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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

### APRIL 2010

Red meat production in **Colorado** during April 2010 totaled 168.7 million pounds, 1 percent below 169.7 million pounds produced during April 2009 and 13 percent below March this year. The accumulated production for the first four months of this year now totals 707.3 million pounds, up 5 percent from the 674.6 million pounds during the comparable period last year. Cattle kill in Colorado during April increased 3 percent from the previous year to 205,400 head. The average live weight of 1,254 pounds was 48 pounds below the average for April 2009. Hog slaughter went down from a year ago to 600 head and the average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 254. Sheep and lamb kill during April totaled 72,500 head, down 14 percent from the previous year. The average live weight of 162 pounds decreased 2 pounds from April 2009.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 4.01 billion pounds in April, down 2 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in April 2009. Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, up 3 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, 1 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,500 head, up 1 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from last year, at 275 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.05 million head, down 4 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 16 percent from April 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,700 head, 17 percent below last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

January to April 2010 commercial red meat production was 15.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down

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

Area and Species	Apr. 2009	Mar. 2010	Apr. 2010	January-April	
	Million Pounds				
<b>Colorado</b> .....	169.7	193.8	168.7	674.6	707.3
<b>United States</b> .....	4,085.0	4,281.7	4,012.9	16,224.0	15,948.4
Beef .....	2,133.4	2,212.1	2,140.1	8,381.4	8,390.9
Veal .....	11.2	12.2	11.1	46.4	45.6
Pork .....	1,925.0	2,039.9	1,848.8	7,739.0	7,456.2
Lamb & Mutton....	15.5	17.6	13.0	57.3	55.7

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

## CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

### APRIL 2010

**Colorado** laying flocks produced 89 million eggs during April 2010, down 4 percent from the 93 million produced during the same month last year. During April, the average number of layers was 3.77 million, up slightly from April 2009 and up from 3.70 million from March 2010. The average number of eggs produced per 100 layers was 2,363 this April compared with 2,466 last April and 2,485 for March of this year.

**United States** egg production totaled 7.55 billion during April 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 74 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2010 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,220 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2009.

All layers in the United States on May 1, 2010 totaled 338 million, down slightly from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.99 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2010, averaged 73.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from May 1, 2009.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2010 totaled 47.5 million, up 11 percent from April 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 41.6 million on May 1, 2010, up 1 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 232 thousand during April 2010, down 24 percent from April 2009. Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2010 totaled 767 million, up 1 percent from April 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 643 million on May 1, 2010, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.54 million broiler-type

pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2010, up 5 percent from April 2009.

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES MAY 15, 2010

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 141 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.1 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, hogs, and strawberries and lower prices for onions, eggs, sweet corn, and tomatoes. 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 sweet corn, broilers, grapes, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, apples, and corn.

The May All Crops index at 150, up 0.7 percent from April but unchanged from May 2009. Index increases for fruits & nuts and feed grains & hay more than offset the index decreases for commercial vegetables, oil-bearing crops, potatoes & dry beans, and food grains. The May all wheat price, at \$4.39 per bushel, is down 3 cents from April and \$1.45 below May 2009. The corn price, at \$3.41 per bushel, is unchanged from last month but down 55 cents from May 2009. The all hay price, at \$116 per ton, is up \$7.00 from April but down \$14.00 from last May. Sorghum grain, at \$5.31 per cwt, is down 8 cents from April and 67 cents below May last year. The soybean price, at \$9.28 per bushel, decreased 19 cents from April and is \$1.42 below May 2009. The all potato price, at \$7.95 per cwt, is down 47 cents from April and down \$1.67 from last May. The all dry bean price, at \$30.00 per cwt, is down 80 cents from the previous month but \$2.40 above May 2009.

### Prices Received and Paid Summary, United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2009		2010	
	April	May	April	May
	<b>Percent</b>			
Prices Received .....	129	130	138	141
Prices Paid .....	180	180	183	183
Ratio <sup>1/</sup> .....	72	72	75	77

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

The May Livestock and Products index, at 132, is 3.1 percent above last month and up 17 percent from May 2009. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, milk, hogs, broilers, turkeys, calves, and eggs. The May hog price, at \$62.30 per cwt, is up \$5.80 from April and \$17.70 higher than a year ago. The May beef cattle price of \$96.50 per cwt is up 80 cents from last month and \$13.30 higher than May 2009. The May all milk price of \$15.00 per cwt is up 40 cents from last month and \$3.40 from May 2009. The fluid grade milk price increased 40 cents and the manufacturing grade milk price 20 cents from the previous month.

### Average Prices Received By Farmers <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		May 2009	April 2010	May 2010
		<b>Dollars</b>		
<b>Crops</b>				
Wheat .....	Bu.	6.02	4.05	3.79
Corn .....	Bu.	3.97	3.31	3.30
Potatoes .....	Cwt	7.80	5.35	5.25
Dry edible beans .....	Cwt	30.90	31.30	30.20
Alfalfa hay (baled) .....	Ton	160.00	125.00	125.00
Other hay (baled) .....	Ton	125.00	120.00	115.00
<b>Livestock &amp; Products</b>				
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt	95.10	107.00	105.00
Steers & heifers .....	Cwt	96.00	108.00	106.00
Cows .....	Cwt	51.00	61.00	63.50
Calves .....	Cwt	113.00	128.00	128.00
Sheep .....	Cwt	31.00	48.00	2/
Lambs .....	Cwt	100.00	118.00	2/
Milk sold to plants .....	Cwt	11.80	14.70	15.00
		<b>United States</b>		
		<b>Dollars</b>		
<b>Crops</b>				
Wheat .....	Bu.	5.84	4.42	4.39
Corn .....	Bu.	3.96	3.41	3.41
Soybeans .....	Bu.	10.70	9.47	9.28
Barley (All) .....	Bu.	4.59	4.11	3.93
Barley (Feed) .....	Bu.	2.99	2.40	2.42
Sorghum .....	Cwt	5.98	5.39	5.31
Potatoes .....	Cwt	9.62	8.42	7.95
Dry edible beans .....	Cwt	27.60	30.80	30.00
Alfalfa hay (baled) .....	Ton	137.00	113.00	121.00
Other hay (baled) .....	Ton	112.00	99.30	99.70
Onions .....	Cwt	13.40	60.40	43.90
<b>Livestock &amp; Products</b>				
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt	83.20	95.70	96.50
Steers & heifers .....	Cwt	87.70	101.00	101.00
Cows .....	Cwt	48.80	57.50	59.50
Calves .....	Cwt	111.00	122.00	123.00
Sheep .....	Cwt	31.70	48.70	2/
Lambs .....	Cwt	102.00	119.00	2/
Hogs .....	Cwt	44.60	56.50	62.30
Milk sold to plants .....	Cwt	11.60	14.60	15.00
Broilers .....	Lb.	0.49	0.48	0.51

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> Mid-month price not estimated.

All mid-May 2010 **Colorado** crop prices decreased from the previous year. All mid-May prices for livestock items increased from May 2009. Wheat, at \$3.79 per bushel, was 26 cents below the previous month and \$2.23 per bushel lower than May a year ago. Corn prices decreased 1 cent from April to \$3.30 per bushel and averaged 67 cents per bushel below May 2009. Dry edible beans at \$30.20 per cwt, this was down \$1.10 from last month and down 70 cents from a year earlier. Potatoes were down from the previous month to \$5.25 per cwt and were \$2.55 per cwt down from the \$7.80 per cwt received in May 2009. Alfalfa hay averaged \$125.00 per ton in mid-May of this year, remaining unchanged from the previous month but \$35.00 per ton below May 2009. Other hay decreased \$5.00 from the previous month, to \$115.00 per ton, and averaged \$10.00 per ton below May 2009.

Beef cattle at \$105.00 per cwt, this was \$2.00 below last month but \$9.90 above last year. Steers and heifers, at \$106.00 per cwt, were down \$2.00 from April but averaged \$10.00 per cwt above May 2009. Calves remained unchanged from the previous month at \$128.00 but were \$15.00 per cwt above the May 2009 average of \$113.00 per cwt. The May 2010 all milk price of \$15.00 was up 30 cents from last month.

**COLD STORAGE  
APRIL 30, 2010**

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on April 30, 2010 were greater than year earlier levels for eggs and cheese. Butter stocks were up 6 percent from last month but down 14 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 5 percent from the previous month and down 16 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 6 percent from the previous month and down 21 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 15 percent from last month and down 37 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on April 30, 2010 were up 5 percent from the previous month but down 15 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 1 percent from the previous month but down 5 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 11 percent from last month but down 26 percent from April 30, 2009.

**Stocks in Storage, United States**

Commodity	April 30, 2009	Mar. 31, 2010	April 30, 2010
<b>1,000 Pounds</b>			
Butter .....	240,044	195,888	207,578
Cheese, total natural .....	938,914	994,459	1,011,658
Eggs, frozen.....	18,241	21,623	22,540
Poultry, total frozen.....	1,235,357	999,549	1,049,873
Chicken .....	658,243	616,158	623,924
Turkey .....	571,708	379,720	422,198
Fruits, frozen .....	916,769	1,014,457	974,346
Fruit Juices, frozen .....	1,813,528	1,654,144	1,733,988
Vegetables, total frozen .....	1,716,761	1,959,773	1,793,059
Potatoes, total frozen .....	1,221,351	1,100,472	1,095,236
Meats, total red.....	1,050,603	921,753	878,920
Beef, total frozen .....	410,705	384,596	373,313
Pork, total frozen.....	612,290	513,066	482,524

**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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