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POTATO STOCKS

JANUARY 1, 2010

The 13 major potato States held 235 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2010, up 10 percent from a year ago and 1 percent above January 1, 2008. Potatoes in storage accounted for 61 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, unchanged from January 1, 2009. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 3.60 million cwt on January 1, 2010, up 9 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 149 million cwt, was 5 percent below January 1, 2009 and down 10 percent from 2008. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 16.5 million cwt, was up 11 percent from the same date in 2009 and 1 percent above 2008. Processors in the 9 major States have used 75.7 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 10 percent from the same period last year and down 16 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 14.1 million cwt of the total processing, down 3 percent from last year and 16 percent below the same period in 2008.

Fall potato stocks in Colorado's San Luis Valley totaled 13.9 million cwt as of January 1, 2010 down 5 percent from the stocks in storage one year earlier. The latest stocks represent 63 percent of the 22.08 million cwt produced in 2009. The January 2010 stocks represented 63 percent of the 2009 crop of 22.08 million cwt. The January 1, 2010 stocks by type in Colorado were 3 percent reds, 2 percent whites, 11 percent yellow and 84 percent russet.

Sales of Colorado's fall potatoes for table stock have averaged 68 percent of the production for the 2004-2008 period. The remaining 32 percent of production is used for seed, processing, feed and home use or is lost through cullage and shrinkage. The total quantity of potatoes sold as a percent of production has averaged about 86 percent over the past five years. If these relationships for total sales and table stock sales exist for the 2009 crop, about 19.0 million cwt of the 22.08 million cwt produced will be sold of which 15.0 million cwt will be sold as table stock.

CATTLE ON FEED

JANUARY 1, 2010

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 January 1, 2010. The latest inventory was down 5 percent from December 1, 2009 but up 1 percent from January 1, 2009. The inventory included 650,000 steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 355,000 head, are down 8 percent from a year ago. The number of cows and bulls totaled 5,000, no change from last year's number. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 155,000 head of fed cattle during December 2009. This was 11 percent above November 2009 marketings of 140,000 head but no change from a year ago. An estimated 110,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2009, 27 percent below a year ago and 33 percent below November 2009 placements of 165,000. Of the number placed in December, 23 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 27 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 27 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 23 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for December was estimated at 5,000 head, no change from last month and last year.

**Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States,
1,000 Plus Capacity, January 1, 2009-2010**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
1,000 head				
On Feed Dec. 1 prev. yr.	1,010	1,060	11,346	11,277
Placements During Dec.	150	110	1,647	1,546
< 600 pounds	25	25	425	430
600 - 699 Pounds	45	30	490	420
700 - 799 Pounds	40	30	407	401
800 Plus Pounds	40	25	325	295
Marketings During Dec.	155	155	1,683	1,742
Other Disap. During Dec.	5	5	76	72
On Feed Jan 1.	1,000	1,010	11,234	11,009
Steers & Steer Calves	610	650	7,071	6,877
Heifers & Heifer Calves	385	355	4,100	4,069
Cows & Bulls	5	5	63	63

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on January 1, 2010. The inventory was 2 percent below January 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.88 million steers and steer calves, down 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.07

million head, down 1 percent from 2009. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.55 million, 6 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.47 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 430,000, 600-699 pounds were 420,000, 700-799 pounds were 401,000, and 800 pounds. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million, 4 percent above 2008. Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during December, 5 percent below 2008.

GRAIN STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2009

All wheat stocks in **Colorado's** farm and commercial storage facilities as of December 1, 2009 totaled 48.5 million bushels, up 50 percent from 32.3 million bushels on hand a year earlier. Farm stocks increased 67 percent to 17.5 million bushels and off-farm stocks were up 43 percent to 31.0 million. All wheat for the **United States** stored in all positions on December 1, 2009 totaled 1.77 billion bushels, up 24 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 559 million bushels, up 23 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 1.21 billion bushels, are up 25 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2009 indicated disappearance is 444 million bushels, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Colorado corn stocks were up 16 percent from the previous year to 101.4 million bushels. Farm stocks were up 15 percent to 63.0 million bushels and off-farm stocks increased 18 percent to 38.4 million bushels. **United States corn** stored in all positions on December 1, 2009 totaled 10.9 billion bushels, up 9 percent from December 1, 2008. Of the total stocks, 7.45 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 15 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.49 billion bushels, are down 3 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2009 indicated disappearance is 3.89 billion bushels, compared with 3.64 billion bushels during the same period last year.

United States soybeans stored in all positions on December 1, 2009 totaled 2.34 billion bushels, up 3 percent from December 1, 2008. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 1.23 billion bushels, up 4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.11 billion bushels, are up 2 percent from last December. Indicated disappearance for September - November 2009 totaled 1.16 billion bushels, up 30 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stored in all positions on December 1, 2009 totaled 203 million bushels, up 18 percent from December 1, 2008. On-farm stocks are estimated at 115 million bushels, 49 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 88.5 million bushels, are 8 percent below December 2008. The September - November 2009 indicated disappearance is 36.3 million bushels, 1 percent below the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2009 totaled 110 million bushels, 4 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2008. Of the total stocks on hand, 43.2 million bushels are stored on farms, up 1 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks

totaled 67.3 million bushels, down 7 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance during September - November 2009 totaled 17.9 million bushels.

Colorado's on farm storage capacity was rated at 170 million bushels as of December 1, 2009, unchanged from one year earlier. The off-farm storage capacity increased from December 1, 2008 to 119.0 million bushels. On farm capacity for the **United States** increased from a year ago to 12.3 billion bushels and off-farm storage capacity at 9.5 billion bushels.

Grain Stocks

Colorado and United States, December 1, 2008-2009

Grain and Position 1/	Colorado		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
1,000 Bushels				
All wheat				
On farms	10,500	17,500	454,000	558,800
Off farms	21,770	31,047	968,089	1,206,418
Total	32,270	48,547	1,422,089	1,765,218
Corn				
On farms	55,000	63,000	6,482,000	7,445,000
Off farms	32,550	38,400	3,590,160	3,488,676
Total	87,550	101,400	10,072,106	10,933,676
Barley				
On farms	2/	2/	77,050	114,630
Off farms	5,435	5,820	95,766	88,511
Total	2/	2/	172,816	203,141
Oats				
On farms	2/	2/	42,600	43,200
Off farms	65	50	72,322	67,262
Total	2/	2/	114,922	110,462
Sorghum				
On farms	2/	2/	54,400	48,000
Off farms	780	950	243,290	202,295
Total	2/	2/	297,690	250,295
Soybeans				
On farms	2/	2/	1,189,000	1,231,500
Off farms	2/	2/	1,086,432	1,105,180
Total	2/	2/	2,275,432	2,336,680

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

2/ Not published separately.

CHICKENS AND EGGS DECEMBER 2009

Colorado laying flocks produced 93 million eggs during December 2009 compared with 91 million one month earlier and 98 million during December 2008. The number of layers during December totaled 3.70 million, down 6 percent from 3.96 million a year earlier. The average rate of lay for December 2009, was 2,513 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the December 2008 total of 2,478 eggs per 100 layers.

United States egg production totaled 7.83 billion during December 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.76 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 995 million were broiler-type and 72 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2009 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,304 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2009.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2010 totaled 340 million,

down slightly from last year. The 340 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.94 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2010, averaged 73.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2009.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 0.8 percent from December 2008. November revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was down 0.8 percent from November 2008. The November revision represented an increase of 24 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,758 pounds for December, 29 pounds above December 2008. **The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.31 million head, 206,000 head less than December 2008, and unchanged from November 2009.

Milk production in the U.S. during the October - December quarter totaled 46.2 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.09 million head, 243,000 head less than the same period last year.

Colorado dairy herds produced 224 million pounds of milk during December 2009, down 28 million pounds from December last year. The average number of cows, at 116,000, is down 14,000 head from the 130,000 cows on hand a year ago. The average milk per cow for the month of December in Colorado was 1,930 pounds per cow compared with 1,940 pounds per cow in December 2008. Colorado ranked fourth in milk production per cow in December, 2009.

Milk Production, December, 2008-2009

Item	Unit	2008	2009
Colorado:			
Milk Cows ¹ /.....	1,000 Head	130	116
Production Per Cow	Pounds	1,940	1,930
Production ² /.....	Mil. Lbs.	252	224
23 State Total:			
Milk Cows ¹ /.....	1,000 Head	8,519	8,313
Production Per Cow	Pounds	1,729	1,758
Production ² /.....	Mil. Lbs.	14,728	14,614

¹/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

²/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS 2010 CROP

Colorado producers seeded 2.40 million acres of winter wheat during the fall of 2009 for harvest in 2010, down 8 percent from the 2.60 million acres seeded for the 2009 crop. Planting began on schedule in most areas. Germination was very good, in most areas. As usual, prospects for the 2010 crop will be heavily dependent on winter and spring weather.

United States winter wheat seeded area for 2010 is expected to total 37.1 million acres, down 14 percent from 2009. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 27.8 million; Soft Red Winter, 5.92 million; and White Winter, 3.33 million.

Winter Wheat Area Seeded, 2008-2010 Crops ¹/

State	Crop of			10/09
	2008	2009	2010	
	1,000 Acres			%
Alabama	240	220	180	82
Arizona	9	7	7	100
Arkansas	1,070	430	200	47
California	680	590	505	86
Colorado	2,150	2,600	2,400	92
Delaware	80	70	55	79
Florida	25	17	16	94
Georgia	480	340	200	59
Idaho	850	740	780	105
Illinois	1,200	850	350	41
Indiana	580	470	300	64
Iowa	40	28	15	54
Kansas	9,600	9,300	8,600	92
Kentucky	580	510	450	88
Louisiana	400	185	140	76
Maryland	255	230	210	91
Michigan	730	620	500	81
Minnesota	75	55	70	127
Mississippi	520	180	120	67
Missouri	1,250	780	420	54
Montana	2,600	2,550	2,000	78
Nebraska	1,750	1,700	1,500	88
Nevada	12	16	10	63
New Jersey	35	34	27	79
New Mexico	430	450	480	107
New York	130	115	110	96
North Carolina	820	700	600	86
North Dakota	630	580	340	59
Ohio	1,120	1,010	800	79
Oklahoma	5,600	5,700	5,200	91
Oregon	780	760	810	107
Pennsylvania	195	190	170	89
South Carolina	220	165	150	91
South Dakota	2,050	1,700	1,250	74
Tennessee	620	430	290	67
Texas	5,800	6,400	5,400	84
Utah	130	140	130	93
Virginia	310	250	200	80
Washington	1,750	1,700	1,700	100
West Virginia	11	9	7	78
Wisconsin	350	335	250	75
Wyoming	150	155	155	100
United States	46,307	43,311	37,097	86

¹/ Total area seeded for all purposes

HAY STOCKS
DECEMBER 1, 2009

U.S. stocks of all hay stored on farms totaled 107 million tons on December 1, 2009, up 3 percent from a year ago. **Colorado** farm and ranch operators had 2.5 million tons of hay on hand as of December 1, 2009, up 27 percent from the 1.98 million tons on hand one year earlier and 4 percent above two years ago.

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>

- Jan. 28 - Vegetables - Annual
- Jan. 30 - Agricultural Prices
- Jan. 30 - Cattle Inventory
- Jan. 30 - Sheep and Goats Inventory
- Feb.09 - Crop Production
- Feb.12 - Crop Values

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