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- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.0 million, down 5 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 27.2 million, down 1 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.2 million, up 3 percent.

The 2011 calf crop is expected to be 35.5 million, down 1 percent from 2010. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.8 million, down slightly from 2010.

**U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY
JULY 1, 2011**

All cattle and calves in the **United States** as of July 1, 2011, totaled 100.0 million head, 1 percent below the 101.1 million on July 1, 2010. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2010. Beef cows, at 31.4 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2010. Milk cows, at 9.2 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2010.

**CATTLE ON FEED
JULY 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 1,000,000 head as of July 1, 2011. The latest inventory was down 7 percent from June 1, 2011, but up 9 percent from the 920,000 on feed on July 1, 2010. The inventory included 690,000 steers and steer calves, up 9 percent from the previous year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 305,000 head, was up 9 percent from the previous year. The number of cows and bulls totaled 5,000, and remained unchanged from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 175,000 head of fed cattle during June 2011. This was up 17 percent from May 2011 marketings of 150,000 head and 3 percent above a year ago. An estimated 105,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during June, 25 percent below May 2011 placements and 16 percent below last year's placements for the same time period. Of the number placed in June, 19 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 29 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 29 percent weighed 800 pounds or greater. Other disappearance during June 2011, at 10,000 head, was the same as last month but 5,000 head more than last year.

**Cattle and Calves
United States, July 1, 2010-2011**

Class	2010	2011
1,000 Head		
All Cattle and Calves.....	101,100	100,000
All Cows	40,900	40,600
Beef Cows.....	31,750	31,400
Milk Cows.....	9,150	9,200
Heifers 500 lbs. and Over.....	16,200	16,000
Beef Cow Replacement.....	4,400	4,200
Milk Cow Replacement.....	4,050	4,200
Other Heifers.....	7,750	7,600
Steers 500 lbs. and Over.....	14,400	14,200
Bulls 500 lbs. and Over	2,100	2,000
Calves Under 500 lbs.....	27,500	27,200
Calf Crop ^{1/}	35,684	35,500

^{1/} For the current year, the calf crop is the number of calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born on and after July 1.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2011 and the changes from July 1, 2010, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.0 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.2 million, down 5 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.2 million, up 4 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.6 million, down 2 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, down 1 percent.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the **United States** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on July 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above July 1, 2010. The inventory included 6.52 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.89 million head, up 3 percent from 2010. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.63 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460,000, 600-699 pounds were 380,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 435,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.10 million, 5 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 70,000 during June, 27 percent above 2010.

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

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 head			
On Feed June 1	970	1,080	10,495	10,928
Placements During June	125	105	1,628	1,695
< 600 pounds	20	20	440	460
600 - 699 Pounds	20	25	300	380
700 - 799 Pounds	30	30	408	420
800 Plus Pounds	55	30	480	435
Marketing's During June	170	175	1,997	2,102
Other Disap. During June	5	10	55	70
On Feed July 1	920	1,000	10,071	10,451
Steers & Steer Calves	635	690	6,255	6,516
Heifers & Heifer Calves	280	305	3,776	3,894
Cows & Bulls	5	5	50	41

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER
JUNE 2011**

Red meat production in **Colorado** during June 2011 totaled 195.3 million pounds, 3 percent above the 189.6 million pounds produced during June 2010. Cattle kill was up 1 percent from the previous year to 236,300 head and the average live weight increased 13 pounds to 1,268 pounds per head. Hog slaughter is unchanged from the previous year, at 500 head, and the average live weight was up 1 pound to 239 pounds per head. Accumulated production for the first six months of this year now totals 1,050.5 million pounds, 1 percent below the 1,057.1 billion pounds produced during the comparable period last year.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** 4.22 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.18 billion pounds produced in June 2010. Beef production, 2.37 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 2 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,262 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 4 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,500 head, up 6 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.94 million head, down 1 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 11 percent from June 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 183,400 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2011 commercial red meat production was 24.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States 1/

Area and Species	June 2010	May 2011	June 2011	January-June	
				2010	2011
	Million Pounds				
Colorado	189.6	169.5	195.3	1057.1	1050.5
United States	4,176.5	3,914.2	4,218.4	23,853.0	24,201.4
Beef	2,320.0	2,131.4	2,374.5	12,794.7	12,970.0
Veal	10.7	10.3	11.2	66.4	65.1
Pork	1,831.7	1,759.6	1,820.1	10,909.3	11,090.3
Lamb & Mutton...	14.1	12.9	12.6	82.5	75.9

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**COLD STORAGE
JUNE 30, 2011**

Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2011 were up slightly from the previous month and up 1 percent from June 30, 2010. Butter stocks were up 12 percent from last month but down 4 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 6 percent from the previous month but up 17 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 9 percent from the previous month but up 20 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 18 percent from last month but up 33 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on June 30, 2011 were up 5 percent from the previous month and up 8 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 1 percent from the previous month but up 13 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 14 percent from last month and up 1 percent from June 30, 2010.

Total frozen fruit stocks were up 5 percent from last month but down 14 percent from a year ago. Total frozen vegetable stocks were down 2 percent from last month and down 11 percent from a year ago.

Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	June 30, 2010	May 31, 2011	June 30, 2011
	1,000 Pounds		
Butter	197,601	170,095	190,643
Cheese, total natural	1,037,819	1,048,298	1,051,222
Eggs, frozen	25,010	29,025	33,848
Poultry, total frozen	1,174,605	1,211,388	1,265,934
Chicken	663,288	757,975	750,465
Turkey	507,174	447,895	509,850
Fruits, frozen	921,054	750,567	790,150
Fruit Juices, frozen	1,661,401	1,219,870	1,127,883
Vegetables, total frozen .	1,664,876	1,503,669	1,478,676
Potatoes, total frozen	1,141,946	1,072,549	1,099,841
Meats, total red	816,100	1,014,881	952,640
Beef, total frozen	374,223	447,636	434,510
Pork, total frozen	412,983	548,322	496,627

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.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES JULY 31, 2011

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 181 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from June. The Crop Index is down 1 point (0.5 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.0 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, milk, cantaloupes, and corn and lower prices for broilers, wheat, broccoli, and carrots. 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, grain sorghum, hay, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, potatoes, cantaloupes, and strawberries.

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 206 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) from June and 25 points (14 percent) above July 2010. Higher prices in July for feeder cattle, nitrogen, complete feeds, and hay & forages more than offset lower prices for diesel, supplements, and gasoline.

Prices Received and Paid Summary, United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2010		2011	
	July	June	June	July
	Percent			
Prices Received	138	179		181
Prices Paid	181	204		206
Ratio 1/	76	88		88

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

The July beef cattle price of \$112 per hundredweight is up \$5.00 from last month and \$20.30 higher than July 2010. The July all milk price of \$22.10 per hundredweight is up 90 cents from last month and \$6.20 from July 2010. The July all wheat price, at \$7.18 per bushel, is down 22 cents from June but \$2.69 above July 2010. The corn price, at \$6.46 per bushel, is up 8 cents from last month and \$2.97 above July 2010. The all hay price, at \$170 per ton, is up \$7.00 from June and up \$58.00 from last July. Sorghum grain, at \$11.40 per hundredweight, is 90 cents above June and \$5.43 above July last year. The soybean price, at \$13.40 per bushel, increased 20 cents from June and is \$3.61 above July 2010. The all potato price, at \$13.46 per hundredweight, is up \$1.87 from June and up \$4.63 from last July. The all dry bean price, at \$35.10 per hundredweight, is up \$1.10 from the previous month and \$9.30 above July 2010.

Compared with July 2010, all **Colorado** crop prices averaged higher. Wheat prices, at \$6.79 per bushel, decreased \$1.01 from the previous month and were \$2.45 higher than July 2010. Corn prices increased 44 cents from June to \$7.01 per bushel and averaged \$3.53 above July 2010. The mid-July potato price increased \$3.30 from last month to \$17.40 per

hundredweight, and was \$9.50 per hundredweight above July 2010. The dry bean average price, at \$32.20 per hundredweight, decreased \$2.90 from last month and was \$1.90 per hundredweight higher than July 2010. Alfalfa hay averaged \$180.00 per ton, increased \$10.00 from last month and was \$55.00 per ton higher than July 2010. Other hay, at \$155.00 per ton, increased \$10.00 from last month and was \$35.00 higher than July 2010.

Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		July 2010	June 2011	July 2011
Crops				
Dollars				
Wheat	Bu.	4.34	7.80	6.79
Corn	Bu.	3.48	6.57	7.01
Barley (All)	Bu.	4.22	2/	2/
Potatoes	Cwt	7.90	14.10	17.40
Dry edible beans	Cwt	30.30	35.10	32.20
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	125.00	170.00	180.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	120.00	145.00	155.00
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	100.00	3/	3/
Steers & heifers	Cwt	101.00	3/	3/
Cows	Cwt	64.00	3/	3/
Calves	Cwt	126.00	3/	3/
Sheep	Cwt	31.00	3/	3/
Lambs	Cwt	123.00	3/	3/
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	15.90	21.20	21.90
United States				
Crops				
Dollars				
Wheat	Bu.	4.49	7.40	7.18
Corn	Bu.	3.49	6.38	6.46
Soybeans	Bu.	9.79	13.20	13.40
Barley (All)	Bu.	3.79	4.66	5.04
Barley (Feed)	Bu.	2.40	4.75	5.11
Sorghum	Cwt	5.97	10.50	11.40
Potatoes	Cwt	8.83	11.59	13.46
Dry edible beans	Cwt	25.80	34.00	35.10
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	117.00	180.00	189.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	97.30	113.00	119.00
Onions	Cwt	16.30	20.00	18.80
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	91.70	107.00	112.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt	96.00	110.00	115.00
Cows	Cwt	59.10	75.90	74.40
Calves	Cwt	122.00	133.00	142.00
Sheep	Cwt	43.80	50.80	3/
Lambs	Cwt	122.00	189.00	3/
Hogs	Cwt	58.50	69.70	71.60
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	15.90	21.20	22.10
Broilers	Lb.	0.52	0.49	0.47

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/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 3/ Not Published.

CHICKENS AND EGG PRODUCTION

JUNE 2011

Laying flocks in **Colorado** produced 97 million eggs during June 2011, up 14 percent from 85 million eggs produced June 2010. The number of layers averaged 4.04 million during June of this year, up 13 percent from the 3.58 million produced last year. The June 2011 egg production per 100 layers was 2,400 up 1 percent from 2,378 eggs per 100 layers in June 2010.

United States egg production totaled 7.50 billion during June 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 999 million were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2011 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,230 eggs, up 1 percent from June 2010.

All layers in the United States on July 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, 54.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.83 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2011, averaged 74.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from July 1, 2010.

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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