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## POTATO STOCKS JUNE 2011

Fall potato stocks in the San Luis Valley of **Colorado** totaled 2.5 million hundredweight as of June 1, 2011, down 24 percent from the 3.3 million hundredweight in storage as of June 1, 2010. The latest stocks represented 12 percent of the 21.53 million hundredweight produced in 2010. The June 1, 2010 stocks represented 15 percent of the 22.08 million hundredweight produced in 2009. Sales of Colorado's fall potatoes for table stock have averaged 68 percent of the production for the 2005-2009 period. The remaining 32 percent of production is used for seed, processing, feed and home use or is lost through cullage and shrinkage. The total quantity of potatoes sold as a percent of production has averaged about 86 percent over the past five years.

The 13 major potato States held 35.5 million hundredweight of potatoes in storage June 1, 2011, down 36 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 10 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, four percentage points below June 1, 2010.

Potato disappearance, at 316 million hundredweight, was 4 percent below June 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 23.3 million hundredweight, was down 18 percent from the same date in 2010. Processors in the 9 major States have used 161 million hundredweight of potatoes this season, up 1 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 25.8 million hundredweight of the total processing, down 14 percent from last year.

## MILK PRODUCTION MAY 2011

**Colorado** dairy herds produced 256 million pounds of milk during May, up 16 million pounds from May 2010. The average number of cows was 126,000, up 8 percent from the previous year. Production per cow averaged 2,030 pounds for May, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during May totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from May 2010. April revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from April 2010. The April revision represented an increase of 3 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,899 pounds for May, 6 pounds above May 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.45 million head, 103,000 head more than May 2010, and 15,000 head more than April 2011.

### Milk Cows and Milk Production, 23 States

Item	May 2010	April 2011	May 2011
<b>Colorado</b>			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) 1/.....	117	126	126
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) 2/.....	2,050	1,985	2,030
Production (mil. lbs.) 2/.....	240	250	256
<b>23 States Total:</b>			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) 1/.....	8,347	8,435	8,450
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) 2/.....	1,893	1,834	1,899
Production (mil. lbs.) 2/.....	15,804	15,471	16,043

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.  
2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves

## CATTLE ON FEED JUNE 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 1,080,000 head as of June 1, 2011. This latest inventory is down 2 percent from last month but up 11 percent from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 150,000 head of fed cattle during May 2011. This was equal to the marketings last month but 11 percent above May 2010 marketings of 135,000 head. An estimated 140,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during May, 15 percent below a month ago and 24 percent below May 2010 placements of 185,000. Of the number placed in May, 21 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 18 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 25 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 36 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for May, at 10,000 head, was up 5,000 head from last month but down 10,000 head from the same time last year.

## WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION June 2011

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on June 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2010. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.81 million, 11 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 415,000, 600-699 pounds were 355,000, 700-799 pounds were 480,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.00 million, 7 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 80,000 during May, 18 percent below 2010.

Winter wheat production in **Colorado** is forecast at 68.8 million bushels, up 7 percent from the May 1 forecast but 35 percent below the 105.8 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 2.15 million acres, is unchanged from May 1, but 200,000 acres less than the 2.35 million acres harvested in 2010. As of June 1, the average yield is forecast at 32.0 bushels per acre, 2 bushels above the May 1 forecast, but 13.0 bushels per acre below last year's record high average. Growing conditions had been dry and cool for most of this spring until mid-May when timely precipitation was received in most of the growing areas of the State. Currently, wheat is in mostly fair condition.

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

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
<b>1,000 head</b>				
On Feed May 1	940	1,100	10,428	11,200
Placements During May	185	140	2,030	1,810
< 600 pounds	25	30	450	415
600 - 699 Pounds	25	25	410	355
700 - 799 Pounds	45	35	535	480
800 Plus Pounds	90	50	635	560
Marketings During May	135	150	1,865	2,002
Other Disap. During May	20	10	98	80
On Feed June 1	970	1,080	10,495	10,928

Production for the **United States** is forecast at 1.45 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but 2 percent below 2010. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month but 1.5 bushels less than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.0 million acres, unchanged from May 1. Hard Red Winter production, at 777 million bushels, is up 2 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter production is up 2 percent from last month and now totals 434 million bushels. White Winter production totals 240 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month. Of this total, 11.6 million bushels are Hard White and 228 million bushels are Soft White.

### CHICKENS AND EGGS MAY 2010

**Colorado** laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during May 2011 compared to 89 million in May 2010 and 91 million during April 2011. During May of this year, the average number of layers was 3.94 million compared with 3.64 million last year and 3.99 last month. The average number of eggs produced per 100 layers was 2,435 this May compared with 2,448 a year earlier and 2,282 in April of this year.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the six Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are below last year's level in all States except Oklahoma. Improved weather conditions during the past month in the Upper Great Plains resulted in higher forecasted yields. Harvest had begun in Oklahoma, Texas, and southern Kansas.

**United States** egg production totaled 7.78 billion during May 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.67 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 72 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2011 averaged 338 million, down slightly from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,302 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2010. All layers in the United States on June 1, 2011 totaled 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 336 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.01 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2011, averaged 74.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from June 1, 2010.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the three Soft Red Winter States (Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio) are all above last year's levels. Wet conditions in Ohio lowered yield expectations from last month. If realized, yield in North Carolina will be a new record high and the Michigan yield will equal the record high. Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in Washington are above last year. The percent of the crop headed in the Pacific Northwest was behind the 5-year average in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Yield forecasts increased from last month in Oregon and Washington despite rust concerns.

**Winter Wheat: Acres harvested, yield and production, selected states and United States, 2009-2011**

STATE	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production		
	2010	Indicated 2011	2010	Indicated 2011	2009	2010	Indicated 2011
	<b>1,000 Acres</b>		<b>Bushels</b>		<b>1,000 Bushels</b>		
Arkansas.....	150	450	54.0	54.0	17,160	8,100	24,300
California.....	360	460	80.0	80.0	25,200	28,800	36,800
<b>Colorado.....</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>98,000</b>	<b>105,750</b>	<b>68,800</b>
Georgia.....	125	180	40.0	55.0	10,500	5,000	9,900
Idaho.....	710	790	82.0	79.0	56,700	58,220	62,410
Illinois.....	295	730	56.0	62.0	45,920	16,520	45,260
Indiana.....	230	390	60.0	65.0	30,150	13,800	25,350
Kansas.....	8,000	7,700	45.0	34.0	369,600	360,000	261,800
Kentucky.....	250	410	66.0	68.0	22,230	16,500	27,880
Maryland.....	135	220	60.0	66.0	11,700	8,100	14,520
Michigan.....	510	680	70.0	73.0	38,640	35,700	49,640
Mississippi.....	100	300	47.0	60.0	8,250	4,700	18,000
Missouri.....	280	720	45.0	51.0	34,310	12,600	36,720
Montana.....	1,950	2,150	48.0	47.0	89,540	93,600	101,050
Nebraska.....	1,490	1,350	43.0	44.0	76,800	64,070	59,400
New York.....	100	105	67.0	60.0	6,825	6,700	6,300
North Carolina.....	380	630	37.0	61.0	29,400	14,060	38,430
North Dakota.....	320	310	55.0	53.0	26,160	17,600	16,430
Ohio.....	750	860	61.0	67.0	70,560	45,750	57,620
Oklahoma.....	3,900	3,400	31.0	22.0	77,000	120,900	74,800
Oregon.....	810	810	67.0	71.0	42,000	54,270	57,510
Pennsylvania.....	150	160	59.0	57.0	9,800	8,850	9,120
South Carolina.....	130	190	36.0	53.0	7,050	4,680	10,070
South Dakota.....	1,300	1,550	49.0	48.0	64,260	63,700	74,400
Tennessee.....	180	260	53.0	55.0	17,340	9,540	14,300
Texas.....	3,750	1,800	34.0	26.0	61,250	127,500	46,800
Virginia.....	160	260	51.0	66.0	12,180	8,160	17,160
Washington.....	1,710	1,770	69.0	67.0	96,760	117,990	118,590
Wisconsin.....	230	305	64.0	68.0	21,420	14,720	20,740
Other States <sup>1/</sup> .....	944	949	41.7	48.5	46,013	39,356	46,015
<b>United States.....</b>	<b>31,749</b>	<b>32,039</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>1,522,718</b>	<b>1,485,236</b>	<b>1,450,115</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Other States include AL, AZ, DE, FL, IA, LA, MN, NJ, NV, NM, UT, WV, and WY. Individual State level estimates will be published in the "Small Grains 2011 Summary", September 2011,

**COLD STORAGE  
MAY 31, 2010**

Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2011 were up 1 percent from the previous month and up 2 percent from May 31, 2010. Butter stocks were up 20 percent from last month but down 20 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on May 31, 2011 were up 9 percent from the previous month and up 4 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 10 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 22 percent from last month but down 4 percent from May 31, 2010.

Total frozen fruit stocks were down 1 percent from last month and down 15 percent from a year ago. Total frozen vegetable stocks were down 7 percent from last month and down 8 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 1 percent from the previous month and up 21 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 1 percent from the previous month but up 22 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 6 percent from last month and up 28 percent from last year.

**Stocks in Storage, United States**

Commodity	May 31, 2010	Apr. 30, 2011	May 31, 2011
<b>1,000 Pounds</b>			
Butter .....	212,488	141,728	170,413
Cheese, total natural .....	1,026,807	1,039,430	1,048,512
Eggs, frozen.....	22,419	27,681	28,907
Poultry, total frozen .....	1,159,047	1,112,956	1,209,674
Chicken.....	692,744	741,568	760,357
Turkey.....	461,805	364,503	443,863
Fruits, frozen.....	902,685	770,104	762,897
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,788,284	1,206,065	1,223,779
Vegetables, total frozen ....	1,621,636	1,602,421	1,487,456
Potatoes, total frozen .....	1,077,348	1,070,257	1,073,799
Meats, total red .....	837,785	1,009,545	1,017,840
Beef, total frozen.....	362,783	443,151	453,778
Pork, total frozen.....	446,049	549,279	545,109

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Food stocks are excluded for places where entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

**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 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>

- June 30 - Acreage
- June 30 - Grain Stocks
- July 7 - Fruit Crops – Annual
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