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CHICKENS AND EGGS JANUARY 2011

Colorado laying flocks produced 88 million eggs during January 2011 a decrease from the 89 million eggs one month earlier and down from 90 million eggs produced in January last year. The number of layers during January totaled 3.60 million, slightly higher than the 3.59 million a year earlier. The average rate of lay for January 2011, at 2,442 eggs per 100 layers, is down 3 percent from the 2,508 eggs per 100 layers during January 2010.

United States egg production totaled 7.83 billion during January 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2011 averaged 342 million, up slightly from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,289 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2010.

All layers in the United States on February 1, 2011 totaled 340 million, up slightly from last year. The 340 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.99 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2011, averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from February 1, 2010.

CATTLE ON FEED FEBRUARY 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 1,070,000 head on February 1, 2011. The latest inventory was down 1 percent from January 1, 2011, but up 11 percent from the previous year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 190,000 head of fed cattle during January 2011. This was 15 percent above December 2010 marketings of 165,000 head and up 12 percent from a year ago. An estimated 185,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during January 2011, 42 percent

above a year ago and 16 percent above December 2010 placements of 160,000. Of the number placed in January, 14 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 27 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 35 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 24 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for January was estimated at 5,000 head, down 5,000 head from last year, but even with 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 11.6 million head on February 1, 2011. The inventory was 6 percent above February 1, 2010. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.84 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000, 600-699 pounds were 475,000, 700-799 pounds were 547,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, slightly above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during January, 20 percent below 2010. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of January since the series began in 1996.

Cattle on Feed, 1,000+ Feedlots, Colorado and United States, February 1, 2010-2011

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 head			
On Feed Jan. 1.	1,010	1,080	10,983	11,514
Placements During Jan.	130	185	1,822	1,897
< 600 pounds	20	25	395	465
600 - 699 Pounds	25	50	445	475
700 - 799 Pounds	45	65	562	547
800 Plus Pounds	40	45	420	410
Marketings During Jan.	170	190	1,776	1,777
Other Disap. During Jan.	10	5	70	56
On Feed Feb. 1	960	1,070	10,959	11,578

AGRICULTURAL PRICES FEBRUARY 28, 2010

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 168 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 12 points (6.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, lettuce, and milk and lower prices for strawberries, cattle, broilers, and broccoli. 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 milk, cattle, broilers, and hogs offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton. The February all crops index is 198, up 6.5 percent from January and 34 percent above February 2010. Index increases for feed grains & hay, commercial vegetables, food grains, and oilseeds more than offset the decrease for the fruits & nuts index. The February all wheat price, at \$8.56 per bushel, is up \$1.85 from January and \$3.83 above February 2010. The corn price, at \$5.66 per bushel, is up 72 cents from last month and \$2.11 above February 2010. The all hay price, at \$116.00 per ton, increased \$4.00 from January and \$12.00 from last February. Sorghum grain, at \$10.40 per hundredweight, is 95 cents above January and \$4.96 above February last year. The soybean price, at \$12.10 per bushel, increased 50 cents from January and is \$2.69 above February 2010. The all potato price, \$9.33 per hundredweight, is up 25 cents from January and up \$1.99 from last February. The all dry bean price, at \$28.20 per hundredweight, is up \$2.50 from the previous month but \$2.20 below February 2010.

The February Livestock and Products Index, 141, is 2.9 percent above last month and up 15 percent from February 2010. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, milk, hogs, calves, turkeys, and eggs. Prices for broilers are lower than last year. The February hog price, at \$61.50 per hundredweight, is up \$5.70 from January and \$12.60 higher than a year ago. The February beef cattle price of \$106 per hundredweight is down \$1.00 from last month but \$20.30 higher than February 2010. The February all milk price of \$18.40 cents per hundredweight increased \$1.70 from last month and \$2.50 from February 2010.

Prices Received and Paid Summary, United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2010	2011	2011
	Feb.	Jan	Feb.
	Percent		
Prices Received	135	164	168
Prices Paid	180	194	197
Ratio 1/	75	85	85

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

Colorado prices for Mid-February 2011 were higher than a year earlier for crops except dry edible beans and other hay (baled). Mid-February 2011 wheat, at \$8.03 per bushel, was \$1.70 higher than the previous month and \$3.74 above February a year ago. Corn prices increased \$1.20 from January to \$5.97 per bushel and averaged \$2.41 above February 2010. The mid-February potato price, at \$14.30 per hundredweight, was \$1.30 above last month and \$8.60 per hundredweight above February a year ago. Dry bean prices, at \$25.90 per hundredweight, averaged \$1.00 per hundredweight above last month but were \$7.10 per hundredweight below February 2010. Alfalfa hay, at \$135.00 per ton, was \$5.00 per hundredweight above January and \$10.00 above February 2010. The other hay price, at \$105.00 per ton, remained unchanged from last month but was \$10.00 below February a year ago.

Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		Feb. 2010	Jan. 2011	Feb. 2011
Crops		Dollars		
Wheat	Bu.	4.29	6.33	8.03
Corn	Bu.	3.56	4.77	5.97
Barley (All)	Bu.	2/	2/	2/
Potatoes	Cwt	5.70	13.00	14.30
Dry edible beans	Cwt	33.00	24.90	25.90
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	125.00	130.00	135.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	115.00	105.00	105.00
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	95.20	3/	3/
Steers & heifers	Cwt	96.00	3/	3/
Cows	Cwt	54.20	3/	3/
Calves	Cwt	115.00	3/	3/
Sheep	Cwt	55.00	3/	3/
Lambs	Cwt	106.00	3/	3/
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	15.90	16.70	18.00
		United States		
Crops		Dollars		
Wheat	Bu.	4.73	6.71	8.56
Corn	Bu.	3.55	4.94	5.66
Soybeans	Bu.	9.41	11.60	12.10
Barley (All)	Bu.	4.53	3.85	4.36
Barley (Feed)	Bu.	3.11	3.43	4.17
Sorghum	Cwt	5.44	9.45	10.40
Potatoes	Cwt	7.34	9.08	9.33
Dry edible beans	Cwt	30.40	25.70	28.20
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	110.00	121.00	127.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	93.00	95.30	93.90
Onions	Cwt	15.00	12.40	10.60
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	85.70	107.00	106.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt	90.50	110.00	109.00
Cows	Cwt	51.70	65.00	71.20
Calves	Cwt	113.00	136.00	136.00
Sheep	Cwt	54.80	81.90	3/
Lambs	Cwt	106.00	149.00	3/
Hogs	Cwt	48.90	55.80	61.50
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	15.90	16.70	18.40
Broilers	Lb.	0.47	0.45	0.44

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/ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

3/ Mid-month prices discontinued.

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER
JANUARY 2011**

Production of red meat in **Colorado** during January 2011

totaled 167.8 million pounds, down 4 percent from the same month last year and 9 percent below a month earlier in December 2010. Cattle slaughter during January was down 5 percent from a year earlier to 193,400 head but the average live weight was up 26 pounds to 1,350. Hog slaughter, at 600 head, was 14 percent below January 2010 and the average live weight decreased 12 pounds to 250.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 4.04 billion pounds in January, up 3 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in January 2010. Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, up 1 percent from January 2010. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,301 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 7 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,800 head, 13 percent below January 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 262 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, 5 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.10 million head, 2 percent above January 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was 13 percent below January 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,100 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago.

Red Meat Production Colorado and United States

Area and Species	Jan. 2010	Dec. 2010	Jan. 2011	Jan. 2011 as % of	
				Jan. 2010	Dec. 2010
	Million Pounds				
Colorado:	175.3	184.6	167.8	96	91
United States:	3,917.6	4,355.1	4,041.8	103	93
Beef	2,083.1	2,272.4	2,123.7	102	93
Veal.....	11.6	11.7	10.8	93	92
Pork	1,810.1	2,056.0	1,896.2	105	92
Lamb & Mutton	12.8	15.0	11.2	87	74

**BEES AND HONEY PRODUCTION
2010**

The number of colonies in **Colorado** during 2010 was up 21 percent from a year earlier at 34,000. The total honey production of 1.90 million pounds for 2010 was 28 percent above the 1.48 million pounds a year earlier. The yield per colony increased from 53 pounds per colony in 2009 to 56 pounds per colony in 2010. The total value of the 2010 honey crop was \$2.86 million, an increase of 35 percent from a year earlier.

United States honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.68 million colonies producing honey in 2010, up 7 percent from 2009. Yield per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, up 12 percent from the 58.6 pounds in 2009. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per

colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 45.3 million pounds on December 15, 2010, up 21 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

**TROUT PRODUCTION
2010**

During 2010 **Colorado** had trout sales totaling \$1.47 million and distributed trout valued at \$5.17 million. The total value of the trout sold and distributed, excluding eggs, during 2009 totaled \$6.64 million, down 13 percent from the comparable value of \$7.65 million a year earlier.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold in the **United States** during 2010 totaled 38.7 million fish, down 5 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.39, up 1 cent from 2009. The value of sales for the 2010 marketing year was \$63.1 million dollars, down 6 percent from 2009. For trout 12 inches or longer, 64 percent were sold to processors and 17 percent were sold for recreational stocking.

The number of **6"- 12" trout** sold during 2010 totaled 5.27 million fish, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. The average price per pound was \$3.14 during 2010, up 26 cents from the 2009 price. The total value of sales was \$6.34 million dollars during 2010, a 4 percent decrease from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 50 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 22 percent.

The number of **1"- 6" trout** sold during 2010 totaled 8.78 million, a 26 percent increase from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$218 during 2010, down from \$232 in 2009. The total value of sales was \$1.92 million dollars, up 18 percent from last year's total.

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