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**2007 JUNE ACREAGE  
COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS**

Drought conditions in Colorado eased after a moist winter and spring. Three large blizzards during the winter months left adequate soil moisture supplies for growing winter wheat and planting spring crops. Timely spring rains brought additional moisture creating good planting conditions for late season crops as well. However, water restrictions for irrigation remain in effect for many prime growing areas in the state and directly influenced planting decisions once again this year. Actual harvested acreage will depend in large part on the amount of moisture received during the coming months.

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

**MAY 2007**

Red meat production in **Colorado** during May 2007 totaled 158.1 million pounds, down 8 percent from the 171.2 million pounds produced during May 2006 but 18 percent above April 2007. The accumulated production for the first five months of this year now totals 729.1 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 751.1 million pounds produced during the comparable period last year. Cattle kill during May decreased 6 percent from the previous year to 195,400 head. The average live weight of 1,220 pounds was 32 pounds below the average for May 2006. Hog slaughter decreased 30 percent to 700 head and the average live weight decreased to 253 pounds, down 3 pounds from a year earlier.

Colorado **corn** producers intend to harvest 1,050,000 acres for grain from the 1,200,000 acres planted in 2007. This is an increase of 22 percent from last year for intended harvested grain acreage and a 20 percent increase in planted acreage for all purposes. **Sorghum** plantings, at 210,000 acres, decreased 25 percent from the previous year but acreage expected to be harvested for grain, at 160,000, increased 23 percent as growers expect to harvest a larger proportion of planted acres for grain. **Winter wheat** producers expect to harvest 2,250,000 acres from the revised 2,450,000 acres planted in the fall of 2006. This is 350,000 acres higher than last year's harvested area.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 4.08 billion pounds in May, up slightly from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in May 2006. Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.05 million head, up slightly from May 2006. Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 3 percent below May a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.76 million head, up 3 percent from May 2006. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.5 million pounds, was down 4 percent from May 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,200 head, 3 percent below last year. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 9 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent

**Spring wheat** seedings, at 20,000 acres, are unchanged from 2006. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 19,000 acres, also equal to last year. **Oat** seedings are also unchanged from last year at 85,000 acres and producers plan to harvest 10,000 acres for grain. **Barley** planted acres, at 60,000, are 13,000 above last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 58,000, are 38 percent above 2006. **Proso millet** seedings are expected to total 250,000 acres this year, down 14 percent from 2006.

**Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States 1/**

Area and Specie	May 2006	Apr. 2007	May 2007	January-May	
				2006	2007
<b>Million Pounds</b>					
<b>Colorado</b> .....	171.2	133.7	158.1	751.1	729.1
<b>United States</b> .....	4,063.8	3,753.4	4,075.1	19,180.2	19,548.2
Beef.....	2,309.0	2,015.3	2,284.8	10,359.8	10,535.3
Veal.....	12.7	11.8	12.4	58.9	64.2
Pork.....	1,726.0	1,711.2	1,762.4	8,679.3	8,869.2
Lamb & Mutton.....	16.1	15.1	15.5	82.2	79.6

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**All hay** area to be harvested is expected to increase 20,000 acres from a year ago to 1,550,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** acreage is expected to increase 20,000 from last year to 800,000 acres. **All other hay** acreage harvested is expected to equal the last three years at 750,000 acres. **Sugarbeet** plantings decreased 10,100 acres from last year to 32,000 acres. The expected harvested area, at 29,800 acres, is 8,200 acres below last year. Acres planted to **dry beans**, at 55,000, are down 21 percent from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 50,000.

**All sunflower** planted area, at 120,000 acres, is 20,000 acres above last year. Oil type varieties totaled 105,000 acres, up 25,000 while non-oil type varieties are set at 15,000 acres, down 5,000. **Summer potatoes** showed a 27 percent decrease in planted acres to 3,000 with the expected harvested acreage

set at 2,900 acres. This is a new record low for planted acreage in summer potatoes with records going back to 1949.

**Planted and Harvested Acres,  
Colorado and United States, 2006-2007**

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres	
	2006	2007	2006	Intended 2007
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres	
<b>COLORADO:</b>				
All Corn 1/.....	1,000	1,200	860	1,050
All Sorghum 1/.....	280	210	130	160
All Wheat.....	2,170	2,470	1,919	2,269
Winter Wheat.....	2,150	2,450	1,900	2,250
Spring Wheat.....	20	20	19	19
Oats.....	85	85	10	10
Barley.....	47	60	42	58
Proso Millet.....	290	250	255	3/
All Hay.....	...	...	1,530	1,550
Alfalfa Hay.....	...	...	780	800
Other Hay.....	...	...	750	750
Sugar beets.....	42.1	32.0	38.0	29.8
Dry edible beans.....	70	55	60	50
Sunflower, All.....	100	120	93	108
Oil.....	80	105	75	95
Non-Oil.....	20	15	18	13
Summer potatoes.....	4.1	3.0	4.0	2.9
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>				
All Corn 1/.....	78,327	92,888	70,648	85,418
All Sorghum 1/.....	6,522	7,765	4,937	6,698
All Wheat 2/.....	57,344	60,505	46,810	52,484
Winter Wheat.....	40,575	45,136	31,117	37,588
Spring Wheat.....	14,899	13,144	13,878	12,733
Oats.....	4,168	3,860	1,576	1,612
Barley.....	3,452	4,044	2,951	3,542
Rye.....	1,396	1,354	274	306
Proso Millet.....	580	610	475	3/
All Hay.....	...	...	60,807	61,789
Alfalfa Hay.....	...	...	21,384	21,451
Other Hay.....	...	...	39,423	40,338
Sugar beets.....	1,366.2	1,263.0	1,303.6	1,217.5
Dry edible beans.....	1,629.8	1,498.5	1,537.6	1,423.4
Sunflower, All.....	1,950	1,864	1,770	1,765
Oil.....	1,658	1,540	1,514	1,465
Non-Oil.....	292	324	256	300
Summer potatoes.....	58.4	56.3	54.3	54.3
Soybeans.....	75,522	64,081	74,602	63,285

1/ Planted all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/ Includes Durum Wheat.

3/ To be released January 2008 in the Annual Crop Summary.

**UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS**

The 2007 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 92.9 million acres, up 19 percent from 2006 and 14 percent higher than 2005. This is the highest planted area since 1944, when 95.5 million acres were planted for all purposes. Growers expect to harvest 85.4 million acres for grain, up 21 percent from 2006 to the highest level since 1933. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 99 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview compared with an average of 98 percent for the past 10 years. Corn planted acreage is up from last year in nearly all States as favorable corn prices, driven by growing demand

from ethanol and strong export sales, provided farmers with incentive to plant more acres to corn. The 2007 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 45.1 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous estimate and up 11 percent from 2006. Area harvested for grain is forecasted at 37.6 million acres, up 1 percent from the June forecast and up 21 percent from last year. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2007 is estimated at 13.1 million acres, down 12 percent from last year. Grain area is expected to total 12.7 million acres, down 8 percent from 2006. Area planted to sorghum in 2007 is estimated at 7.77 million acres, up 19 percent from 2006. Area to be harvested for grain is forecast at 6.70 million acres, up 36 percent from last year. Area planted to sunflower in 2007 totals 1.86 million acres, down 4 percent from 2006. Harvested area is expected to be down 5,000 acres from last year to 1.77 million acres.

**GRAIN STOCKS**

**JUNE 1, 2007**

All wheat stocks in **Colorado** as of June 1, 2007 totaled 9.92 million bushels, down 2 percent from one year earlier. Farm stocks remained the same at 1.5 million bushels and off-farm stocks were down 3 percent to 8.42 million bushels. Corn stocks, at 22.60 million bushels, were down 37 percent from a year ago. Farm stocks were down to 10.0 million bushels and off-farm stocks were down 19 percent to 12.66 million bushels.

**Grain Stocks, Colorado and United States June 1, 2006-2007**

Grain and Position 1/	Colorado		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Bushels			
<b>All wheat</b>				
On farms.....	1,500	1,500	111,010	73,190
Off farms.....	8,650	8,420	460,180	382,503
Total.....	10,150	9,920	571,190	455,693
<b>Corn</b>				
On farms.....	20,000	10,000	2,350,500	1,826,600
Off farms.....	15,710	12,660	2,011,199	1,707,101
Total.....	35,710	22,660	4,361,699	3,533,701
<b>Barley</b>				
On farms.....	3/	3/	30,770	14,580
Off farms.....	5,735	1,590	77,161	54,350
Total.....	3/	3/	107,931	68,930
<b>Oats</b>				
On farms.....	2/	2/	25,190	18,400
Off farms.....	100	155	27,376	32,784
Total.....	2/	2/	52,566	51,184
<b>Sorghum</b>				
On farms.....	2/	2/	12,650	5,380
Off farms.....	825	395	102,213	69,498
Total.....	2/	2/	114,863	74,878
<b>Soybeans</b>				
On farms.....	2/	2/	495,500	500,000
Off farms.....	2/	2/	495,199	591,085
Total.....	2/	2/	990,699	1,091,085

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, 2007 totaled 3.53 billion bushels, down 19 percent from June 1, 2006. Of the total stocks, 1.83 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 22 percent from a year earlier. Off-

farm stocks, at 1.71 billion bushels, are down 15 percent from a year ago. Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2007 totaled 1.09 billion bushels, up 10 percent from June 1, 2006 and the largest June 1 stocks on record. On-farm stocks totaled 500 million bushels, up 1 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 591 million bushels, are up 19 percent from the previous year. All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2007 totaled 456 million bushels, down 20 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 73.2 million bushels, down 34 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 383 million bushels, are down 17 percent from a year ago.

cwt above June a year ago. The alfalfa hay price, at \$135.00 per ton, decreased \$5.00 from last month but was \$15.00 above a year ago. Other hay price, at \$135.00 per ton, decreased \$10.00 from last month and was \$20.00 below June a year ago. The mid-June steer and heifer price was \$4.00 below last month at \$101.00 per cwt and averaged \$3.00 below the \$104.00 per cwt a year ago. Cow prices were down \$1.60 from last month to \$51.60 per cwt but were \$3.20 per cwt above June 2006. Calf prices, at \$124.00 per cwt, increased \$3.00 from May but were \$7.00 lower than the \$131.00 per cwt received a year ago.

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES JUNE 15, 2007

The **preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received** by Farmers in June, at 141 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from May. The Crop Index is up 3 points (2.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 2 points (1.5 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, corn, lettuce, and soybeans. Lower prices were received for cantaloups, cattle, tomatoes, and eggs. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloups offset decreased marketings of oranges, strawberries, tomatoes, and sweet corn.

The June **All Crops Index** is 146, up 2.1 percent from May and 15 percent above June 2006. The June all wheat price, at \$5.28 per bushel, is up 40 cents from May and up \$1.30 from June 2006. The corn price, at \$3.77 per bushel, is up 28 cents from last month and \$1.63 above June 2006. The all hay price, at \$131 per ton, is down \$7.00 from May but up \$22.00 higher than last June. The soybean price, at \$7.57 per bushel, increased 44 cents from May and is \$1.95 above June 2006. The all dry bean price, at \$24.80 per cwt, is up 40 cents from the previous month and \$5.80 above June 2006.

The June **Livestock and Products Index**, at 136, is 1.5 percent above last month and up 24 percent from June 2006. The June hog price, at \$52.50 per cwt, is down 50 cents from May and \$1.30 lower than a year ago. The June beef cattle price of \$89.70 is down \$3.50 from last month but \$5.70 higher than June 2006. The June all milk price of \$20.00 per cwt is up \$2.00 from last month and up \$8.10 from June 2006.

### Prices Received and Paid Summary United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2006		2007	
	May	June	May	June
	<b>Percent</b>			
Prices Received .....	111	118	138	141
Prices Paid .....	149	149	157	156
Ratio 1/ .....	74	79	88	90

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

**Colorado** wheat, at \$5.42 per bushel for mid-June 2007, increased 79 cents from the previous month and was \$1.22 higher than June a year ago. Mid-June corn prices increased 57 cents above May to \$4.00 per bushel and increased \$1.56 above June 2006. The mid-June potato price, at \$7.90 per cwt, and remained equal to last month but was down 30 cents per

### Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		June 2006	May 2007	June 2007
		<b>Dollars</b>		
<b>Crops</b>				
Wheat .....	Bu.	4.20	4.63	5.42
Corn .....	Bu.	2.44	3.43	4.00
Barley (All) .....	Bu.	4/	4/	4/
Potatoes .....	Cwt	8.20	7.90	7.90
Dry edible beans .....	Cwt	17.30	25.10	24.40
Alfalfa hay (baled) .....	Ton	120.00	140.00	135.00
Other hay (baled) .....	Ton	115.00	145.00	135.00
<b>Livestock &amp; Products .....</b>				
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt	103.00	104.00	100.00
Steers & heifers .....	Cwt	104.00	105.00	101.00
Cows .....	Cwt	48.40	53.20	51.60
Calves .....	Cwt	131.00	121.00	124.00
Sheep .....	Cwt	31.00	32.00	3/
Lambs .....	Cwt	97.00	100.00	3/
Milk sold to plants .....	Cwt	12.00	18.00	19.80
		<b>United States</b>		
		<b>Dollars</b>		
<b>Crops</b>				
Wheat .....	Bu.	3.98	4.88	5.28
Corn .....	Bu.	2.14	3.49	3.77
Soybeans .....	Bu.	5.62	7.13	7.57
Barley (All) .....	Bu.	2.77	3.12	3.43
Barley (Feed) .....	Bu.	2.08	3.20	3.34
Sorghum .....	Cwt	3.95	6.48	6.60
Potatoes .....	Cwt	8.41	8.27	8.33
Dry edible beans .....	Cwt	19.00	24.40	24.80
Alfalfa hay (baled) .....	Ton	115.00	144.00	137.00
Other hay (baled) .....	Ton	90.10	116.00	111.00
Onions .....	Cwt	17.00	28.40	23.40
<b>Livestock &amp; Products</b>				
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt	84.00	93.20	89.70
Steers & heifers .....	Cwt	88.20	98.10	94.00
Cows .....	Cwt	46.80	51.60	50.00
Calves .....	Cwt	135.00	126.00	125.00
Sheep .....	Cwt	28.20	30.30	3/
Lambs .....	Cwt	92.10	96.60	3/
Hogs .....	Cwt	53.80	53.00	52.50
Milk sold to plants .....	Cwt	11.90	18.00	20.00
Broilers .....	Lb.	0.390	0.510	0.520

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/ Mid-month not estimated. 4/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

## HOGS AND PIGS

JUNE 1, 2007

The June 1, 2007 inventory of all hogs and pigs in **Colorado** totaled 830,000 head, down 1 percent from a year earlier. The breeding inventory at 150,000 head, remained unchanged from last year, but the market hog inventory decreased 1 percent to 680,000 head. During the December 2006 - May 2007 period, 162,000 sows farrowed, which remained the same as a year ago. The number of pigs born during the period totaled 1.4 million, the same as a year earlier. The number of pigs per litter during the Dec - May time periods averaged 8.8 slightly lower than the 8.85 pigs per litter average of 2006.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2007 was 62.8 million head. This was up 2 percent from both June 1, 2006 and March 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 6.12 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.6 million head, was up 2 percent from both last year and last quarter.

The March-May 2007 pig crop, at 27.1 million head, was up 2 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, up 1 percent from 2006 and up 3 percent 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.15 for the March-May 2007 period, compared to 9.08 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.96 million sows farrow during the June-August 2007 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings, and up 1 percent from 2005. Intended farrowings for September-November 2007, at 2.96 million sows, are up slightly from 2006 and up 2 percent from 2005.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 38 percent last year.

### REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2006 through March 2007 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, adjustments of slightly larger than one-half of one percent were made to the December 1, 2006 and March 1, 2007 total inventory. Adjustments of slightly more than one percent were made to the September-November 2006 pig crop and less than one-half of one percent to the December 2006-February 2007 pig crop.

### Hogs and Pigs, June 1, 2006-2007

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>1,000 Head</b>				
All Hogs & Pigs.....	840	830	61,687	62,750
Kept for breeding.....	150	150	6,060	6,116
Market .....	690	680	55,627	56,634
Under 60 lbs .....	360	370	20,808	21,182
60-119 lbs .....	85	95	13,692	13,894
120-179 lbs .....	95	85	11,485	11,624
180 lbs. & over .....	150	130	9,643	9,934
Sows Farrowed:				
Dec. <u>1</u> / thru Feb .....	81	83	2,840	2,885
Mar. thru May .....	81	79	2,927	2,966
Dec. thru May <u>2</u> / .....	162	162	5,767	5,851
Pig Crop:				
Dec. <u>1</u> / thru Feb .....	713	730	25,661	26,210
Mar. thru May .....	721	699	26,579	27,141
Dec. thru May <u>2</u> / .....	1,434	1,429	52,240	53,351

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

### UPCOMING REPORTS

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