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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER MAY 2011

Red meat production in **Colorado** during May 2011 totaled 169.5 million pounds, up 6 percent from the 160.2 million pounds produced during May 2010 and 8 percent above April 2011. The accumulated production for the first five months of this year now totals 855.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from the 867.5 million pounds produced during the comparable period last year. Cattle kill during May increased 2 percent from the previous year to 205,800 head. The average live weight of 1,258 pounds was 34 pounds above the average for May 2010. Hog slaughter increased 17 percent from the previous year to 700 head, and the average live weight increased to 257 pounds, up 23 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 3.91 billion pounds in May, up 5 percent from the 3.73 billion pounds produced in May 2010. Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 2 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,100 head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.54 million head, up 7 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 275 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was up 2 percent from May 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 179,400 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 4 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2011 commercial red meat production was 20.0 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States 1/

Area	May Apr. May January-May				ry-May	
and Specie	2010	2011	2011	2010	2011	
	Million Pounds					
Colorado	160.2	157.6	169.5	867.5	855.2	
United States	3,731.2	3,868.6	3,914.3	19,676.3	19,983.2	
Beef	2,087.2	2,053.0	2,131.4	10,474.5	10,595.5	
Veal	10.1	10.2	10.3	55.7	53.9	
Pork	1,621.3	1,791.0	1,759.7	9,077.6	9,270.4	
Lamb & Mutton	12.6	14.3	12.9	68.4	63.4	

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2011 JUNE ACREAGE COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado **corn** producers planted 1,400,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 1,250,000 acres for grain up from 1,210,000 acres harvested in 2010. This is an increase of three percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and a five percent increase in planted acreage for all purposes. **Sorghum** plantings, at 190,000 acres, decreased 10 percent from the previous year and acreage expected to be harvested for grain, at 130,000, decreased 19 percent. **Winter wheat** producers planted 2,350,000 acres in the fall of 2010 for harvest in 2011, down from 2,450,000 acres planted for the previous year's crop. This is a revision from the initial forecast of 2,500,000 acres planted, first published in January, 2011. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is now set at 2,000,000 acres.

Spring wheat seedings, at 30,000 acres, are up 2,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 29,000 acres, up from 27,000 harvested last year. **Oat** seedings equal last year at 55,000 acres with producers planning to harvest 9,000 acres for grain, the same number of acres harvested for grain in 2010. **Barley** planted area, at 68,000 acres, is six percent greater than last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 67,000, are also six percent above 2010. **Proso millet** seedings are expected to total 190,000 acres this year, down 14 percent from 2010.

All hay area to be harvested is expected to increase 40,000 acres from a year ago to 1,640,000 acres. Alfalfa hay harvested acreage is expected to remain at the 2010 level of 820,000 acres while all other hay harvested acreage is expected to increase 40,000 acres to 820,000 acres.

Sugarbeet plantings increased 400 acres from last year to 29,300 acres. The expected harvested area, at 27,300 acres, is 600 acres below last year. Acres planted to **dry beans**, at 40,000, are down 43 percent from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 38,000. **All sunflower** planted area, at

138,000 acres, is 6,000 acres above last year. Oil type varieties totaled 115,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2010 while non-oil type varieties are set at 23,000 acres, down 14,000 acres. **Summer potatoes** showed a 13 percent increase in planted acres to 4,500 compared with 4,000 acres planted last year with the expected harvested acreage set at 4,400 acres.

Planted and Harvested Acres, Colorado and United States, 2010-2011

Area and	Planted	Acres	Harvested Acres	
Crop	2010	2011	2010	Intended 2011
	1,000 acres		1,000	acres
COLORADO:				
All Corn <u>1</u> /	1,330	1,400	1,210	1,250
All Sorghum 1/	210	190	160	130
All Wheat	2,478	2,380	2,377	2,029
Winter Wheat	2,450	2,350	2,350	2,000
Spring Wheat	28	30	27	29
Oats	55	55	9	9
Barley	64	68	63	67
Proso Millet	220	190	215	3/
All Hay			1,600	1,640
Alfalfa Hay			820	820
Other Hay			780	820
Sugarbeets	28.9	29.3	27.9	27.3
Dry edible beans	70.0	40.0	66.0	38.0
Sunflower, All	132.0	138.0	127.0	126.0
Oil	95.0	115.0	92.0	105.0
Non-Oil	37.0	23.0	35.0	21.0
Summer potatoes	4.0	4.5	3.8	4.4
UNITED STATES:				
All Corn <u>1</u> /	88,192	92,282	81,446	84,888
All Sorghum 1/	5,404	5,345	4,808	4,588
All Wheat <u>2</u> /	53,603	56,433	47,637	47,174
Winter Wheat	37,335	41,108	31,749	32,307
Spring Wheat	13,698	13,627	13,359	13,220
Oats	3,138	2,587	1,263	934
Barley	2,872	2,815	2,465	2,480
Rye	1,211	1,252	265	242
Proso Millet	390	320	363	3/
All Hay			59,862	57,605
Alfalfa Hay			19,956	19,329
Other Hay			39,906	38,276
Sugarbeets	1,171.4	1,237.5	1,155.7	1,196.9
Dry edible beans	1,911.4	1,258.0	1,842.7	1,207.2
Sunflower, All	1,951.5	1,856.0	1,873.8	1,770.5
Oil	1,463.0	1,540.0	1,422.5	1,477.0
Non-Oil	488.5	316.0	451.3	293.5
Summer potatoes	39.0	40.9	37.5	39.3
Soybeans	77,404	75,208	76,616	74,258

1/ Planted all purposes, harvested for grain. 2/ Includes Durum Wheat. 3/ To be released January 2012 in the Annual Crop Production Summary.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

The 2011 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 92.3 million acres, up 5 percent from last year, and the second highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. Iowa continues to lead all States with 14.2 million acres, the second

highest acreage on record for that State. Notable increases in acreage from last year are also reported in Nebraska, South Dakota, and Minnesota. Growers expect to harvest 84.9 million acres for grain, up 4 percent from last year.

The 2011 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 41.1 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010 but down slightly from the previous estimate. Acreage is up from last year across most of the Soft Red winter area due to the early row crop harvest last fall and higher prices. With lack of moisture in much of the Great Plains, Hard Red winter acres are down in Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas, with Nebraska seeded area estimated at a record low. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.3 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Harvested acres in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas are down from last year due to drought conditions. As of June 12, harvest was 22 percent complete in the 18 major winter wheat-producing States, 9 points ahead of the 5-year average.

GRAIN STOCKS JUNE 1, 2011

All wheat stocks in **Colorado** as of June 1, 2011 totaled 18.31 million bushels, down 2 percent from one year earlier. Farm stocks decreased to 3.6 million bushels from the 4.8 million bushels on-hand last year but off-farm stocks were up 7 percent to 14.71 million bushels. Corn stocks, at 37.12 million bushels, were up 2 percent from a year ago. Farm stocks were down to 12.0 million bushels but off-farm stocks were up 32 percent to 19.12 million bushels.

Grain Stocks, Colorado and United States
June 1, 2010-2011

Julie 1, 2010-2011							
Grain	Colo	rado	United States				
and Position 1/	2010 2011		2010	2011			
	1,000 Bushels						
All wheat							
On farms	4,800	3,600	209,900	130,915			
Off farms	13,795	14,710	765,737	729,866			
Total	18,595	18,310	975,637	860,781			
Corn							
On farms	16,000	12,000	2,131,400	1,681,500			
Off farms	14,437	19,115	2,178,671	1,988,654			
Total	30,437	31,115	4,310,071	3,670,154			
Barley							
On farms	3/	3/	40,440	26,040			
Off farms	5,830	5,246	75,059	63,318			
Total	3/	3/	115,499	89,358			
Oats							
On farms	3/	3/	17,600	14,580			
Off farms	72	33	62,716	53,025			
Total	3/	3/	80,316	67,605			
Sorghum							
On farms	3/	3/	10,700	3,140			
Off farms	283	1,786	77,162	76,918			
Total	3/	3/	87,862	80,058			
Soybeans							
On farms	2/	2/	232,600	217,700			
Off farms	2/	2/	338,523	401,382			
Total	2/	2/	571,123	619,082			

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. 2/ Not estimated. 3/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Nationally, corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2011 totaled 3.67 billion bushels, down 15 percent from June 1, 2010. Of the total stocks, 1.68 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 21 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.99 billion bushels, are down 9 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance is 2.85 billion bushels, compared with 3.38 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2011 totaled 619 million bushels, up 8 percent from June 1, 2010. On-farm stocks totaled 218 million bushels, down 6 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 401 million bushels, are up 19 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2011 quarter totaled 630 million bushels, down 10 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2011 totaled 861 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 131 million bushels, down 38 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 730 million bushels, are down 5 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance is 565 million bushels, up 48 percent from the same period a year earlier.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES JUNE 29, 2011

Colorado wheat, at \$7.63 per bushel for mid-June 2011, decreased 33 cents from the previous month but was \$3.86 higher than June a year ago. Mid-June corn prices increased 19 cents from May to \$6.74 per bushel and increased \$3.24 above June 2010. The mid-June potato price, at \$13.40 per hundredweight, was 40 cents above last month and was \$8.00 per hundredweight above June a year ago. The alfalfa hay price, at \$170.00 per ton, increased \$20.00 per ton from last month and was \$45.00 above a year ago. Other hay price, at \$145.00 per ton, increased \$20.00 from last month and increased \$25.00 above June a year ago. The June all milk price of \$20.50 per hundredweight is up 90 cents from last month and \$4.90 higher than June 2010.

Prices Received and Paid Summary, United States

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Index	2010	2010 2011			
1990-92 = 100	June	May June			
	Percent				
Prices Received	135	174	181		
Prices Paid	181	204	204		
Ratio <u>1</u> /	75	85	89		

 $[\]underline{1}/$ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 181 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 7 points (4.0 percent) from May. The Crop Index is up 12 points (6.0 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher prices for milk, corn, and broccoli, and lower prices for cattle, lettuce, wheat, and strawberries. 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, hay, grapes, and peaches offset decreased marketings of corn, cattle, oranges, and milk.

Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

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		Colorado			
		June	May	June	
Item	Unit	2010	2011	2011	
Crops		Dollars			
Wheat	Bu.	3.77	7.96	7.63	
Corn	Bu.	3.50	6.55	6.74	
Barley (All)	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	
Potatoes	Cwt	5.40	13.00	13.40	
Dry edible beans	Cwt	29.90	29.70	30.80	
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	125.00	150.00	170.00	
Other hay (baled)	Ton	120.00	125.00	145.00	
Livestock & Products					
Beef Cattle	Cwt	99.20	4/	3/	
Steers & heifers	Cwt	100.00	4/	3/	
Cows	Cwt	62.00	4/	3/	
Calves	Cwt	126.00	4/	3/	
Sheep	Cwt	51.00	4/	3/	
Lambs	Cwt	120.00	4/	3/	
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	15.60	19.60	20.50	
		United States			
Crops			Dollars		
Wheat	Bu.	4.16	8.16	7.85	
Corn	Bu.	3.41	6.30	6.58	
Soybeans	Bu.	9.45	13.20	13.30	
Barley (All)	Bu.	3.64	4.15	5.11	
Barley (Feed)	Bu.	2.24	4.61	5.01	
Sorghum	Cwt	5.38	11.60	11.80	
Potatoes	Cwt	8.25	11.17	11.08	
Dry edible beans	Cwt	26.00	32.90	33.20	
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	119.00	186.00	180.00	
Other hay (baled)	Ton	99.10	112.00	113.00	
Onions	Cwt	16.10	17.90	19.50	
Livestock & Products					
Beef Cattle	Cwt	90.40	112.00	106.00	
Steers & heifers	Cwt	94.80	115.00	108.00	
Cows	Cwt	57.90	78.20	77.20	
Calves	Cwt	122.00	137.00	129.00	
Sheep	Cwt	42.10	55.40	3/	
Lambs	Cwt	119.00	181.00	3/	
Hogs	Cwt	58.20	68.60	67.70	
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	15.40	19.60	21.00	
	OWL	10.10			

^{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.

The United States food grains June index, at 257, is 2.0 percent above the previous month and 77 percent above a year ago. The United States June all wheat price, at \$7.85 per bushel, is down 31 cents from May but \$3.69 above June 2010. The corn price, at \$6.58 per bushel, is up 28 cents from last month and \$3.17 above June 2010. The all hay price, at \$163 per ton, is down \$6.00 from May but up \$49.00 from last June. The soybean price, at \$13.30 per bushel, increased 10 cents from May and is \$3.85 above June 2010. The all potato

^{2/} Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

^{3/} Mid-month prices discontinued.

 $[\]underline{4}/$ Monthly prices discontinued.

price, at \$11.08 per hundredweight, is down 9 cents from May but up \$2.83 from last June. The all dry bean price, at \$33.20 per hundredweight, is up 30 cents from the previous month and \$7.20 above June 2010. The June Livestock and Products Index, at 152, is unchanged from last month but up 18 percent from June 2010. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for milk, cattle, hogs, eggs, turkeys, and calves. Broiler prices are down from last year. The June hog price, at \$67.70 per hundredweight, is down 90 cents from May but \$9.50 higher than a year ago. The June beef cattle price of \$106 per hundredweight is down \$6.00 from last month but \$15.60 higher than June 2010. The June all milk price of \$21.00 per hundredweight is up \$1.40 from last month and \$5.60 higher than June 2010.

HOGS AND PIGS JUNE 1, 2011

The June 1, 2011 inventory of all hogs and pigs in **Colorado** totaled 730,000 head, a 3 percent decrease from a year earlier. The breeding inventory at 150,000 head, remained unchanged from last year, but the market hog inventory at 580,000 head decreased 3 percent from the same period last year. During the December 2010 - May 2011 period, 141,000 sows farrowed, down 1 percent from a year ago. The number of pigs born during the period totaled 1.39 million, virtually unchanged from a year earlier. The number of pigs per litter during the Dec - May time periods averaged 9.85 up from 9.75 pigs per litter a year earlier.

Hogs and Pigs, June 1, 2010-2011

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	Colora	ido	United States		
Item	2010	2011	2010	2010	
	1,000 Head				
All Hogs & Pigs	750	730	64,650	65,000	
Kept for breeding	150	150	5,788	5,803	
Market	600	580	58,862	59,197	
Under 50 lbs	285	285	19,354	19,383	
50-119 lbs	105	100	16,902	16,861	
120-179 lbs	85	80	12,029	12,424	
180 lbs. & over	125	115	10,578	10,529	
Sows Farrowed:					
Dec. <u>1</u> / thru Feb	71	70	2,872	2,856	
Mar. thru May	72	71	2,929	2,877	
Dec. thru May 2/	143	141	5,801	5,733	
Pig Crop:					
Dec. <u>1</u> / thru Feb	682	693	27,597	27,986	
Mar. thru May	713	696	28,730	28,851	
Dec. thru May 2/	1,395	1,389	56,327	56,837	

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2011 was 65.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from June 1, 2010, and up 2 percent from March 1, 2011. Breeding inventory, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2011 pig crop, at 28.9 million head, was up slightly from 2010 but down 1 percent from 2009. Sows

farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, down 2 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.03 for the March-May 2011 period, compared to 9.81 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the June-August 2011 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2010, and down 3 percent from 2009. Intended farrowings for September-November 2011, at 2.85 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2010 and down 2 percent from 2009. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 45 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 44 percent last year.

REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2010 through March 2011 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the December 2010 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the March 2011 total inventory. An adjustment of more than one percent was made to the September-November 2010 pig crop.

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

July 19 - Milk Production

July 22 - Cold Storage

July 22 - Cattle

July 22 - Cattle on Feed

July 22 - Livestock Slaughter

July 25 - Poultry Slaughter

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