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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER JULY 2011

Red meat production in **Colorado** during July 2011 totaled 180.4 million pounds, down 8 percent from the 195.3 million pounds produced during the previous month but increased 1 percent from the 178.3 million pounds produced during July 2010. Cattle kill during July was down 1 percent from the previous year to 211,000 head and the average live weight was slightly above 2010 at 1,302 pounds. Hog slaughter, at 500 head, was down 200 head from July 2010 and the average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 252. Accumulated production for the first seven months of this year now totals 1.23 billion pounds, down less than 1 percent from the 1.24 billion pounds produced during the same period last year.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 3.79 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in July 2010.

Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, down 5 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,272 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 8 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,400 head, down 2 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.16 million head, down 4 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 15 percent from July 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,900 head, 16 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 3 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2011 commercial red meat production was 28.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

## Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States

Area	July	June	July	January-July	
And Species	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011
	Million Pounds				
<b>Colorado</b>	178.3	195.3	180.4	1,235.4	1,230.9
<b>United States</b>	3,955.5	4,218.4	3,793.4	27,808.2	27,994.9
Beef	2,229.6	2,374.6	2,135.2	15,024.1	15,105.3
Veal	10.9	11.2	10.1	77.4	75.2
Pork	1,702.2	1,820.1	1,637.2	12,611.4	12,727.5
Lamb & Mutton	12.8	12.6	10.9	95.4	86.9

## CATTLE ON FEED AUGUST 19, 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 970,000 head as of August 1, 2011. The latest inventory was up 9 percent from last year's inventory but down 3 percent from the July 1, 2011 inventory of 1,000,000 head. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 195,000 head of fed cattle during July 2011. This represents an 11 percent increase from last month's marketings and an 18 percent increase from the marketings a year ago. An estimated 170,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during July, up 62 percent from last month and up 21 percent from last year. Of the number placed in July, 26 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 15 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 35 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for July at 5,000 head, is the same as last year but 5,000 head lower than last month.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the **United States** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on August 1, 2011. The inventory was 8 percent above August 1, 2010. This is the third highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 2.15 million, 22 percent above 2010. This is the highest placement total for the month of July

since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.09 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 625,000, 600-699 pounds were 405,000, 700-799 pounds were 498,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 625,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.91 million, slightly above 2010. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during July, 40 percent above 2010.

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

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 head			
On Feed July 1	920	1,000	10,071	10,448
Placements During July	140	170	1,758	2,153
< 600 pounds	15	45	415	625
600 - 699 Pounds	20	25	305	405
700 - 799 Pounds	40	40	448	498
800 Plus Pounds	65	60	590	625
Marketings During July	165	195	1,901	1,908
Other Disap. During July	5	5	48	67
On Feed August 1	890	970	9,880	10,626

**CHICKENS AND EGG PRODUCTION  
JULY 2011**

**Colorado** laying flocks produced 104 million eggs during July 2011 up 7 percent from the previous month of 97 million eggs and up 14 million from July 2010. The average number of layers for the month, at 3.92 million, was 9 percent above the 3.61 million the previous month and was 25 percent above the 3.12 million layers for July 2010. The rate of lay for July 2011, at 2,371 eggs per 100 layers, was 1 percent below the 2,400 for the previous month and below the 2,508 in July a year earlier.

**United States** egg production totaled 7.74 billion during July 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.65 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2011 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,304 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2010.

All layers in the United States on August 1, 2011 totaled 335 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2011, averaged 74.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from August 1, 2010.

**MUSHROOMS  
2010-2011**

Sales of the 2010-2011 United States mushroom crop totaled 862 million pounds, up 9 percent from the 2009-2010 season. Value of sales for the 2010-2011 United States mushroom crop is \$1.00 billion, up 8 percent from the previous season. The number of growers, at 282, is down 35 from last season. The average price is \$1.16 per pound, down 1 cent from a year ago.

**Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms Number of  
Growers, Sales, Price, and Value – United States:  
2008-2011**

Year	Growers <u>1/</u>	All Sales		
		Volume of Sales	Price Per Pound <u>2/</u>	Value of Sales
		1,000 Lbs.	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
2008-09 .....	289	819,775	1.170	958,896
2009-10 .....	317	792,493	1.170	923,889
2010-11 .....	282	861,792	1.160	1,002,122

1/ Number of growers counted once if growing both Agaricus and specialty mushrooms. 2/ Average price received at the point of first sale, weighted by each method of sale.

**AGARICUS MUSHROOMS**

Agaricus mushroom volume of sales totaled 845 million pounds, up 9 percent from the 2009-2010 season. Pennsylvania accounted for 65 percent of the total volume of sales and second-ranked California contributed 14 percent. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$952 million dollars, up 8 percent from the 2009-2010 season. Brown mushrooms, including Portabello and Crimini varieties, accounted for 137 million pounds, up 14 percent from last season. Brown mushrooms accounted for 16 percent of the total Agaricus volume sold and 20 percent of the total Agaricus value.

The total number of Agaricus growers in the United States, at 110, is one more grower than last season. Growers with sales exceeding 10 million pounds accounted for 74 percent of United States Agaricus production, or 629 million pounds.

United States fresh market production of Agaricus mushrooms totaled 724 million pounds, up 8 percent from the previous season, while processed production, at 121 million pounds, is 13 percent above the previous season. Growers reported United States fresh market production made up 86 percent of total sales volume while processed production represented the remaining 14 percent. Grower total filling intentions for the 2011-2012 crop are 134 million square feet, virtually unchanged from the total fillings in the 2010-2011 season.

The 61 growers of Agaricus mushrooms in Chester County, Pennsylvania produced 402 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms, an increase of 15 percent compared with the 2009-2010 growing season. This production was valued at \$365 million, up 19 percent from the previous year. The growing area in Chester County was 12.9 million square feet, up 12 percent from 2009-2010. Total fillings were 61.3 million square feet, up 15 percent from 2009-2010.

## SPECIALTY MUSHROOMS

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2010-2011 totaled 50.1 million, up 27 percent from the 2009-2010 season. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and \$200 dollars or more in sales. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$2.97, is up 41 cents from the previous season.

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES AUGUST 2011

The preliminary **All Farm Products Index of Prices Received** by Farmers in August, at 182 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, and eggs and lower prices for lettuce, potatoes, and soybeans. 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 cattle, sweet corn, and barley offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, corn, and strawberries.

The **August All Crop Index** at 208, increased 1.0 percent from July and is 38 percent above August 2010. Index increases for feed grains & hay, fruits & nuts, food grains, and upland cotton more than offset the index decreases for oilseeds, potatoes & dry beans, and commercial vegetables. The August all wheat price, at \$7.56 per bushel, is up 46 cents from July and \$2.12 above August 2010. The corn price, at \$6.62 per bushel, is up 30 cents from last month and \$2.97 above August 2010. The all hay price, at \$172 per ton, is up \$2.00 from July and up \$62.00 from last August. The soybean price, at \$12.90 per bushel, decreased 30 cents from July but is \$2.80 above August 2010. The all potato price, at \$11.06 per hundredweight, is down \$3.13 from July but up \$3.28 from last August. The all dry bean price, at \$42.00 per hundredweight, is up \$7.90 from the previous month and \$12.60 above August 2010.

The August **Livestock and Products Index**, at 158, is 1.9 percent above last month and up 18 percent from August 2010. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for milk, cattle, hogs, eggs, calves, and turkeys. Prices for broilers are down from last year. The August hog price, at \$76.70 per hundredweight, is up \$5.00 from July and \$15.40 higher than a year ago. The August beef cattle price of \$110 per hundredweight is down \$1.00 from last month but \$16.50 higher than August 2010. The August all milk price of \$22.00 per hundredweight is up 10 cents from last month and \$5.30 above August 2010.

### Prices Received and Paid Summary, United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2010		2011	
	August	July	July	August
	<b>Percent</b>			
Prices Received .....	141	180	182	
Prices Paid.....	182	204	204	
Ratio 1/ .....	77	88	89	

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

## Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		August 2010	July 2011	August 2011
<b>Crops</b>				
Dollars				
Wheat .....	Bu.	5.44	6.64	7.27
Barley.....	Bu.	2.78	2/	2/
Corn.....	Bu.	3.68	6.60	6.90
Potatoes .....	Cwt	11.20	19.30	2/
Dry edible beans .....	Cwt	22.80	36.70	38.70
Alfalfa hay (baled) .....	Ton	125.00	180.00	190.00
Other hay (baled) .....	Ton	115.00	155.00	170.00
<b>Livestock &amp; Products</b>				
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt	102.00	3/	3/
Steers & heifers .....	Cwt	103.00	3/	3/
Cows.....	Cwt	63.00	3/	3/
Calves.....	Cwt	128.00	3/	3/
Sheep .....	Cwt	47.00	3/	3/
Lambs.....	Cwt	124.00	3/	3/
Milk sold to plants .....	Cwt	16.60	21.60	22.00
<b>United States</b>				
Dollars				
Wheat .....	Bu.	5.44	7.10	7.56
Corn.....	Bu.	3.65	6.32	6.62
Soybeans.....	Bu.	10.10	13.20	12.90
Barley (All) .....	Bu.	3.69	5.07	5.21
Barley (Feed) .....	Bu.	2.39	5.04	5.15
Sorghum .....	Cwt	6.36	10.40	12.30
Potatoes .....	Cwt	7.78	14.19	11.06
Dry edible beans .....	Cwt	29.40	34.10	42.00
Alfalfa hay (baled) .....	Ton	118.00	189.00	191.00
Other hay (baled) .....	Ton	95.10	119.00	127.00
Onions .....	Cwt	13.10	18.90	14.40
<b>Livestock &amp; Products</b>				
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt	93.50	111.00	110.00
Steers & heifers .....	Cwt	98.10	115.00	113.00
Cows.....	Cwt	58.30	73.60	71.10
Calves.....	Cwt	123.00	138.00	134.00
Sheep .....	Cwt	47.60	56.50	3/
Lambs.....	Cwt	127.00	194.00	3/
Hogs .....	Cwt	61.30	71.70	76.70
Milk sold to plants .....	Cwt	16.70	21.90	22.00
Broilers .....	Lb.	0.490	0.470	0.480

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.

**Colorado** commodity prices for Mid-August averaged higher than the previous month. Wheat, at \$7.27 per bushel increased 63 cents from the previous month and was \$1.83 higher than a year ago. Corn increased 30 cents from July to \$6.90 per bushel and was \$3.22 higher than August 2010. Alfalfa hay prices, at \$190.00 per hundredweight, increased \$10.00 from last month and \$65.00 above August 2010. Other hay increased \$15.00 from last month to \$170.00 and was \$55.00 above a year ago.

**COLD STORAGE  
JULY 31, 2011**

Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on July 31, 2011 were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 1 percent from July 31, 2010. Butter stocks were down 1 percent from last month and down 3 percent from a year ago. Total frozen poultry supplies on July 31, 2011 were up 2 percent from the previous month and up 10 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 1 percent from the previous month and up 14 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 3 percent from last month and up 5 percent from July 31, 2010. Total frozen fruit stocks were up 22 percent from last month but down 15 percent from a year ago. Total frozen vegetable stocks were up 12 percent from last month but down 11 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 6 percent from the previous month but up 11 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 3 percent from the previous month but up 8 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 8 percent from the previous month but up 16 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 39 percent from last month but up 38 percent from last year.

**Stocks in Storage, United States**

Commodity	July 31, 2010	June 30, 2011	July 31, 2011
<b>1,000 Pounds</b>			
Butter .....	193,506	190,310	187,740
Cheese, total natural .....	1,070,127	1,049,924	1,084,725
Eggs, frozen.....	24,684	33,813	33,894
Poultry, total frozen .....	1,176,650	1,270,825	1,295,429
Chicken.....	670,084	756,549	764,420
Turkey.....	501,511	508,657	524,918
Fruits, frozen.....	1,124,294	785,547	958,501
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,531,587	1,114,617	1,028,818
Vegetables, total frozen.	1,859,761	1,475,389	1,658,538
Potatoes, total frozen .....	1,063,947	1,087,672	919,771
Meats, total red .....	808,586	949,376	896,773
Beef, total frozen .....	388,804	432,763	418,060
Pork, total frozen.....	391,193	495,064	453,856

Data are collected from warehouses artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. All food items in these facilities are reported regardless of the number of days stored at the time of the report. Also included are specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants.

**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 Internet at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

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