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## CHICKENS AND EGGS JANUARY 2010

**Colorado** laying flocks produced 90 million eggs during January 2010 a decrease from the 93 million eggs one month earlier and down from 99 million eggs produced in January last year. The number of layers during January totaled 3.59 million, down 10 percent from 3.97 million a year earlier. The average rate of lay for January 2010, at 2,508 eggs per 100 layers, compares with 2,493 eggs per 100 layers during January 2009.

**United States** egg production totaled 7.69 billion during January 2010, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.61 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2010 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,268 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2009.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2010 totaled 338 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.96 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2010, averaged 72.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from February 1, 2009.

## CATTLE ON FEED FEBRUARY 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 960,000 head as of February 1, 2010. The latest inventory was down 5 percent from January 1, 2010. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 170,000 head of fed cattle during January 2010. This was 10 percent above December 2009 marketings of 155,000 head but no change from a year ago. An estimated 130,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during January 2010, 35 percent below a year ago and 18

percent above December 2009 placements of 110,000. Of the number placed in January, 15 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 35 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 31 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for January was estimated at 10,000 head, up 5,000 head from last month, but even with 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 11.0 million head on February 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.83 million, 2 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.76 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 445,000, 700-799 pounds were 560,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 420,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2009. This is the third lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of January since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 70,000 during January, 4 percent above 2009.

### Cattle on Feed, 1,000+ Feedlots, Colorado and United States, February 1, 2009-2010

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
<b>1,000 head</b>				
On Feed Jan. 1.	1,000	1,010	11,234	11,008
Placements During Jan.	200	130	1,858	1,825
< 600 pounds	20	20	380	400
600 - 699 Pounds	55	25	505	445
700 - 799 Pounds	55	45	553	560
800 Plus Pounds	70	40	420	420
Marketings During Jan.	170	170	1,737	1,774
Other Disap. During Jan.	10	10	67	70
On Feed Feb. 1	1,020	960	11,288	10,989

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES FEBRUARY 15, 2010

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 133 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 6 points (4.3 percent) from January. The Crop Index is down 7 points (4.6 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower prices for corn, soybeans, lettuce, and eggs and higher prices for cattle, oranges, onions, and sweet corn. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of

milk, cattle, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The February all crops index is 145, down 4.6 percent from January and 0.7 percent below February 2009. Index decreases for feed grains & hay, oil-bearing crops, commercial vegetables, food grains, and potatoes & dry beans more than offset the index increases for fruits & nuts and cotton. The February all wheat price, at \$4.67 per bushel, is down 25 cents from January and \$1.12 below February 2009. The corn price, at \$3.45 per bushel, is down 21 cents from last month and 42 cents below February 2009. The all hay price, at \$107.00 per ton, is down \$2.00 from January and \$24.00 from last February. Sorghum grain, at \$5.42 per cwt, is 42 cents below January but 38 cents above February last year. The soybean price, at \$9.40 per bushel, decreased 39 cents from January and is 14 cents below February 2009. The all potato price, at \$6.99 per cwt, is down 18 cents from January and \$1.88 from last February. The all dry bean price, at \$33.80 per cwt, is up \$3.10 from the previous month and \$3.70 above February 2009.

The February Livestock and Products Index, at 122, is unchanged from last month but up 12 percent from February 2009. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for milk, cattle, hogs, eggs, calves, and turkeys. The price for broilers is unchanged from last year. The February hog price, at \$48.10 per cwt, is down 30 cents from January but \$4.30 higher than a year ago. The February beef cattle price of \$84.40 per cwt is up \$2.30 from last month and \$5.50 higher than February 2009. The February all milk price of \$15.90 per cwt is 20 cents lower than last month but \$4.30 higher than February 2009.

#### Prices Received and Paid Summary, United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2009		2010	
	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.
	<b>Percent</b>			
Prices Received.....	139	126	139	133
Prices Paid.....	180	179	184	185
Ratio 1/.....	77	70	76	72

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

**Colorado** prices for February 2010 were lower than a year earlier for crops except dry edible beans, but all livestock items were higher than last year. Mid-February 2010 wheat, at \$4.08 per bushel, was 49 cents lower than the previous month and \$2.41 below February a year ago. Corn prices decreased 37 cents from January to \$3.36 per bushel and averaged 61 cents below February 2009. The mid-February potato price, at \$5.65 per cwt, was 25 cents below last month and \$4.85 per cwt below February a year ago. Dry bean prices, at \$35.10 per cwt, averaged \$3.80 per cwt above last month and were \$3.10 per cwt above February 2009. Alfalfa hay, at \$125.00 per ton, was \$5.00 per cwt below January and \$45.00 lower than February 2009. The other hay price, at \$115.00 per ton, was \$5.00 above January but was \$10.00 below February a year ago.

The mid-February steer and heifer price increased 40 cents per cwt from last month to \$93.00 per cwt and increased \$3.50

from the \$89.50 per cwt a year ago. Cow prices increased \$4.80 from the previous month to \$53.30 per cwt and were \$7.80 per cwt above February 2009. The mid-February calf price of \$115.00 per cwt increased \$1.00 from January and was \$10.00 per cwt above a year ago.

#### Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		Feb. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010
<b>Crops</b>				
<b>Dollars</b>				
Wheat.....	Bu.	6.49	4.57	4.08
Corn.....	Bu.	3.97	3.73	3.36
Barley (All).....	Bu.	2/	3/	3/
Potatoes.....	Cwt	10.50	5.90	5.65
Dry edible beans.....	Cwt	32.00	31.30	35.10
Alfalfa hay (baled).....	Ton	170.00	130.00	125.00
Other hay (baled).....	Ton	125.00	110.00	115.00
<b>Livestock &amp; Products.....</b>				
Beef Cattle.....	Cwt	88.60	91.70	92.20
Steers & heifers.....	Cwt	89.50	92.60	93.00
Cows.....	Cwt	45.50	48.50	53.30
Calves.....	Cwt	105.00	114.00	115.00
Sheep.....	Cwt	34.00	45.00	3/
Lambs.....	Cwt	100.00	101.00	3/
Milk sold to plants.....	Cwt	11.80	16.20	16.00
<b>United States</b>				
<b>Crops</b>				
<b>Dollars</b>				
Wheat.....	Bu.	5.79	4.92	4.67
Corn.....	Bu.	3.87	3.66	3.45
Soybeans.....	Bu.	9.54	9.79	9.40
Barley (All).....	Bu.	4.99	4.73	4.25
Barley (Feed).....	Bu.	2.63	2.64	2.49
Sorghum.....	Cwt	5.04	5.84	5.42
Potatoes.....	Cwt	8.87	7.17	6.99
Dry edible beans.....	Cwt	30.10	30.70	33.80
Alfalfa hay (baled).....	Ton	141.00	113.00	111.00
Other hay (baled).....	Ton	108.00	99.60	97.10
Onions.....	Cwt	8.44	11.90	13.70
<b>Livestock &amp; Products.....</b>				
Beef Cattle.....	Cwt	78.90	82.10	84.40
Steers & heifers.....	Cwt	83.80	87.50	89.40
Cows.....	Cwt	43.60	47.90	50.50
Calves.....	Cwt	104.00	109.00	111.00
Sheep.....	Cwt	31.40	52.40	3/
Lambs.....	Cwt	100.00	102.00	3/
Hogs.....	Cwt	43.80	48.40	48.10
Milk sold to plants.....	Cwt	11.60	16.10	15.90
Broilers.....	Lb.	0.47	0.48	0.47

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 price not estimated.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER JANUARY 2010

Production of red meat in **Colorado** during January 2010 totaled 175.3 million pounds, up 3 percent from the same month last year and 6 percent above a month earlier in December 2009. Cattle slaughter during January was up 6 percent from a year earlier to 204,300 head but the average live weight was down 39 pounds to 1,324. Hog slaughter, at 700 head, remained unchanged from January 2009 but the average live weight increased 13 pounds to 262.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 3.92 billion pounds in January, down 6 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in January 2009.

Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.71 million head, down slightly from January 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.6 million pounds, 3 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,800 head, 2 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 238 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.81 billion pounds, 11 percent below the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.90 million head, 10 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was 4 percent below January 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,600 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 3 pounds from January a year ago.

### Red Meat Production Colorado and United States

Area and Species	Jan. 2009	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Jan. 2010 as % of	
				Jan. 2009	Dec. 2009
	<b>Million Pounds</b>				
<b>Colorado:.....</b>	170.4	165.7	175.3	103	106
<b>United States:.....</b>	4,169.7	4,147.5	3,916.4	94	94
Beef .....	2,118.4	2,133.5	2,083.1	98	98
Veal .....	12.0	13.1	11.6	97	89
Pork .....	2,026.0	1,985.1	1,808.8	89	91
Lamb & Mutton	13.3	15.9	12.8	97	81

## BEES AND HONEY PRODUCTION 2009

The number of colonies in **Colorado** during 2009 was up 4 percent from a year earlier at 28,000. The total honey production of 1.48 million pounds for 2009 was 21 percent above the 1.22 million pounds a year earlier. The yield per colony increased from 45 pounds per colony in 2008 to 53 pounds per colony in 2009. The total value of the 2009 honey crop was \$2.08 million, an increase 13 percent from a year

earlier.

**United States** honey production in 2009 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 144 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2008. There were 2.46 million colonies producing honey in 2009, up 5 percent from 2008. Yield per colony averaged 58.5 pounds, down 16 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2008, and is the lowest yield since 1989. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 37.2 million pounds on December 15, 2009, down 27 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

## TROUT PRODUCTION 2010

During 2009 **Colorado** had trout sales totaling \$1.69 million and distributed trout valued at \$5.96 million. The total value of the trout sold and distributed, excluding eggs, during 2009 totaled \$7.7 million, up 4 percent from the comparable value of \$7.4 million a year earlier.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold in the **United States** during 2009 totaled 41.1 million fish, up 2 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.40, up 2 cents from 2008. The value of sales for the 2009 marketing year was 68.6 million dollars, down 5 percent from 2008. For trout 12 inches or longer 62 percent were sold to processors and 19 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments.

The number of **6"- 12" trout** sold during 2009 totaled 5.54 million fish, an increase of 9 percent from 2008. The average price per pound was \$2.88 during 2009, down 10 cents from the 2008 price. The total value of sales was 6.57 million dollars during 2009, an 8 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"- 12" trout were to fee and recreational fishing establishments accounting for 44 percent of total sales, followed by government with 15 percent.

The number of **1"- 6" trout** sold during 2009 totaled 7.93 million, a 12 percent decrease from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$214 during 2009, up from \$159 in 2008. The total value of sales was 1.70 million dollars, up 18 percent from last year's total.

## **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>

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