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COLD STORAGE OCTOBER 31, 2011

MILK PRODUCTION OCTOBER 2011

Colorado dairy herds produced 256 million pounds of milk during the October 2011 period, 6 percent above the 241 million pounds produced during the same period in 2010. The average number of milk cows on hand during the month was 131,000, up 9,000 head from the same month last year. Production per cow averaged 1,955 pounds for October, 20 pounds per cow less than last year at this time.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from October 2010. September revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.9 percent from September 2010. The September revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,787 pounds for October, 20 pounds above October 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.48 million head, 111,000 head more than October 2010, and 10,000 head more than September 2011.

Milk Cows and Milk Production, 23 States

Item	Oct. 2010	Sept. 2011	Oct. 2011
Colorado			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) ^{1/}	122	130	131
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) ^{2/}	1,975	1,930	1,955
Production (mil. lbs.) ^{2/}	241	251	256
23 States Total:			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) ^{1/}	8,372	8,473	8,483
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) ^{2/}	1,767	1,741	1,787
Production (mil. lbs.) ^{2/}	14,796	14,750	15,161

^{1/} Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves

Stocks in Storage, United States

Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on October 31, 2011 were down 3 percent from the previous month and down 4 percent from October 31, 2010. Butter stocks were down 14 percent from last month but up 19 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on October 31, 2011 were down 7 percent from the previous month and down 4 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 4 percent from the previous month but down 5 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 20 percent from last month and down 1 percent from October 31, 2010. Total frozen fruit stocks were up 17 percent from last month but down 7 percent from a year ago. Total frozen vegetable stocks were up 4 percent from last month but down 6 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month but up 1 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 3 percent from the previous month and down slightly from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down slightly from the previous month but up 2 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 7 percent from last month and down 63 percent from last year.

Cold Storage – United States: October 31, 2011

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2010	Sept. 30, 2011	Oct. 31, 2011
1,000 Pounds			
Butter.....	108,809	150,979	129,822
Cheese, total natural.....	1,057,815	1,041,415	1,012,575
Eggs, frozen.....	25,552	31,889	32,837
Poultry, total frozen.....	1,148,123	1,184,231	1,106,182
Chicken.....	734,540	669,496	695,495
Turkey.....	410,161	509,650	407,167
Fruits, frozen.....	1,335,652	1,063,633	1,243,977
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,235,920	884,388	840,803
Vegetables, total frozen.....	2,619,711	2,372,831	2,457,814
Potatoes, total frozen.....	1,122,920	1,057,115	1,111,739
Meats, total red.....	918,606	944,878	928,223
Beef, total frozen.....	414,647	427,590	414,215
Pork, total frozen.....	481,653	491,910	490,695

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.

CROP PRODUCTION NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Colorado's **corn** for grain production for 2011 is now forecast at 162.0 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year's crop of 182.7 million bushels and down 9.5 million bushels from the October 1 forecast. Expected average yield is forecast at 120 bushels per acre, down 31 bushels from the previous year and 7 bushels per acre less than the October 1 forecast. Producers are expected to harvest 1.35 million acres for grain compared with 1.21 million acres in 2010. If realized, lower than expected yields along with a greater proportion of dryland acreage available for harvest combined to produce the lowest yield in Colorado since 1995. **Sorghum** production for 2011 remains forecast at 6.24 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1 forecast, but 17 percent below last year's crop of 7.52 million bushels. A generally dry growing season reduced yield expectations to average 39 bushels per acre, 8 bushels below the 2010 average. The area expected to be harvested for grain remains at 160,000 acres, which is equal to the area harvest for grain last year. **Sugarbeet** production is now forecast at 804,000 tons, down 19,000 tons from the previous year. Yields are expected to average 28.0 tons per acre, up 2.0 tons from last month but down 1.5 tons per acre from the record high yield attained in 2010. The area for harvest remains forecast at 28,700 acres, up from 27,900 acres in 2010.

Fall potato growers in the San Luis Valley produced an estimated 21.29 million hundredweight of potatoes this year, down 237,000 hundredweight from last year's crop. Average yield was set at 395 hundredweight per acre, an increase of 5 hundredweight per acre from the yield attained last year. The harvested area, estimated at 53,900 acres this year, was 1,300 acres below 2010.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn production is forecast at 12.3 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 1 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 146.7 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from the October forecast and down 6.1 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 2003. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.9 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast.

Sugarbeet production for the 2011 crop year is forecast at 28.9 million tons, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 10 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.21 million acres, virtually unchanged from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 23.9 tons per acre, down 0.3 tons from the previous forecast and 3.7 tons below last year. Overall, the crop has experienced less than ideal growing conditions this season.

Sorghum production is forecast at 246 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 4.43 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 8 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest harvested acreage level since 1936. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 55.5 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from last month but down 16.3 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.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.05 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 9 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.3 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from last month and down 2.2 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, unchanged from October but down 4 percent from 2010.

Total U.S. **potato** production in 2011 from all seasons is forecast at 424 million hundredweight, 5 percent above 2010. Harvested area, at 1.07 million acres, is virtually unchanged from the September forecast but up 7 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 395 hundredweight per acre, down 6 hundredweight per acre from the previous year.

Production of **fall potatoes** for 2011 is forecast at 385 million hundredweight, up 5 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 938,500 acres, is slightly above the September 1 forecast and 6 percent above the 2010 estimate. The average yield forecast, at 410 hundredweight per acre, is down 6 hundredweight per acre from last year's yield.

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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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 1/	1,330	1,500	1,210	1,350	Bu.	151.0	120.0	182,710	162,000
All Sorghum 1/	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	3.50	3.4	2,870	2,788
Other Hay .....	...	...	780	820	Tons	1.50	1.4	1,170	1,148
Sugarbeets	28.9	29.3	27.9	28.7	Tons	29.5	28.0	823	804
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	4/	22,971	4/
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	53.9	Cwt.	390	395	21,528	21,291
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	14,000	11,000
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	14	13
United States:									
All Corn 1/	88,192	91,897	81,446	83,936	Bu.	152.8	146.7	12,446,865	12,309,936
All Sorghum 1/	5,404	5,467	4,808	4,432	Bu.	71.8	55.5	345,395	245,909
All Wheat 2/	53,593	54,409	47,619	45,705	Bu.	46.3	43.7	2,206,916	1,999,347
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	37.7	615,975	455,188
Oats	3,138	2,496	1,263	939	Bu.	64.3	57.1	81,190	53,649
Barley	2,872	2,559	2,465	2,239	Bu.	73.1	69.6	180,268	155,780
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	1,207.7	Tons	27.6	23.9	31,901	28,853
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 3/	1,025.7	1,095.6	1,008.0	1,073.2	Cwt.	401	395	404,273	424,139
Summer potatoes	42.1	45.2	40.4	44.2	Cwt.	321	303	12,971	13,386
Fall potatoes	894.3	957.3	881.8	938.5	Cwt.	416	410	366,505	385,113
Soybeans	77,404	74,966	76,610	73,676	Bu.	43.5	41.3	3,329,181	3,045,558
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.
4/ January 2012.