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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AUGUST 2011

Red meat production in **Colorado** during August 2011 totaled 204.9 million pounds, 12 percent above the 183.4 million pounds produced during August 2010 and 14 percent above the 180.4 million pounds produced during July of this year. Cattle slaughter during August was up 8 percent from the previous year to 233,800 head and the average live weight increased 16 pounds to 1,326 pounds per head. Hog slaughter, at 1,800 head, increased 6 percent from August 2010 but the average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 236 pounds per head. Sheep and lamb slaughter, at 83,900 head, increased 30 percent from August 2010 and the average live weight increased 9 pounds to 156 pounds per head. Accumulated red meat production for the first eight months of this year now totals 1.44 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the 1.42 billion pounds produced during the comparable period last year.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 4.30 billion pounds in August, up 4 percent from the 4.13 billion pounds produced in August 2010. Beef production, at 2.39 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 5 percent from August 2010. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,270 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 1 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,900 head, up 5 percent from August 2010. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 247 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.89 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.53 million head, up 5 percent from August 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 266 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was up 2 percent from August 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 198,200 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 6 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2011 commercial red meat production was 32.3 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 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States

Area and Species	Aug 2010	July 2011	Aug 2011	January-Aug	
				2010	2011
	Million Pounds				
Colorado	183.4	180.4	204.9	1,418.8	1,435.8
United States	4,126.0	3,793.4	4,302.6	31,934.8	32,297.5
Beef	2,286.6	2,135.2	2,386.7	17,311.2	17,492.0
Veal	11.2	10.1	11.3	88.6	86.5
Pork	1,815.3	1,637.2	1,891.5	14,426.8	14,619.0
Lamb & Mutton	12.8	10.9	13.1	108.2	100.0

CATTLE ON FEED SEPTEMBER 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 990,000 head as of September 1, 2011. The latest inventory was up 11 percent from September 1, 2010, and up 2 percent from the previous month. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 205,000 head of fed cattle during August 2011. This represented a 5 percent increase from the July 2011 marketings, and an 11 percent increase from the August marketings one year earlier. An estimated 230,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during August, up 35 percent from July 2011 placements and up 21 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in August, 20 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 13 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 20 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 48 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for August, at 5,000 head, was the same as last month and last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the **United States** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on September 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above September 1, 2010. This is the third highest September 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.25 million, 1 percent below 2010. Net placements were 2.18 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 715,000, 600-699 pounds were 370,000, 700-799 pounds were 477,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 690,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.05 million, 7 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during August, 53 percent above 2010.

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

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
1,000 head				
On Feed Aug. 1	890	970	9,880	10,589
Placements During Aug.	190	230	2,271	2,252
< 600 pounds	25	45	495	715
600 - 699 Pounds	20	30	395	370
700 - 799 Pounds	55	45	566	477
800 Plus Pounds	90	110	815	690
Marketings During Aug.	185	205	1,923	2,048
Other Disap. During Aug.	5	5	47	72
On Feed September 1	890	990	10,181	10,721

**MILK PRODUCTION
AUGUST 2011**

Milk production in **Colorado** during August 2011 totaled 258 million pounds, up 15 million pounds from the 243 million pounds produced during the same period a year earlier. The average number of milk cows for August of this year was 129,000 head, up 9,000 head from August 2010. Production per cow averaged 2,000 pounds for August 1% below the 2,025 produced a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 15.3 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from August 2010. July revised production at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from July 2010. The July revision represented a decrease of 45 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,810 pounds for August, 18 pounds above August 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 102,000 head more than August 2010, and 3,000 head more than July 2011.

Milk Cows and Milk Production

Item	Unit	2010	2011
Colorado:			
Milk Cows 1/.....	1,000 head	120	129
Milk Per Cow 2/.....	Lbs.	2,025	2,000
Production 2/.....	Mil. Lbs.	243	258
23 State Total:			
Milk Cows 1/.....	1,000 head	8,369	8,471
Milk Per Cow 2/.....	Lbs.	1,792	1,810
Production 2/.....	Mil. Lbs.	14,998	15,330

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**CROP PRODUCTION
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

The **corn** yield forecast for Colorado is now estimated at 127.0 bushels per acre, 24.0 bushels below last year's final yield, and 3.0 bushels below the August 1 forecast. Isolated hail damage combined with continued dry conditions in some areas of the State lowered yield prospects. The forecast for harvested acres remains at 1,250,000 acres, up 40,000 acres from the area harvested for grain in 2010. Corn production is forecast at 158.75 million bushels, 13 percent below last year's production. The **sorghum** yield is forecast at 38.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but 9.0 bushels below last year's crop. Growers are expected to harvest 130,000 acres, placing production at 4.94 million bushels, down 34 percent from the 7.52 million bushels produced last year. The expected area for grain harvest is 30,000 acres less than last year. The **summer potato** yield is now forecast at 370 hundredweight per acre, equal to last year's average yield but up marginally from July's forecast. Growers are expected to harvest 4,400 acres, up 600 acres from last year's harvested area. Production is forecast at 1.63 million hundredweight, up 222,000 hundredweight from the production attained last year. The **sugarbeet** yield is now forecast at 26.0 tons per acre, down 3.0 tons from the August 1 forecast and 3.5 tons below last year's yield. Hail damage and disease pressure contributed to lower yield expectations. Production is now forecast at 746,000 tons from 28,700 harvested acres, down from last year's 823,000 tons from 27,900 acres.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast but up fractionally from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, down 4.9 bushels from the August 1 forecast and down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield in the United States since 2005.

Sorghum production is forecast at 244 million bushels, up 1 percent from last month but down 29 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production level since 1956. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 4.39 million acres, unchanged from August 1 but down 9 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest harvested acreage level since 1936. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 55.6 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month but down 16.2 bushels from last year.

Summer potatoes production of summer potatoes is forecast at 13.4 million cwt, up 11 percent from the July forecast and 15 percent above 2010. Harvested area is estimated at 44,200 acres, up 14 percent from the previous forecast and 18 percent above last year. Average yield is forecast at 303 cwt per acre, down 10 cwt from July and 7 cwt from 2010.

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Acres, yield, and production, Colorado and United States, 2010-2011

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Unit	Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres			Units per acre		1,000 units	
Colorado:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	1,330	1,400	1,210	1,250	Bu.	151.0	127.0	182,710	158,750
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	210	190	160	130	Bu.	47.0	38.0	7,520	4,940
All Wheat	2,478	2,380	2,377	2,029	Bu.	45.5	5/	108,234	5/
Winter Wheat	2,450	2,350	2,350	2,000	Bu.	45.0	40.0	105,750	80,000
Spring Wheat	28	30	27	5/	Bu.	92.0	5/	2,484	5/
Oats	55	55	9	5/	Bu.	65.0	5/	585	5/
Barley	64	68	63	67	Bu.	133.0	126.0	8,379	8,442
Proso Millet	220	190	215	4/	Bu.	33.0	4/	7,095	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	1,600	1,640	Tons	2.53	4/	4,040	4/
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	820	820	Tons	3.5	3.3	2,870	2,706
Other Hay .....	...	...	780	820	Tons	1.5	1.4	1,170	1,148
Sugarbeets	28.9	29.3	27.9	28.7	Tons	29.5	26.0	823	746
Dry edible beans	70	40	66.0	38.0	Cwt.	19.0	16.5	1,254	627
Sunflowers, All	132	138	127	126	Lbs.	1,322	6/	167,950	6/
Sunflowers, Oil	95	115	92	105	Lbs.	1,350	6/	124,200	6/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	37	23	35	21	Lbs.	1,250	6/	43,750	6/
All potatoes	7/	7/	7/	7/	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	7/
Summer potatoes	4.0	4.5	3.8	4.4	Cwt.	370	370	1,406	1,628
Fall potatoes	55.5	54.0	55.2	53.8	Cwt.	390	7/	21,528	7/
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	14,000	11,000
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	14	13
United States:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	88,192	92,282	81,446	84,388	Bu.	152.8	148.1	12,446,865	12,497,070
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	5,404	5,345	4,808	4,388	Bu.	71.8	55.6	345,395	244,094
All Wheat <u>2/</u>	53,603	55,183	47,637	45,924	Bu.	46.4	45.2	2,208,391	2,076,534
Winter Wheat	37,335	41,108	31,749	32,307	Bu.	46.8	46.3	1,485,236	1,497,429
Spring Wheat	13,698	12,677	13,359	12,270	Bu.	46.1	42.5	615,975	521,975
Oats	3,138	2,587	1,263	934	Bu.	64.3	61.6	81,190	57,489
Barley	2,872	2,725	2,465	2,390	Bu.	73.1	70.4	180,268	168,218
Rye	1,211	1,252	265	242	Bu.	28.0	5/	7,431	5/
Proso Millet	390	320	363	4/	Bu.	31.8	4/	11,535	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	59,862	57,605	Tons	2.43	2.29	145,556	131,998
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	19,956	19,329	Tons	3.40	3.36	67,903	64,996
Other Hay .....	...	...	39,906	38,276	Tons	1.95	1.75	77,653	67,002
Sugarbeets	1,171.4	1,249.6	1,155.7	1,207.6	Tons	27.6	24.2	31,901	29,180
Dry edible beans	1,911.4	1,265.2	1,842.7	1,190.2	Cwt.	17.3	17.2	31,801	20,451
Sunflowers, All	1,951.5	1,756.0	1,873.8	1,670.5	Lbs.	1,460	6/	2,735,570	6/
Sunflowers, Oil	1,463.0	1,450.0	1,422.5	1,387.0	Lbs.	1,458	6/	2,074,500	6/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	488.5	306.0	451.3	283.5	Lbs.	1,465	6/	661,070	6/
All potatoes <u>3/</u>	1,022.1	1,086.9	1,005.2	1,070.8	Cwt.	401	7/	402,967	7/
Summer potatoes	39.0	45.2	37.5	44.2	Cwt.	310	303	11,642	13,386
Fall potatoes	894.3	948.6	881.8	936.1	Cwt.	416	7/	366,505	7/
Soybeans	77,404	74,958	76,616	73,823	Bu.	43.5	41.4	3,329,341	3,085,340
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	9,301,600	9,511,800
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	1,150	1,129

1/ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. 2/ Includes Durum Wheat. 3/ Includes Winter and Spring Crops.
4/ January 2012. 5/ September 30, 2011. 6/ October 12, 2011. 7/ November 9, 2011.

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Sugarbeets production of sugarbeets for the 2011 crop year is forecast at 29.2 million tons, down 9 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.21 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, a decrease of 3.4 tons from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.09 billion bushels, up 1 percent from August but down 7 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.8 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month but down 1.7 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are higher in the Central Great Plains and along much of the Atlantic Coast. If realized, the forecasted yield in Nebraska will be a record high. Yield forecasts are below last month across the Southern Great Plains and portions of the Southeast as hot, dry conditions persisted during August. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 73.8 million acres, unchanged from August but down 4 percent from 2010.

COLD STORAGE AUGUST 31, 2011

Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on August 31, 2011 were down 2 percent from the previous month but up slightly from August 31, 2010. Butter stocks were down 12 percent from last month but up 7 percent from a year ago. Total frozen poultry supplies on August 31, 2011 were down 4 percent from the previous month but up 2 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 7 percent from the previous month and down slightly from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down slightly from last month but up 4 percent from August 31, 2010. Total frozen fruit stocks were up 11 percent from last month but down 6 percent from a year ago. Total frozen vegetable stocks were up 21 percent from last month but down 12 percent from a year ago. Total red meat supplies in freezers were up slightly from the previous month and up 11 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 11 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 3 percent from the previous month but up 13 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 49 percent from last month but up 110 percent from last year.

Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	Aug 31, 2010	July 31, 2011	Aug 31, 2011
	1,000 Pounds		
Butter.....	155,253	187,796	165,623
Cheese, total natural.....	1,058,957	1,083,198	1,059,147
Eggs, frozen	24,688	33,924	31,022
Poultry, total frozen.....	1,213,063	1,288,051	1,231,735
Chicken.....	705,736	757,114	702,229
Turkey	502,175	524,846	523,702
Fruits, frozen.....	1,118,468	953,392	1,055,212
Fruit Juices, frozen	1,446,218	1,025,041	935,385
Vegetables, total frozen	2,263,90	1,654,625	1,995,166
Potatoes, total frozen.....	1,036,329	917,833	952,047
Meats, total red.....	803,374	894,188	894,992
Beef, total frozen.....	387,438	415,200	429,151
Pork, total frozen.....	388,292	454,337	440,666

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the Armed Forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

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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