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CHICKENS AND EGGS September 2011

Colorado laying flocks produced 103 million eggs during September 2011 unchanged from the previous month and up 14 million from September 2010. The average number of layers for the month, at 4.63 million, was 3 percent above the 4.51 million the previous month and was 30 percent above the 3.56 million layers for September 2010. The rate of lay for September 2011, at 2,227 eggs per 100 layers, was 2 percent below the 2,283 for the previous month and 12 percent below the 2,528 in September a year earlier.

United States egg production totaled 7.51 billion during September 2011, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.49 billion table eggs, and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 952 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2011 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,236 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2010.

All layers in the **United States** on October 1, 2011 totaled 335 million, down slightly from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 51.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.95 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2011, averaged 74.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from October 1, 2010.

ONIONS

Colorado growers now expect to produce 2.99 million hundredweight of summer storage onions this year, up 4 percent from the 2.88 million hundredweight produced in 2010. This year's harvested area of 7,200 acres is unchanged from the number of acres harvested last year. The 2011 crop average yield per acre is forecast at 415 hundredweight, up 15 hundredweight from last year's crop.

Summer storage onion production for the **United States** is forecast a 55.9 million hundredweight, down slightly from last year. Storage onion harvested area is forecast at 101,560 acres, down 3 percent from 2010.

Onions for Fresh Market 2010-2011 Crops

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Spring.....	25,900	29,600	289	325	7,484	9,629
Summer:						
Non-Storage...	18,700	18,000	533	534	9,963	9,610
Storage						
CA 1/.....	29,000	29,500	450	440	13,050	12,980
CO	7,200	7,200	400	415	2,880	2,988
ID	9,000	9,200	760	750	6,840	6,900
MI	4,000	3,700	220	250	880	925
NY	9,800	8,200	315	360	3,087	2,952
OR-Malheur.....	11,300	11,300	760	750	8,588	8,475
OR-Other.....	8,900	9,400	700	675	6,230	6,345
WA	22,000	20,000	610	650	13,420	13,000
WI	1,600	1,400	200	415	320	581
Oth. Sts 2/.....	1,870	1,660	458	475	857	788
Total Storage....	104,670	101,560	536	551	56,152	55,934
Total Summer....	123,370	119,560	536	548	66,115	65,544
U.S.	149,270	149,160	493	504	73,599	75,173

1/ Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

2/ OH and UT.

CROP PRODUCTION OCTOBER 1, 2011

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado's **corn** for grain production is now forecast at 171.45 million bushels, up 8 percent from the September 1 forecast. Average yield remains unchanged from the September forecast at 127.0 bushels per acre, 24.0 bushels below last year. Areas planted and intended for harvest as grain were revised upward 100,000 acres from September 1 to 1.5 million and 1.35 million acres, respectively, based on administrative information.

Sorghum for grain production for 2011 is expected to total 6.24 million bushels, up 26 percent from the September 1 forecast, but down 17 percent from last year's crop. Average yield, at 39.0 bushels per acre, is up 1.0 bushel from the September 1 forecast, but down 8.0 bushels from last year's results. The area planted and expected to be harvested for grain increased 30,000 acres from the September forecast at 220,000 and 160,000 acres, respectively.

Sugarbeet production remains forecast at 746,000 tons, down 9 percent from the previous year. Yields are expected to

average 26.0 tons per acre compared with 29.5 tons per acre last year. The area for harvest is expected to total 28,700 acres, up 800 acres harvested last year.

The initial forecast of **all sunflower** production was placed at 127.6 million pounds, down 24 percent from the 2010 crop of 167.95 million pounds. The average expected yield is 1,100 pounds per acre, a decrease of 222 pounds per acre from last year. The revised estimated harvested acreage, at 116,000 acres, is down 8 percent from June's forecast of 126,000 based on administrative information. Last year producers harvested 127,000 acres.

Alfalfa hay production is now forecast at 2.79 million tons, down 3 percent from last year but up 3 percent from the August forecast. Acreage harvested for alfalfa hay is expected to total 820,000 acres. **All other hay** production is forecast at 1.15 million tons, down 2 percent from last year's production but unchanged from August. Harvested acreage is expected to reach 820,000 acres this year, up 40,000 acres from last year.

Dry bean production, is expected to total 608,000 hundredweight, a drop from last year's 1,254,000 hundredweight. The average expected yield of 1,600 pounds per acre is 300 pounds below the 2010 yield. Area planted remained unchanged from the August forecast at 40,000 acres based on administrative information and area for harvest is expected to total 38,000 acres, 28,000 acres below last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn production is forecast at 12.4 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down slightly from the 2010 production estimate. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September forecast but down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 2005. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.9 million acres, down 1 percent from the September forecast. Acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data.

Sorghum production is forecast at 244 million bushels, down fractionally from last month and down 29 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production level since 1956. Based on administrative data, acreage updates were made in several States. Planted area is estimated at 5.47 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous estimate and up 1 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 4.43 million acres, up 1 percent from September 1 but down 8 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest harvested acreage level since 1936. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 55.0 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushel from last month and down 16.8 bushels from last year. In Kansas, production is forecast to be at its lowest level since 1983. In Texas, planted and harvested acres are estimated to be record lows.

Sugarbeet production for the 2011 crop year is forecast at 29.2 million tons, unchanged from the September forecast but down 9 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.21 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, unchanged from the previous forecast but 3.4 tons below last year. Much of the growing region has experienced less than ideal growing conditions this season.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.06 billion bushels, down 1 percent from September and down 8 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.5 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month and down 2 bushels from last year. If realized, the average yield will be the second lowest since 2003. Area for harvest is forecast at 73.7 million acres, down slightly from September and down 4 percent from 2010.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures production is forecast at 64.7 million tons, down fractionally from the August 1 forecast and down 5 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 3.35 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from August 1 and 0.05 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 19.3 million acres, unchanged from June but down 3 percent from the previous year's acreage. **Other hay** production is forecast at 67.0 million tons, down fractionally from the August 1 forecast and down 14 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production level since 1993. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.75 tons per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but down 0.20 ton from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest United States yield since 1988. Harvested area is forecast at 38.3 million acres, unchanged from June but down 4 percent from last year.

Dry bean production is forecast at 19.6 million hundredweight for 2011, down 38 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.20 million acres, down 37 percent from the previous year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.12 million acres, down 39 percent from the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,744 pounds per acre, an increase of 18 pounds from 2010.

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	1,500	1,210	1,350	Bu.	151.0	127.0	182,710	171,450
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	210	220	160	160	Bu.	47.0	39.0	7,520	6,240
All Wheat	2,478	2,345	2,377	2,044	Bu.	45.5	40.0	108,234	81,828
Winter Wheat	2,450	2,300	2,350	2,000	Bu.	45.0	39.0	105,750	78,000
Spring Wheat	28	45	27	44	Bu.	92.0	87.0	2,484	3,828
Oats	55	45	9	10	Bu.	65.0	70.0	585	700
Barley	64	66	63	63	Bu.	133.0	126.0	8,379	7,938
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	3.4	2,870	2,788
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	16.0	1,254	608
Sunflowers, All	132	128	127	116	Lbs.	1,322	1,100	167,950	127,600
Sunflowers, Oil	95	110	92	100	Lbs.	1,350	4/	124,200	4/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	37	18	35	16	Lbs.	1,250	4/	43,750	4/
All potatoes	59.5	6/	59.1	6/	Cwt.	389	6/	22,971	6/
Summer potatoes	4.0	4.5	3.9	4.4	Cwt.	370	370	1,443	1,628
Fall potatoes	55.5	54.0	55.2	53.8	Cwt.	390	6/	21,528	6/
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	14,000	11,000
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	14	13
United States:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	88,192	91,897	81,446	83,936	Bu.	152.8	148.1	12,446,865	12,432,910
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	5,404	5,467	4,808	4,432	Bu.	71.8	55.0	345,395	243,800
All Wheat <u>2/</u>	53,593	54,409	47,619	45,715	Bu.	46.3	43.9	2,206,916	2,008,039
Winter Wheat	37,335	40,646	31,741	32,314	Bu.	46.8	46.2	1,484,861	1,493,677
Spring Wheat	13,698	12,394	13,359	12,079	Bu.	46.1	38.3	615,975	462,473
Oats	3,138	2,496	1,263	940	Bu.	64.3	57.5	81,190	54,005
Barley	2,872	2,559	2,465	2,239	Bu.	73.1	69.2	180,268	155,050
Rye	1,211	1,266	265	242	Bu.	28.0	26.1	7,431	6,326
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	131,694
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	19,956	19,329	Tons	3.40	3.35	67,903	64,714
Other Hay .....	...	...	39,906	38,276	Tons	1.95	1.75	77,653	66,980
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	1,198.7	1,842.7	1,123.7	Cwt.	17.3	17.4	31,801	19,593
Sunflowers, All	1,951.5	1,544.0	1,873.8	1,473.0	Lbs.	1,460	1,420	2,735,570	2,091,000
Sunflowers, Oil	1,463.0	1,289.5	1,422.5	1,236.7	Lbs.	1,458	4/	2,074,500	4/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	488.5	254.5	451.3	236.3	Lbs.	1,465	4/	661,070	4/
All potatoes <u>3/</u>	1,025.7	1,086.9	1,008.0	1,070.8	Cwt.	401	6/	404,273	6/
Summer potatoes	42.1	45.2	40.4	44.2	Cwt.	321	303	12,971	13,386
Fall potatoes	894.3	948.6	881.8	936.1	Cwt.	416	6/	366,505	6/
Soybeans	77,404	74,966	76,610	73,676	Bu.	43.5	41.5	3,329,181	3,059,987
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	9,301,600	9,429,900
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	1,150	1,129

1/ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. 2/ Includes Durum Wheat. 3/ Includes Winter and Spring Crops.

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