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This is a guide to finding commodity prices, exchange rates, and sources for market outlook analysis, especially for the students in AGR 2400.

Step 1 : Background information

You may need to look up background information or definitions of terms to help you understand your topic better, and to give you ideas on how to dig more deeply for information on it. For other background sources, search our collections with [Primo](#).

[Oxford Dictionary of Economics](#)

Click on the Economics & Business link. You will also find A Dictionary of Accounting, A Dictionary of Business and A Dictionary of Finance & Banking.

Step 2 : Market information

These links will help you get the story behind the commodity.

[ABI/INFORM](#)

Articles from U.S. and Canadian sources, including The Wall Street Journal, Futures, Journal of Futures Markets, Barron's Journal of Commerce and many specific trade publications like National Hog Farmer and Corn and Soybean Digest

[Agricola](#)

A journal index leading you to articles on agriculture and agricultural economics.

[AgriLink & Farm Market News](#)

You can sign up for this free online newsletter written by John Jordan of Guelph's Ridgetown Campus. The newsletter reports on agricultural commodity news and marketing information pertinent to agriculture in Ontario. (Click 'online registration' for your free subscription).

[Business Source Complete](#)

Articles from business magazines and journals, such as Futures: News, Analysis & Strategies for Futures, Options & Derivatives Traders, National Hog Farmer, Journal of Futures Markets, Western Farm Press

[Canadian Newsstand](#)

Full text articles from Canadian newspapers such as the Globe and Mail, the Toronto Star and Guelph Mercury. For (some) commodity spot prices, search for 'commodities' under 'document title' and search 'globe and mail' under 'publication title'. Select 'date range' you require.

[Commodity Market Review](#)

Biennial publication by the Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with chapters devoted to different commodities.

Consensus: national futures and financial weekly

McLaughlin periodical stacks - 2nd floor : [HG 6046.C66](#)

Weekly magazine in the library (not available online).

[Current Market Outlook & Probabilistic Price Forecasts for Grain and Livestock](#)

Forecasts and analyses of commodity markets by Jim Hilker, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University

[GAIN Reports](#)

U.S.D.A. Global Agriculture Information Network (GAIN) attache reports. Select commodity, country and dates of report.

[Industry Canada](#)

Click on either 'manufacturing industries' or 'resource industries' and drill down for information related to the ag sector

[USDA/FAS Commodities and Products](#)

United States Department of Agriculture/ Foreign Agricultural Services provides data and market analysis.

World's Futures and Options Markets, 2000

Reference - 2nd floor : [HG6024.A3 W67](#)

Overviews of countries' commodities markets and directory of exchanges around the world

[Links to agricultural information including commodity and futures exchanges internationally](#)

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Step 3 : Prices

Hints:

Prices and consumptions of crops, dairy, fish, seafood, red meat, poultry, and eggs can be found on the Agriculture Canada website. Many of these are also on the OMAFRA website.

CPI can be found on the Bank of Canada and CANSIM websites.

Exchange Rates can be found on the Bank of Canada website.

[Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada](#)

Legislation, market and economic information. Click on Economic and Market Information for prices and report on particular commodities.

[Bank of Canada Exchange Rates](#)

10 years of exchange rates

[Bank of Canada--CPI](#)

Click on Price Indexes

[Bloomberg.com](#)

Click on Market Data for rates & commodities.

[CANSIM Multidimensional Service](#)

Comprehensive database of Canadian time series, e.g. CPI, GDP, key interest rates, exchange rates, etc. Available on the TDR website. Go to: <http://tdr.uoguelph.ca/> and navigate to TDR

Data--CANSIM--CANSIM Multidimensional Service. Click on CHASS Menu, then perform 'Text Search' or 'Browse by subject'.

[CME Group](#)

A merger of the former Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Provides commodities data. You can sign up for a free daily news e-letter.

CRB Commodity Yearbook

Reference - 2nd floor : [HC14 .C6](#)

Historical commodities prices from the Commodity Research Bureau.

[CRB futures perspective: Agricultural & Financial Editions](#)

Commodity Research Bureau Futures and Exchange prices.

[Datastream](#)

A powerful international database for commodity prices, futures, stocks, economic indicators, exchange rates and much more. In-house only at the Data Resource Centre on the first floor of the Library. Contact drc@listserv.uoguelph.ca for more information.

[FAOSTAT](#)

Current and historical data including agricultural prices, production, consumption and trade figures worldwide (1960s -).

Globe and Mail

McLaughlin periodical stacks - 2nd floor

Daily issues are kept in the newspaper collection on the 2nd floor.

[Globe Investor](#)

Stock quotes and charts from Canadian and US exchanges for five years.

[New York Mercantile Exchange](#)

Futures and options contracts for crude oil, gasoline, heating oil, natural gas, electricity, gold, silver, copper, aluminum, and platinum

[OMAFRA Ontario Agriculture and Food Statistics](#)

Find local prices.

[Ontario Corn, Soybean, Wheat and Feed Grain Prices 1991-2008](#)

Ridgetown College collects daily prices of agricultural commodities in Ontario. Daily highs and lows are given for each sector, as well as, daily Bank of Canada exchange rates. Some files contain Chicago futures figures.

Click on TDR Data.

Click on Nesstar Web-Retrieval

Click on the + sign next to Agriculture

Click on the + sign next to Canada

[Reuters](#)

Recent prices on options, futures, stocks, currencies, etc.

The CRB commodity yearbook

Reference - 2nd floor : [HC14 .C6](#)

Annual price data

[Winnipeg Commodity Exchange](#)

Available through ICE Clear Canada

Step 4 : Specific Commodities

[Egg Farmers of Canada](#)

[Canadian Grain Commission](#)

[Canfax: Canada's source for cattle market information](#)

[Commodities and Products information by USDA](#)

Produced by the United States Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service

[Ontario Cattlemen's Association](#)

Market information, statistics, current issues for Ontario Beef

[Ontario Corn Producers' Association](#)

[Ontario Pork](#)

Click on "Producers" for prices. You can also find background information on this site under the links: News, Research, Educators

Step 5 : Public web sites

The term "public websites" refers to sites that can be freely reached through a search engine. Many of the links given above lead you to "invisible web sites" that the library pays for, such as journal databases. Typically, if your professor tells you not to use web sites on an assignment, he/she is referring to public web sites. Public websites may express personal or institutional viewpoints. Like any information source, they represent the bias of their creators, and you should evaluate each site before using the information. To learn how, see our [Evaluating websites tutorial](#).

[Farms.com](#)

Agriculture news and quotes.

[TFC Commodity Charts & Quotes](#)

[Yahoo! Finance](#)

Quotes for stocks, bonds, options and exchange rates.

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