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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER MAY 2005

Red meat production in **Colorado** during May 2005 totaled 157.7 million pounds, down 7 percent from the 169.2 million pounds produced during May 2004 but 21 percent above April 2005. The accumulated production for the first five months of this year now totals 694.9 million pounds, down 12 percent from the 787.8 million pounds produced during the comparable period last year. Cattle kill during May decreased 10 percent from the previous year to 198,000 head. The average live weight of 1,211 pounds was 20 pounds above the average for May 2004. Hog slaughter increased 12 percent to 900 head and the average live weight increased to 268 pounds, up 30 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.71 billion pounds in May, up 3 percent from the 3.60 billion pounds produced in May 2004. Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Veal production totaled 13.2 million pounds, 4 percent below May a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.61 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.8 million pounds, was up 14 percent from May 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States 1/

Area and Specie	May 2004	Apr. 2005	May 2005	January-May 2004	January-May 2005
	Million Pounds				
Colorado	169.2	130.2	157.7	787.8	694.9
United States	3,597.0	3,622.0	3,714.0	18,375.0	18,286.0
Beef	2,070.0	1,889.0	2,075.0	9,864.0	9,691.0
Veal	13.7	13.0	13.2	72.2	64.9
Pork	1,500.0	1,704.0	1,611.0	8,356.0	8,451.0
Lamb & Mutton .	13.1	15.5	14.8	83.0	79.4

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2005 JUNE ACREAGE

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Dry conditions eased somewhat across Colorado after three consecutive years of drought. Mountain snowpack was above average in the western and southern areas, but northern areas were below average. As a result, water restrictions for irrigation remain in effect for many prime growing areas in the state. Actual harvested acreage will depend in large part on the amount of moisture received during the coming months.

Colorado **corn** producers intend to harvest 940,000 acres for grain from the 1,100,000 acres planted in 2005. This is a decrease of 10 percent from last year for intended harvested grain acreage and a 8 percent decrease in planted acreage for all purposes. **Sorghum** plantings, at 200,000 acres, decreased 29 percent from the previous year but acreage expected to be harvested for grain, at 160,000, decreased only 11 percent as growers expect to harvest a larger proportion of planted acres for grain.

Winter wheat producers expect to harvest 2,400,000 acres from the 2,650,000 planted in the fall of 2004. This is 50,000 acres below earlier expectations due to pest and disease outbreaks. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 20,000 acres, increased 33 percent from 2004. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 19,000 acres compared to 14,000 acres harvested last year.

Oat seedings are unchanged from 2004 at 75,000 acres, but producers plan to harvest 25,000 acres for grain, up 5,000 acres from last year. **Barley** planted acres, at 60,000, is 20,000 below last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 58,000, is 25 percent below 2004 and will be the smallest harvested area since 1906, if realized. **Proso millet** seedings are expected to total 320,000 acres this year, down 50,000 acres from 2004.

All hay area to be harvested is expected to decrease 50,000 acres from a year ago to 1,470,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** acreage is expected to decrease 30,000 from last year to 740,000 acres. **All other hay** acreage harvested is expected decrease 20,000 acres to 730,000 acres.

Sugar beet plantings decreased slightly to 35,000 acres from 36,000 acres last year. The expected harvested area, at 33,000 acres, is 500 acres below last year. Acres planted to **dry beans**, at 110,000, are up 47 percent from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 98,000.

All sunflower planted area at 180,000 acres, is 45,000 acres above last year. Oil type varieties totaled 130,000 acres, up 40,000 while non-oil type varieties is set at 50,000 acres, up 5,000. **Summer potatoes** showed a 17 percent decrease in planted acres to 4,900 with the expected harvested acreage set at 4,800 acres. This is the smallest area in summer potatoes since 1949 when summer potato records began.

Planted and Harvested Acres, Colorado and United States, 2004-2005

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres	
	2004	2005	2004	Intended 2005
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres	
COLORADO:				
All Corn 1/	1,200	1,100	1,040	940
All Sorghum 1/	280	200	180	160
All Wheat	2,315	2,670	1,714	2,419
Winter Wheat	2,300	2,650	1,700	2,400
Spring Wheat	15	20	14	19
Oats	75	75	20	25
Barley	80	60	77	58
Proso Millet	370	320	330	3/
All Hay	...	...	1,520	1,470
Alfalfa Hay	...	...	770	740
Other Hay	...	...	750	730
Sugar beets	36.0	35.0	33.5	33.0
Dry edible beans	75.0	110.0	67.0	98.0
Sunflower, All	135	180	123	168
Oil	90	130	80	120
Non-Oil	45	50	43	48
Summer potatoes	5.9	4.9	5.8	4.8
UNITED STATES:				
All Corn 1/	80,930	81,592	73,632	74,368
All Sorghum 1/	7,486	7,013	6,517	6,030
All Wheat 2/	59,674	58,080	49,999	50,361
Winter Wheat	43,350	41,408	34,462	34,271
Spring Wheat	13,763	14,099	13,174	13,637
Oats	4,085	4,342	1,792	1,976
Barley	4,527	3,970	4,021	3,471
Rye	1,380	1,440	320	323
Proso Millet	710	590	595	3/
All Hay	...	...	61,916	61,723
Alfalfa Hay	...	...	21,707	22,118
Other Hay	...	...	40,209	39,605
Sugar beets	1,345.9	1,284.6	1,306.9	1,257.5
Dry edible beans	1,354.3	1,674.0	1,219.3	1,567.4
Sunflower, All	1,873	2,714	1,711	2,584
Oil	1,533	2,176	1,424	2,076
Non-Oil	340	538	287	508
Summer potatoes	58.5	51.1	54.0	49.2
Soybeans	75,208	73,303	73,958	72,384

1/ Planted all purposes, harvested for grain.
2/ Includes Durum Wheat.
3/ To be released January 2006 in the Annual Crop Summary.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes for the **United States** is estimated at 81.6 million acres, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent above 2003. The 2005 winter wheat planted area, at 41.4 million acres, is 4 percent below last year and down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 34.3 million acres, down 2 percent from the June 1 forecast and 1 percent below the 2004 total. Acreage planted to other spring wheat for 2005 is estimated at 14.1 million, up 2 percent from 2004. Grain area is expected to total 13.6 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. In Minnesota, development of the crop has been slowed due to wet conditions and cool weather. Area planted to sorghum in 2005 is estimated at 7.01 million acres, down 6 percent from 2004. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 6.03 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Oat acres seeded for the 2005 crop year totaled 4.34 million acres, up 6 percent from last year's planted area. Growers expect to harvest 1.98 million acres for grain, up 10 percent from the 2004 harvested acreage of 1.79 million. Planted acreage for the 2005 Proso millet crop is estimated at 590,000 acres, 17 percent below last year's total. Producers expect to harvest 61.7 million acres of all hay in 2005, down fractionally from 2004. Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is forecast at 22.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. All other hay harvested area is expected to total 39.6 million acres, down 2 percent. Sugarbeet area planted totaled 1.28 million acres, down 1 percent from the March intentions and down 5 percent from 2004. The area for harvest is forecast at 1.26 million acres, down 4 percent from 2004.

GRAIN STOCKS JUNE 1, 2005

All wheat stocks in **Colorado** as of June 1, 2005 totaled 11.75 million bushels, down 35 percent from one year earlier. Farm stocks were down 33 percent to 3.0 million bushels and off-farm stocks were down 35 percent to 8.75 million bushels. **Corn** stocks, at 37.94 million bushels, were up 50 percent from a year ago. Farm stocks increased 33 percent to 20.0 million bushels and off-farm stocks were up 75 percent to 17.94 million bushels.

Grain Stocks, Colorado and United States June 1, 2004-2005

Grain and Position 1/	Colorado 2004	Colorado 2005	United States 2004	United States 2005
	1,000 Bushels			
All wheat				
On farms	4,500	3,000	131,880	161,275
Off farms	13,470	8,750	414,559	378,566
Total	17,970	11,750	546,439	539,841
Corn				
On farms	15,000	20,000	1,540,000	2,462,300
Off farms	10,240	17,940	1,430,140	1,857,657
Total	25,240	37,940	2,970,140	4,319,957
Barley				
On farms	2/	2/	28,320	41,100
Off farms	7,401	3/	91,988	87,604
Total	3/	2/	120,308	128,704
Oats				
On farms	2/	2/	27,500	25,350
Off farms	70	62	37,348	32,613
Total	2/	2/	64,848	57,963
Sorghum				
On farms	2/	2/	7,650	16,000
Off farms	970	1,050	72,944	88,369
Total	2/	2/	80,594	104,369
Soybeans				
On farms	2/	2/	110,000	356,100
Off farms	3/	3/	300,604	343,544
Total	3/	3/	410,604	699,644

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.
2/ Not estimated.
3/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Nationally, corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2005 totaled 4.32 billion bushels, up 45 percent from June 1, 2004. This is the highest June 1 stocks level since 1988. Of the total stocks, 2.46 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 60 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.86 billion bushels, are up 30 percent from a year ago. Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2005 totaled 700 million bushels, up 70 percent from June 1, 2004. On-farm stocks totaled 356 million bushels, up 224 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 344 million bushels, are up 14 percent from the previous year. All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2005 totaled 540 million bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 161 million bushels, up 22 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 379 million bushels, are down 9 percent from a year ago.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

JUNE 15, 2005

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 120, based on 1990-92=100, is unchanged from May. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.7 percent), but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (2.5 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, soybeans, broccoli, grapefruit, and potatoes. Lower prices were received for cattle, hogs, strawberries, dairy products, and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloup offset decreased marketings of tomatoes, oranges, sweet corn, and strawberries.

The June index is 121, up 2.5 percent from May but 0.8 percent below June 2004. The June all wheat price, at $3.17 per bushel, is down 14 cents from May and 38 cents from June 2004. The corn price, at $2.01 per bushel, is up 2 cents from last month but 78 cents below June 2004. The all hay price, at $102 per ton, is $5.00 below May but $6.80 above last June. The soybean price, at $6.72 per bushel, increased 52 cents from May but is $2.36 below June 2004. The all dry bean price, at $25.10 per cwt, is down $6.80 from the previous month but $5.10 above June 2004.

The June Livestock and Products index, at 119, is 2.5 percent below last month and 11 percent from June 2004. The June hog price, at $51.00 per cwt, is down $3.90 from May and $5.70 lower than a year ago. The June beef cattle price of $89.50 is down $2.90 from last month and 30 cents lower than June 2004. The June all milk price of $14.60 is down 20 cents from last month and $3.60 from June 2004.

Prices Received and Paid Summary
United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2004 May	2004 June	2005 May	2005 June
	Percent			
Prices Received	129	128	120	120
Prices Paid	135	135	139	139
Ratio 1/	96	95	86	86

1/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.

Colorado wheat, at $2.99 per bushel for mid-June 2005, declined 13 cents from the previous month and was 52 cents lower than June a year ago. Mid-June corn prices dropped 8 cents below May to $2.08 per bushel but averaged 89 cents above June 2004. The mid-June potato price, at $4.45 per cwt, increased 20 cents from last month and was 75 cents per cwt above June a year ago. The alfalfa hay price, at $87.00 per ton, increased $9.00 from last month and $5.00 above a year ago. Other hay price, at $75.00 per ton, unchanged from last month but $1.00 above June a year ago. The mid-June steer and heifer price was $1.00 below last month at $110.00 per cwt but averaged $2.00 above the $108.00 per cwt a year ago. Cow prices were down $3.00 from last month to $56.60 per cwt and were 40 cents per cwt below June 2004. Calf prices, at $142.00 per cwt, increased $1.00 from May and were $12.00 higher than the $130.00 per cwt received a year ago.

Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

Item	Unit	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005
		Colorado		
Crops		**Dollars**		
Wheat	Bu.	3.51	3.12	2.99
Corn	Bu.	2.97	2.16	2.08
Barley (All)	Bu.	2/	2/	2/
Potatoes	Cwt	3.70	4.25	4.45
Dry edible beans	Cwt	19.60	28.70	2/
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	82.00	78.00	87.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	74.00	75.00	75.00
Livestock & Products .				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	107.00	110.00	109.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt	108.00	111.00	110.00
Cows	Cwt	57.00	59.60	56.60
Calves	Cwt	130.00	141.00	142.00
Sheep	Cwt	39.50	38.40	3/
Lambs	Cwt	111.00	115.00	3/
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	3/	14.50	14.20
		United States		
Crops		**Dollars**		
Wheat	Bu.	3.55	3.31	3.17
Corn	Bu.	2.79	1.99	2.01
Soybeans	Bu.	9.08	6.20	6.72
Barley (All)	Bu.	2.63	2.46	2.36
Barley (Feed)	Bu.	2.20	1.71	1.66
Sorghum	Cwt	4.58	3.06	3.40
Potatoes	Cwt	6.16	6.72	7.38
Dry edible beans	Cwt	20.00	31.90	25.10
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	102.00	116.00	112.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	76.90	76.10	73.60
Onions	Cwt	16.50	17.40	21.90
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	89.80	92.40	89.50
Steers & heifers	Cwt	93.80	96.40	93.10
Cows	Cwt	53.70	58.50	57.30
Calves	Cwt	125.00	141.00	140.00
Sheep	Cwt	31.30	44.50	3/
Lambs	Cwt	105.00	115.00	3/
Hogs	Cwt	56.70	54.90	51.00
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	18.20	14.80	14.60
Broilers	Lb.	0.520	0.440	0.440

1/ Prices received by farmers refer to prices at the point of first sale out of farmer's hands and should not be confused with prices of specific grades or classes of a particular agricultural commodity. They do not include direct government payments.
2/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.
3/ Discontinued.

HOGS AND PIGS
JUNE 1, 2005

The June 1, 2005 inventory of all hogs and pigs in **Colorado** totaled 770,000 head, up 3 percent from a year earlier. The breeding inventory was unchanged from last year at 140,000 head but the market hog inventory increased 3 percent to 630,000 head. During the December 2004 - May 2005 period, 152,000 sows farrowed, up 5 percent from the same time period a year ago. The number of pigs born during the period totaled 1.3 million up from 1.2 million born during the same time period a year earlier. The number of pigs per litter during the Dec - May time periods averaged 8.7, up from 8.2 in 2004.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2005 was 60.8 million head. This was up slightly from June 1, 2004, and up 2 percent from March 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 1 percent from both June 1, 2004 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.8 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The March - May 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 25.9 million head, was up 1 percent from both 2004 and 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.02 for the March - May 2005 period, compared to 8.93 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the June-August 2005 quarter, virtually unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004, but down one-half of one percent from 2003. Intended farrowings for September-November 2005, at 2.88 million sows, are unchanged from the same period in 2004, but up 1 percent from 2003.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 40 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 38 percent last year.

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2004 through March 2005 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of less than one-half of one percent was made to the December 1, 2004 total inventory. The September-November 2004 pig crop was adjusted by one percent.

Hogs and Pigs, June 1, 2004-2005

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head			
All Hogs & Pigs	750	770	60,698	60,812
Kept for breeding . .	140	140	5,937	5,977
Market	610	630	54,760	54,834
Under 60 lbs	335	345	20,292	20,223
60-119 lbs	95	110	13,500	13,456
120-179 lbs	80	60	11,256	11,343
180 lbs. & over . . .	100	115	9,714	9,813
Sows Farrowed:				
Dec. 1/ thru Feb . . .	73	76	2,836	2,851
Mar. thru May	72	76	2,870	2,870
Dec. thru May 2/ . .	145	152	5,706	5,721
Pig Crop:				
Dec. 1/ thru Feb . . .	606	650	25,105	25,489
Mar. thru May	583	669	25,633	25,884
Dec. thru May 2/ . .	1,189	1,319	50,738	51,373

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

UPCOMING REPORTS

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