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CATTLE ON FEED May 1, 2011

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 1,100,000 head as of May 1, 2011. This latest inventory is up 1 percent from last month and up 17 percent from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 150,000 head of fed cattle during April 2011. This was 21 percent below March 2011 marketings of 190,000 head, but 3 percent above a year ago. An estimated 165,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April, 23 percent below a month ago and 3 percent below April 2010 placements of 170,000. Of the number placed in April, 21 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 18 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 27 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 33 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for April, at 5,000 head, is unchanged from last month but 10,000 head below 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 11.2 million head on May 1, 2011. The inventory was 7 percent above May 1, 2010. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.80 million, 10 percent above 2010. This is the second highest placement for the month of April since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 450,000, 600-699 pounds were 310,000, 700-799 pounds were 490,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 545,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent below 2010. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during April, 35 percent below 2010. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States 1,000+ Capacity April 1 to May 1, 2010-2011

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 head			
On Feed April 1	930	1,090	10,742	11,271
Placements During Apr.	170	165	1,634	1,795
< 600 pounds	30	35	365	450
600 - 699 Pounds	35	30	305	310
700 - 799 Pounds	45	45	469	490
800 Plus Pounds	60	55	495	545
Marketings During Apr.	145	150	1,857	1,807
Other Disap. During Apr.	15	5	91	59
On Feed May 1	940	1,100	10,428	11,200

POULTRY PRODUCTION & VALUE 2010 SUMMARY COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

The value of egg production in **Colorado** during 2010 totaled \$77.1 million, up 10 percent from the value of \$70.3 million in 2009. A total of 1.07 million eggs were produced during 2010, down 4 percent. During 2010, there were 8.7 million pounds of chicken sold at an average price of 7 cents per pound for a total value of sales at \$610,000. A year earlier, 9.4 million pounds of chicken were sold at an average price of 5.1 cents per pound for a total value of sales of \$480,000. 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 2010 was \$34.7 billion, up 10 percent from \$31.6 billion in 2009. Of the combined total, 68 percent was from broilers, 19 percent from eggs, 13 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2010 was \$23.7 billion, up 9 percent from 2009. The total number of broilers produced in 2010 was 8.63 billion, up 1 percent from 2009. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2010 was 49.2 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2009.

The value of turkeys produced during 2010 was \$4.37 billion, up 22 percent from the \$3.57 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2010 totaled 7.11 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 7.15 billion pounds produced in 2009.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2010 was \$72.0 million, up 11 percent from \$65.1 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2010 totaled 172 million, down 2 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2010 was \$6.52 billion, up 6 percent from \$6.17 billion in 2009. Egg production totaled 91.4 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 90.5 billion eggs produced in 2009.

MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME 2010 SUMMARY

The total value of milk produced in **Colorado** during 2010 totaled \$461.8 million, up 27 percent from \$363.5 million in 2009. In 2010, the 2.79 billion pounds of milk produced was 2 percent lower than the 2.84 billion pounds produced the previous year. The average price of \$16.40 per hundredweight was \$3.60 above the 2009 average of \$12.80.

Milk production in the **United States** increased 1.8 percent in 2010 to 193 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 21,149 pounds, was 576 pounds above 2009. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.12 million head, down 86,000 head from 2009.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2010 totaled \$31.4 billion, 28.9 percent higher than 2009. Producer returns averaged \$16.35 per hundredweight, 26.5 percent above 2009. Marketings totaled 191.8 billion pounds, 1.9 percent above 2009. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 991 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 2.0 percent less than 2009. Calves were fed 89 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME 2010 SUMMARY

The total gross income to **Colorado** producers from beef, pork, and sheep and lambs during 2010 totaled \$3.17 billion, 11 percent above the \$2.87 billion for the previous year.

Gross income from cattle and calves during 2010 increased 9 percent from the previous year to \$2.9 billion and represented 90 percent of the total income from the three species. The gross income from hogs and pigs increased 42 percent from 2009 to \$194.1 million. Gross income from sheep and lambs increased 6 percent from \$105.5 million to \$111.4 million.

Marketings of cattle and calves, at 2.76 billion pounds is down 5 percent from last years 2.90 billion pounds. The 2010 marketings of hogs and pigs, at 299.2 million pounds, increased 8 percent from 277.9 million pounds in 2009. Sheep and lamb marketings, at 94.5 million pounds, decreased 15 percent from a year earlier.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Total 2010 production of cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled 72.4 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2009. Production decreased 3 percent for hogs and pigs, 4 percent for sheep and lambs, but increased 1 percent for cattle and calves.

Total 2010 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 19 percent to \$70.0 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for over 73 percent of this total, hogs and pigs nearly 26 percent, and sheep and lambs less than 1 percent. Cash receipts of cattle and calves increased 17 percent from \$43.9 billion in 2009 to \$51.5 billion in 2010. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 55.5 billion pounds in 2010, up 2 percent from 2009. Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$17.9 billion during 2010, up 22 percent from 2009. Marketings totaled 31.4 billion pounds in 2010, down 5 percent from 2009.

The 2010 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$70.5 billion, up 19 percent from 2009. Gross income for cattle and calves increased 17 percent, hogs and pigs increased 22 percent, and sheep and lambs increased 22 percent over previous year's gross income.

DAIRY PRODUCTS – ANNUAL 2010 SUMMARY UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 10.4 billion pounds, 3.6 percent above 2009 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 25.0 percent of the production.

Italian varieties, with 4.42 billion pounds were 5.8 percent above 2009 production and accounted for 42.4 percent of total cheese in 2010. Mozzarella accounted for 78.9 percent of the Italian production followed by Provolone with 8.0

percent and Ricotta with 5.9 percent. California was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 31.1 percent of the production.

American type cheese production was 4.28 billion pounds, 1.7 percent above 2009 and accounted for 41.0 percent of total cheese in 2010. Wisconsin was the leading State in American type cheese production with 19.5 percent of the production.

Butter production in the United States during 2010 totaled 1.56 billion pounds, 0.5 percent below 2009. California accounted for 35.6 percent of the production.

Dry milk powders (2010 United States production, comparisons with 2009) Nonfat dry milk, human - 1.56 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent. Skim milk powders - 254 million pounds, up 14.4 percent.

Whey products (2010 United States production, comparisons with 2009) Dry whey, total - 1.01 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent. Lactose, human and animal - 907 million pounds, up 25.6 percent. Whey protein concentrate, total - 428 million pounds, up 3.1 percent.

Frozen products (2010 United States production, comparisons with 2009) Ice cream, Regular (total) - 912 million gallons, down 0.6 percent. Ice cream, Lowfat (total) - 380 million gallons, down 4.9 percent. Sherbet (total) - 49.3 million gallons, down 7.5 percent. Frozen Yogurt (total) - 49.7 million gallons, up 8.1 percent.

MILK PRODUCTION APRIL 2011

Colorado dairy herds produced 249 million pounds of milk during April, up 18 million pounds from the same period a year earlier. The average number of cows was 126,000, up 8 percent from the previous year. Production per cow averaged 1,975 pounds for April, the same average production per cows as last year.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during April totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2010. March revised production at 15.8 billion pounds, was up 2.4 percent from March 2010. The March revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,834 pounds for April, 9 pounds above April 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.43 million head, 97,000 head more than April 2010, and 8,000 head more March 2011.

Milk Cows and Milk Production, Colorado and 23 States

Item	April 2010	Mar. 2011	April 2011
Colorado			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) 1/.....	117	125	126
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) 2/.....	1,975	2,015	1,975
Production (mil. lbs.) 2/.....	231	252	249
23 States Total:			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) 1/.....	8,337	8,426	8,434
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) 2/.....	1,825	1,870	1,834
Production (mil. lbs.) 2/.....	15,213	15,757	15,468

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/>

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