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**Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States
1,000+ Capacity April 1 to May 1, 2008-2009**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
1,000 head				
On Feed April 1	1,020	1,040	11,864	11,162
Placements During Apr.	115	150	1,536	1,600
< 600 pounds	15	20	315	355
600 - 699 Pounds	25	30	278	315
700 - 799 Pounds	35	40	428	405
800 Plus Pounds	40	60	515	525
Marketings During Apr.	165	165	2,010	1,871
Other Disap. During Apr.	20	15	75	69
On Feed May 1	950	1,010	11,135	10,822

**CATTLE ON FEED
May 1, 2009**

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in **Colorado** feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,010,000 head as of May 1, 2009. This latest inventory is down 3 percent from last month but up 6 percent from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 165,000 head of fed cattle during April 2009. This was 7 percent above March 2009 marketings of 155,000 head, but no change from a year ago. An estimated 150,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April, 9 percent below a month ago but 30 percent above April 2008 placements of 115,000. Of the number placed in April, 13 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 20 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 27 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 40 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for April, at 15,000 head, was up 5,000 head from last month but down 5,000 from the same time last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the **United States** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on May 1, 2009. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.60 million head, 4 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.53 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 315,000, 700-799 pounds were 405,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 525,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.87 million, 7 percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 head during April, 8 percent below 2008. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

**POULTRY PRODUCTION & VALUE
2009 SUMMARY
COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS**

The value of egg production in **Colorado** during 2008 totaled \$96.8 million, up 31 percent from the value of \$74.1 million in 2007. A total of 1.09 million eggs were produced during 2008, up 3 percent. The average price per dozen eggs increased from 83.9 cents in 2006 to \$1.07 in 2008. During 2008, there were 8.3 million pounds of chicken sold at an average price of 5.3 cents per pound for a total value of sales at \$439,000. A year earlier, 10.1 million pounds of chicken were sold at an average price of 4.2 cents per pound for a total value of sales of \$424,000. A majority of the chickens sold are non-producing egg-type layers which have a low value. Colorado data for turkeys is combined with other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2008 was \$35.9 billion, up 11 percent from the \$32.2 billion in 2007. Of the combined total, 64 percent was from broilers, 23 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2008 was \$23.1 billion, up 7 percent from 2007. The total number of broilers produced in 2008 was 9.01 billion, up 1 percent from 2007. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2008 was 50.4 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2007.

The 2008 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 45.8 cents per pound, compared with 43.6 cents in 2007.

The value of turkeys produced during 2008 was \$4.48 billion, up 13 percent from the \$3.95 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2008 totaled 7.92 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 7.57 billion pounds produced in 2007. The average price received by producers during 2008 was 56.5 cents per pound, compared with 52.3 cents in 2007.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2008 was \$61.8 million, up 20 percent from the \$51.5 million a year ago. Prices averaged 6.6 cents per pound, compared with 5.6 cents in 2007. The number of chickens sold in 2008 totaled 176 million, up 5 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME 2008 SUMMARY

The total value of milk produced in **Colorado** during 2008 totaled \$540.0 million, up 3 percent from \$522.3 million in 2007. In 2008, the 2.94 billion pounds of milk produced was 8 percent higher than the 2.71 billion pounds produced the previous year. The average price of \$18.40 per hundredweight was 90 cents below the 2007 average of \$19.30.

Milk production in the **United States** increased 2.3 percent in 2008 to 190 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 20,396 pounds, was 192 pounds above 2007. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.32 million head, up 126,000 head from 2007.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2008 totaled \$34.8 billion, 1.9 percent lower than 2007. Producer returns averaged \$18.41 per hundredweight, 4.2 percent below 2007. Marketings totaled 189 billion pounds, 2.4 percent above 2007. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 1.08 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 1.0 percent less than 2007. Calves were fed 88 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME 2008 SUMMARY

The total gross income to **Colorado** producers from beef, pork, and sheep and lambs during 2008 totaled \$3.35 billion, 4 percent below the \$3.50 billion for the previous year. Gross income from cattle and calves during 2008 decreased 4 percent from the previous year to \$3.07 billion and represented 91 percent of the total income from the three species. The gross

income from hogs and pigs decreased 14 percent from 2007 to \$176.1 million. Gross income from sheep and lambs was nearly unchanged \$114.2 million.

Marketings of cattle and calves, at 3.09 billion pounds is up marginally from last years 3.08 billion pounds. The 2008 marketings of hogs and pigs, at 306.8 million pounds, decreased 16 percent from 366.9 million pounds in 2007. Sheep and lamb marketings, at 119.2 million pounds, decreased 3 percent from a year earlier.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

The 2008 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$65.2 billion, down 1 percent from 2007. Gross income decreased for cattle and calves and sheep and lambs, but increased for hogs and pigs. Cattle and calves decreased 3 percent, sheep and lambs decreased 5 percent, while hogs and pigs increased 9 percent.

Total 2008 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals decreased 1 percent to \$64.7 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 74 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 25 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production decreased for all cattle and calves and sheep and lambs while production increased for hogs and pigs.

Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves decreased 3 percent from \$49.8 billion in 2007 to \$48.2 in 2008. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 54.2 billion pounds in 2008, down 1 percent from 2007. Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$16.1 billion during 2008, up 9 percent from 2007. Marketings totaled 32.7 billion pounds in 2008, up 8 percent from 2007. Cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2008 were \$451 million, down 5 percent from 2007. Marketings decreased 6 percent to 526 million pounds.

DAIRY PRODUCTS – ANNUAL 2008 SUMMARY UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 9.93 billion pounds, 1.6 percent above 2007 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 25.4 percent of the production.

Italian varieties, with 4.16 billion pounds were 1 percent below 2007 production and accounted for 41.9 percent of total cheese in 2008. Mozzarella accounted for 77.9 percent of the Italian production followed by Provolone with 8.0 percent and Ricotta with 6.2 percent. California was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 29.4 percent of the production.

American type cheese production was 4.07 billion pounds, 5.0 percent above 2007 and accounted for 41.0 percent of total cheese in 2008. Wisconsin was the leading State in American type cheese production with 20.2 percent of the production.

Butter production in the United States during 2008 totaled 1.64 billion pounds, 7.3 percent above 2007. California accounted for 33.8 percent of the production, followed by Wisconsin with 22.0 percent.

Dry milk powders: (2008 U.S. production, comparisons with 2007) Nonfat dry milk, human --- 1.52 billion pounds, up 17.0 percent. Skim milk powders --- 374 million pounds, up 86.3 percent.

Whey products: (2008 U.S. production, comparisons with 2007) Dry whey, total --- 1.11 billion pounds, down 2.3 percent. Lactose, human and animal --- 745 million pounds, down 1.4 percent. Whey protein concentrate, total --- 424 million pounds, up 7.6 percent.

Frozen products: (2008 U.S. production, comparisons with 2007) Ice cream, Regular (total) --- 943 million gallons, down 1.4 percent. Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 377 million gallons, down 1.2 percent. Sherbet (total) --- 60.8 million gallons, down 3.0 percent. Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 74.1 million gallons, down 1 percent.

MILK PRODUCTION APRIL 2009

Colorado dairy herds produced 246 million pounds of milk during April, up 3 million pounds from the same period a year earlier. The average number of cows was 128,000, up 1 percent from the previous year. Production per cow averaged 1,920 pounds for April, 1 percent above the 1,910 produced a year ago.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during April totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up slightly from April 2008. March revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 0.1 percent from March 2008. The March revision represented an increase of 47 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,758 pounds for April, 1 pound above April 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.48 million head, 3000 head less than April 2008, and 2,000 head less than March 2009.

Milk Cows and Milk Production, Colorado and 23 States

Item	April 2008	Mar. 2009	April 2009
Colorado			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) <u>1/</u>	127	128	128
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) <u>2/</u>	1,910	1,980	1,920
Production (mil. lbs.) <u>2/</u>	243	253	246
23 States Total:			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) <u>1/</u>	8,482	8,481	8,479
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) <u>2/</u>	1,757	1,794	1,758
Production (mil. lbs.) <u>2/</u>	14,901	15,211	14,906

1/ Average number during year, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves

UPCOMING REPORTS

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

- May 29 - Agricultural Prices
- June 10 - Crop Production
- June 12 - Potato Stocks
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