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January to April 2011 commercial red meat production was 16.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER APRIL 2011

Red meat production in **Colorado** during April 2011 totaled 157.6 million pounds, 7 percent below 168.7 million pounds produced during April 2010 and 18 percent below March this year. The accumulated production for the first four months of this year now totals 685.7 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 707.3 million pounds during the comparable period last year. Cattle kill in Colorado during April decreased 8 percent from the previous year to 189,300 head. The average live weight of 1,262 pounds was 8 pounds above the average for April 2010. Hog slaughter remained unchanged from a year ago at 600 head but the average live weight increased 11 pounds to 265. Sheep and lamb kill during April totaled 86,300 head, up 19 percent from the previous year. The average live weight of 169 pounds increased 7 pounds from April 2010.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 3.87 billion pounds in April, down 4 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in April 2010. Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 4 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,257 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.2 million pounds, 8 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 14 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 296 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.79 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.63 million head, down 5 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 11 percent from April 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 206,700 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States 1/

Area and Species	Apr. 2010	Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	January-April	
				2010	2011
Million Pounds					
Colorado	168.7	191.4	157.6	707.3	685.7
United States	4,012.4	4,347.0	3,870.4	15,945.1	16,070.8
Beef.....	2,139.3	2,266.3	2,054.9	8,387.3	8,466.0
Veal.....	11.1	12.1	10.2	45.6	43.6
Pork.....	1,849.1	2,054.6	1,791.0	7,456.4	7,510.7
Lamb & Mutton ..	12.9	14.1	14.3	55.8	50.5

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION APRIL 2011

Colorado laying flocks produced 91 million eggs during April 2011, up 2 percent from the 89 million produced during the same month last year. During April, the average number of layers was 3.99 million, up 6 percent from April 2010 and up from 3.82 million in March 2011. The average number of eggs produced per 100 layers was 2,282 this April compared with 2,363 last April and 2,358 for March of this year.

United States egg production totaled 7.61 billion during April 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 987 million were broiler-type and 70 million were eggtype. The total number of layers during April 2011 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,236 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2010.

All layers in the United States on May 1, 2011 totaled 339 million, down slightly from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.93 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2011, averaged 74.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from May 1, 2010.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2011 totaled 43.4 million, down 9 percent from April 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.8 million on May 1, 2011, down 2 percent from a

year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 287 thousand during April 2011, up 24 percent from April 2010. Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2011 totaled 780 million, up 2 percent from April 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 649 million on May 1, 2011, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.90 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2011, up 1 percent from April 2010.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES MAY 15, 2010

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 1 point (0.6 percent) from April. The Crop Index is unchanged but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, corn, eggs, and strawberries and higher prices for hay, broilers, celery, and lettuce. 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 wheat, cantaloupes, broilers, and sweet corn offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, milk, and soybeans.

The May All Crops index at 199, was unchanged from April but 34 percent above May 2010. Index increases for food grains, commercial vegetables, and potatoes & dry beans offset index decreases for feed grains & hay, oilseeds, and cotton. The May all wheat price, at \$8.19 per bushel, is up 15 cents from April and \$3.86 above May 2010. The corn price, at \$6.15 per bushel, is down 20 cents from last month but \$2.67 above May 2010. The all hay price, at \$169 per ton, is up \$28.00 from April and up \$53.00 from last May. Sorghum grain, at \$10.80 per hundredweight, is 90 cents below April but \$5.11 above May last year. The soybean price, at \$13.00 per bushel, decreased 10 cents from April but is \$3.59 above May 2010. The all potato price, at \$11.26 per hundredweight, is up 9 cents from April and up \$2.69 from last May. The all dry bean price, at \$31.70 per hundredweight, is unchanged from the previous month but \$3.90 above May 2010.

Prices Received and Paid Summary, United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2010		2011	
	May	April	April	May
	Percent			
Prices Received	138	175	174	
Prices Paid	181	203	204	
Ratio 1/	76	86	85	

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

The May Livestock and Products index, at 153, is 1.9 percent below last month but up 17 percent from May 2010. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, milk, hogs, eggs, turkeys, and calves. Prices for broilers are down

from last year. The May hog price, at \$67.80 per hundredweight, is up 10 cents from April and \$5.60 higher than a year ago. The May beef cattle price of \$115 per hundredweight is down \$4.00 from last month but \$20.30 higher than May 2010. The May all milk price of \$19.40 per hundredweight is down 20 cents from last month but \$4.40 higher than May 2010.

Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		May 2010	April 2011	May 2011
Crops		Dollars		
Wheat	Bu.	3.98	7.71	7.86
Corn	Bu.	3.45	6.05	6.04
Potatoes	Cwt	5.25	13.50	11.30
Dry edible beans	Cwt	31.60	29.90	30.30
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	125.00	140.00	150.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	115.00	115.00	125.00
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	103.00	3/	3/
Steers & heifers	Cwt	104.00	3/	3/
Cows	Cwt	63.50	3/	3/
Calves	Cwt	127.00	3/	3/
Sheep	Cwt	52.00	3/	3/
Lambs	Cwt	128.00	3/	3/
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	15.20	19.70	19.50
		United States		
Crops		Dollars		
Wheat	Bu.	4.33	8.04	8.19
Corn	Bu.	3.48	6.35	6.15
Soybeans	Bu.	9.41	13.10	13.00
Barley (All)	Bu.	4.25	4.27	4.57
Barley (Feed)	Bu.	2.49	4.32	4.87
Sorghum	Cwt	5.69	11.70	10.80
Potatoes	Cwt	8.57	11.17	11.26
Dry edible beans	Cwt	27.80	31.70	31.70
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	121.00	155.00	186.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	100.00	103.00	112.00
Onions	Cwt	19.30	8.43	10.60
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	94.70	119.00	115.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt	99.70	122.00	118.00
Cows	Cwt	59.00	78.90	79.10
Calves	Cwt	124.00	147.00	141.00
Sheep	Cwt	46.20	68.80	3/
Lambs	Cwt	122.00	181.00	3/
Hogs	Cwt	62.20	67.70	67.80
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	15.00	19.60	19.40
Broilers	Lb.	0.52	0.49	0.50

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/ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

3/ Mid-month prices discontinued.

All mid-May 2011 **Colorado** crop prices increased from the previous year, except for dry beans. Wheat, at \$7.86 per bushel, was 15 cents above the previous month and \$3.88 per bushel higher than May a year ago. Corn prices decreased 1 cent from April to \$6.04 per bushel but averaged \$2.59 per bushel higher than May 2010. Dry edible beans at \$30.30 per

hundredweight, were down 40 cents from last month and down \$1.30 from a year earlier. Potatoes were down \$2.20 from the previous month to \$11.30 per hundredweight but were \$6.05 per hundredweight higher than the \$5.25 per hundredweight received in May 2010. Alfalfa hay averaged \$150.00 per ton in mid-May of this year, up \$10.00 from the previous month and \$25.00 per ton above May 2010. Other hay also increased \$10.00 from the previous month to \$125.00 per ton, and also averaged \$10.00 per ton above May 2010. The May all milk price of \$19.50 per hundredweight is down 20 cents from last month but \$4.30 higher than May 2010.

**COLD STORAGE
APRIL 30, 2011**

Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on April 30, 2011 were up 1 percent from the previous month and up 2 percent from April 30, 2010. Butter stocks were down 2 percent from last month and down 31 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on April 30, 2011 were up 8 percent from the previous month and up 6 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 7 percent from the previous month and up 18 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 12 percent from last month but down 14 percent from April 30, 2010.

Total frozen fruit stocks were down 9 percent from last month and down 21 percent from a year ago. Total frozen vegetable stocks were down 8 percent from last month and down 11 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 3 percent from the previous month but up 15 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 5 percent from the previous month but up 13 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 1 percent from last month and up 7 percent from last year.

Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	April 30, 2010	Mar. 31, 2011	April 30, 2011
1,000 Pounds			
Butter.....	206,291	144,244	141,382
Cheese, total natural.....	1,018,614	1,028,908	1,041,002
Eggs, frozen.....	22,388	27,287	27,726
Poultry, total frozen.....	1,054,723	1,028,325	1,115,625
Chicken.....	628,907	696,464	744,335
Turkey.....	422,064	325,688	364,404
Fruits, frozen.....	971,823	847,724	771,350
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,733,975	1,187,939	1,211,762
Vegetables, total frozen..	1,808,844	1,751,236	1,602,705
Potatoes, total frozen.....	1,093,719	1,086,143	1,068,883
Meats, total red.....	876,273	1,036,577	1,005,710
Beef, total frozen.....	369,485	445,526	442,792
Pork, total frozen.....	483,710	574,398	545,804

UPCOMING REPORTS

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