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**CHICKENS AND EGGS  
September 2010**

**Colorado** laying flocks produced 87 million eggs during September 2010 down 3 percent from the previous month of 90 million eggs and up 1 million from September 2009. The average number of layers for the month, at 3.53 million, was 1 percent below the 3.58 million the previous month and was 1 percent below the 3.58 million layers for September 2009. The rate of lay for September 2010, at 2,465 eggs per 100 layers, was 2 percent below the 2,515 for the previous month but slightly above the 2,406 in September a year earlier.

**United States** egg production totaled 7.48 billion during September 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs, and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 980 million were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2010 averaged 337 million, up 1 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,218 eggs, up slightly from September 2009.

All layers in the **United States** on October 1, 2010 totaled 335 million, up slightly from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.89 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2010, averaged 73.6 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from October 1, 2009.

**ONIONS**

**Colorado** growers now expect to produce 2.69 million hundredweight of summer storage onions this year, down slightly from the 2.71 million hundredweight produced in 2009. This year's harvested area of 6,900 acres is up 5 percent from 6,600 acres harvested last year. The 2010 crop average yield per acre is forecast at 390 hundredweight, down 20 hundredweight from last year's crop.

Summer storage onion production for the **United States** is forecast at 54.7 million hundredweight, down 5 percent from last year. Storage onion harvested area is forecast at 104,470 acres, down 1 percent from 2009.

**Onions for Fresh Market 2009-2010 Crops**

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2009	for 2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Spring.....	27,200	25,900	315	296	8,559	7,656
Summer:						
Non-Storage .....	17,400	17,900	551	534	9,584	9,550
Storage						
CA 1/.....	31,400	29,000	455	450	14,287	13,050
CO .....	6,600	6,900	410	390	2,706	2,691
ID .....	8,800	9,000	740	750	6,512	6,750
MI .....	3,800	4,100	350	235	1,330	964
NY.....	10,300	10,200	415	360	4,275	3,672
OR-Malheur.....	11,200	11,100	700	680	7,840	7,548
OR-Other .....	9,100	8,900	600	610	5,460	5,429
WA.....	21,000	22,000	630	610	13,230	13,420
WI.....	2,000	1,800	500	260	1,000	468
Oth Sts 2/ .....	1,860	1,470	416	479	774	704
Total.....	106,060	104,470	541	524	57,414	54,696
Summer.....	123,460	122,370	543	525	66,998	64,246
U.S. ....	150,660	148,270	502	485	75,557	71,902

1/ Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

2/ OH and UT.

**CROP PRODUCTION  
OCTOBER 1, 2010**

**COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS**

Colorado's **corn** for grain production is now forecast at 171.36 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year's crop of 151.47 million bushels but down 2 percent from the September 1 forecast. Average yield remains unchanged from the September forecast at 144.0 bushels per acre, but 9.0 bushels below last year. Areas planted and intended for grain were revised downward 20,000 acres from September 1 to 1.33 million and 1.19 million acres, respectively, based on administrative information. **Sorghum** for grain production for 2010 is expected to total 5.18 million bushels, up 9 percent from the September 1 forecast but down 23 percent from last year's crop. Average yield, at 37.0 bushels per acre, is up 3.0 bushels from the September 1 forecast but down 8.0 bushels from last year's results. The area planted and expected to be harvested for grain is unchanged from the September forecast at 210,000 and 140,000 acres, respectively.

**Sugarbeet** production remains forecast at 778,000 tons, down 19 percent from the previous year. Yields are expected to average a record high 28.0 tons per acre compared with 27.5 tons per acre last year. The area for harvest is expected to total 27,800 acres, down from 35,000 acres harvested last year. The initial forecast of **all sunflower** production was placed at 131.20 million pounds, up 7 percent from the 2009 crop of 122.06 million pounds. The average expected yield of 1,093 pounds per acre is 310 pounds below last year. The revised estimated harvested acreage, at 120,000 acres, is up 13 percent from June's forecast of 106,000 based on administrative information. Last year producers harvested 87,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** production is now forecast at 3.44 million tons, up 4 percent from last year and up 17 percent from the August forecast. **All other hay** production is forecast at 1.40 million tons, down 4 percent from last year's production but unchanged from August. Acreage harvested for alfalfa hay is expected to total 840,000 acres while all other hay harvested is expected to reach 780,000 acres this year. **Dry bean** production, is expected to hit 1,122,000 hundredweight, 274,000 hundredweight above last year. The average expected yield of 1700 pounds per acre is 100 pounds above the 2009 yield. Area planted was increased 5,000 acres from the August forecast to 70,000 acres based on administrative information and area for harvest is now expected to total 66,000 acres, 13,000 acres above last year.

#### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** production is forecast at 12.7 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the September forecast and down 3 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 155.8 bushels per acre, down 6.7 bushels from the previous month and 8.9 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels. Forecasted yields decreased from last month throughout much of the Corn Belt and Tennessee Valley. Illinois showed the largest decline, down 14 bushels per acre. Indiana and Iowa are both down 10 bushels from the previous month, while Missouri and Nebraska declined 9 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.3 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the September forecast. Acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data.

**Soybean** production is forecast at a record high 3.41 billion bushels, down 2 percent from September but 1 percent above last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month but up 0.4 bushel from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower or unchanged in all major-producing States except Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin. The largest decreases in yield from last month are expected in North Carolina and Virginia, down 5 and 4 bushels, respectively. If realized, the forecasted yields in Illinois,

Louisiana, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, and Wisconsin will be record highs and the forecasted yield in Minnesota will tie the previous record high. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 76.8 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous estimate but up 1 percent from 2009. Acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 337 million bushels, down 10 percent from the September 1 forecast and 12 percent below last year. Based on updated administrative information, acreage changes were made in several States. Planted area is estimated at 5.40 million acres, down 10 percent from the previous forecast and down 19 percent from 2009. This is the lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested area is forecast at 4.66 million acres, down 10 percent from the previous forecast and 16 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest harvested acreage on record since 1936. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 72.4 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from September but up 3.0 bushels from last year. Record high yields are forecast in Louisiana and Texas.

**Sunflower** production forecast for 2010 is 2.91 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2009. Area planted, at 1.95 million acres, is down 7 percent from the June estimate and down 4 percent from last year. Sunflower growers expect to harvest 1.87 million acres, down 7 percent from June and down 4 percent from the 2009 acreage. The October yield forecast, at 1,552 pounds per acre, is 2 pounds lower than last year's record high yield.

**Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** production is forecast at 71.3 million tons, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up slightly from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.44 tons per acre, down 0.05 ton from August but up 0.09 ton from last year. If realized, this will be the sixth highest yield on record. Harvested area is forecast at 20.7 million acres, unchanged from August but down 2 percent from the previous year's acreage. **Other hay** production is forecast at 81.0 million tons, down 1 percent from the August forecast but up 6 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third highest production level on record. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.08 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from August but up 0.10 ton from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield, surpassing the 2.06 tons per acre in 2004. Harvested area is forecast at 38.9 million acres, unchanged from August but up 1 percent from 2009.

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**Acres, yield, and production, Colorado and United States, 2009-2010**

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Unit	Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres			Units per acre		1,000 units	
<b>Colorado:</b>									
All Corn <u>1/</u> .....	1,100	1,330	990	1,190	Bu.	153.0	144.0	151,470	171,360
All Sorghum <u>1/</u> .....	180	210	150	140	Bu.	45.0	37.0	6,750	5,180
All Wheat .....	2,630	2,478	2,479	2,377	Bu.	40.6	45.5	100,610	108,234
Winter Wheat .....	2,600	2,450	2,450	2,350	Bu.	40.0	45.0	98,000	105,750
Spring Wheat.....	30	28	29	27	Bu.	90.0	92.0	2,610	2,484
Oats .....	60	55	9	9	Bu.	65.0	65.0	585	585
Barley .....	78	64	77	63	Bu.	135.0	133.0	10,395	8,379
Proso Millet.....	170	190	150	4/	Bu.	35.0	4/	5,250	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	1,600	1,620	Tons	2.99	4/	4,778	4/
Alfalfa Hay.....	...	...	850	840	Tons	3.90	4.10	3,315	3,444
Other Hay .....	...	...	750	780	Tons	1.95	1.80	1,463	1,404
Sugarbeets .....	35.1	29.0	35.0	27.8	Tons	27.5	28.0	963	778
Dry edible beans.....	57	70	53	66	Cwt.	16.0	17.0	848	1,122
Sunflowers, All .....	91	130	87	120	Lbs.	1,403	1,093	122,060	131,200
Sunflowers, Oil .....	70	95	68	88	Lbs.	1,320	6/	89,760	6/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil ..	21	35	19	32	Lbs.	1,700	6/	32,300	6/
All potatoes .....	60.0	7/	59.1	7/	Cwt.	401.0	7/	23,679	7/
Summer potatoes .....	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	Cwt.	410.0	390.0	1,599	1,560
Fall potatoes .....	56.0	55.5	55.2	55.2	Cwt.	400.0	7/	22,080	7/
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	16,000	16,000
Peaches.....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	13	14
<b>United States:</b>									
All Corn <u>1/</u> .....	86,482	88,222	79,590	81,263	Bu.	164.7	155.8	13,110,062	12,663,949
All Sorghum <u>1/</u> .....	6,633	5,402	5,520	4,658	Bu.	69.4	72.4	382,983	337,229
All Wheat <u>2/</u> .....	59,168	53,603	49,893	47,657	Bu.	44.5	46.7	2,218,061	2,223,523
Winter Wheat .....	43,346	37,335	34,510	31,749	Bu.	44.2	46.8	1,524,608	1,485,236
Spring Wheat.....	13,268	13,698	12,955	13,379	Bu.	45.1	46.9	584,411	626,937
Oats .....	3,404	3,138	1,379	1,268	Bu.	67.5	64.6	93,081	81,855
Barley .....	3,567	2,872	3,113	2,471	Bu.	73.0	73.6	227,323	181,884
Rye .....	1,241	1,211	252	265	Bu.	27.8	28.0	6,993	7,431
Proso Millet.....	350	385	293	4/	Bu.	33.7	4/	9,865	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	59,755	59,656	Tons	2.47	2.55	147,442	152,278
Alfalfa Hay.....	...	...	21,227	20,732	Tons	3.35	3.44	71,030	71,326
Other Hay .....	...	...	38,528	38,924	Tons	1.98	2.08	76,412	80,952
Sugarbeets .....	1,185.8	1,186.5	1,148.6	1,124.5	Tons	25.7	29.6	29,563	33,256
Dry edible beans.....	1,537.5	1,900.0	1,463.0	1,829.3	Cwt.	17.3	17.8	25,360	32,615
Sunflowers, All .....	2,030.0	1,952.5	1,953.5	1,872.8	Lbs.	1,554	1,552	3,036,460	2,905,830
Sunflowers, Oil .....	1,698.0	1,465.0	1,653.0	1,414.5	Lbs.	1,563	6/	2,584,010	6/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil ...	332.0	487.5	300.5	458.3	Lbs.	1,506	6/	452,450	6/
All potatoes <u>3/</u> .....	1,068.1	1,026.3	1,041.3	1,009.0	Cwt.	414	7/	431,318	7/
Summer potatoes .....	43.2	38.3	41.7	37.1	Cwt.	343	317	14,321	11,779
Fall potatoes .....	936.7	896.1	917.2	882.3	Cwt.	429	7/	393,544	7/
Soybeans .....	77,451	77,714	76,372	76,823	Bu.	44.0	44.4	3,359,011	3,408,211
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	9,914,900	9,413,500
Peaches.....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	1,104	1,126

1/ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain.   2/ Includes Durum Wheat.   3/ Includes Winter and Spring Crops.  
4/ January 2011.   5/ September 30, 2010.   6/ October 8, 2010.   7/ November 9, 2010.

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United States **dry edible beans** production is forecast at 32.6 million hundredweight for 2010, up 6 percent from the August 1 forecast. Planted area is forecast at 1.90 million acres, up 7 percent from the August 1 forecast. Harvested area is forecast at 1.83 million acres, 7 percent above the August 1 forecast. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,783 pounds per acre, a decrease of 15 pounds from the August 1 forecast. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record. Production is expected to be higher than 2009 in 12 of the 18 producing States. Each of the top five producing States is anticipating higher production this year.

**Sugarbeets** production for the 2010 crop year is forecast at 33.3 million tons, up 1 percent from the September 1 forecast and 12 percent above 2009. Producers expect to harvest 1.12 million acres, down 19,000 acres from September and down 24,100 acres from 2009. Expected yield is forecast at 29.6 tons per acre, an increase of 0.7 ton from the previous forecast and 3.9 tons from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield for the United States. Record high yields are also expected in Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

## UPCOMING REPORTS

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