database System (MIDS)¹

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Market Information Database System (MIDS) is a computer information system established by Dr. John VanSickle, Department of Food and Resource Economics, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida. MIDS provides agricultural market information received from the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service. The website for MIDS is <http://mids.ifas.ufl.edu>.

MIDS is an archive of agricultural market reports from around the country dating back to 1990. Reports are compiled for the following subject areas:

- Cotton
- Dairy
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Grain
- Livestock
- Poultry
- Tobacco

The reports come straight from the USDA, and MIDS updates our database with new market information daily. These market reports focus on pricing, local growing conditions, transportation problems, and overall trends for each commodity, and are an invaluable resource to growers nationwide.

Current search capabilities only include a search by date for each report, but new methods are under development that will allow a search by commodity, region, or state. Other new features will include printer-friendly pages and a subscription service. The subscription service will allow growers to receive relevant reports via email when new reports are entered into the database.

MIDS is one of the most complete market information archives in the country. Growers and researchers have long been using the system for access to old reports.

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