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## POTATO STOCKS MARCH 1, 2011

Colorado growers and commercial storage facilities in the San Luis Valley had 9.6 million cwt of potatoes on hand as of March 1, 2011 compared with 10.5 million cwt on hand one year earlier. The latest stocks represented 45 percent of the 21.5 million cwt produced in 2010. The March 1, 2010 stocks represented 48 percent of the 22.08 million cwt of fall potatoes produced in 2009. Sales of Colorado's fall potatoes for table stock have averaged 68 percent of the production for the 2005-2009 period. The remaining 32 percent of production is used for seed, processing, feed and home use or is lost through cullage and shrinkage. The total quantity of potatoes sold as a percent of production has averaged about 86 percent over the past five years.

The 13 major potato States held 143 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2011, down 15 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 41 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below March 1, 2010. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 1.80 million cwt on March 1, 2011, down 18 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Potato disappearance, at 208 million cwt, was 3 percent below March 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 18.6 million cwt, was down 12 percent from the same date in 2010. Processors in the 9 major States have used 110 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 2 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 16.5 million cwt of the total processing, down 17 percent from last year.

## CATTLE ON FEED MARCH 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 as of March 1, 2011. The latest inventory was the same as last month's inventory but 14 percent

above March 1, 2010 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 210,000 head of fed cattle during February 2011, 11 percent above the previous month's marketings and 20 percent above marketings one year earlier. An estimated 215,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during February, up 16 percent from January 2011 placements and up 34 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in February, 14 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 21 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 30 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 35 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for March, at 5,000 head, the same as last year and 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 11.4 million head on March 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above March 1, 2010. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 1 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 489,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.79 million, 4 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 12 percent below 2010.

### Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States 1,000+Capacity February 1 to March 1, 2010-2011

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<b>1,000 head</b>			
On Feed Feb. 1	960	1070	10,959	11,583
Placements During Feb.	160	215	1,674	1,664
< 600 pounds	15	30	320	400
600 – 699 Pounds	35	45	370	365
700 – 799 Pounds	50	65	519	489
800 Plus Pounds	60	75	465	410
Marketings During Feb.	175	210	1,716	1,793
Other Disap. During Feb.	5	5	68	60
On Feed Mar. 1	940	1,070	10,849	11,394

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER FEBRUARY 2011

Commercial red meat production in Colorado during February 2011 totaled 169.5 million pounds, down 4

percent from the same month a year earlier. Beef slaughter increased 5 percent to 196,600 head and the average live weight of 1,320 pounds per head was 7 pounds lighter than February 2010. Hog slaughter, at 600 head, was down 14 percent from a year earlier and the average live weight of 262 was down 1 pound from the February 2010 average. Accumulated red meat production for the first two months of 2011 (including sheep and lambs) totaled 344.8 million pounds, up 3 percent from the 335.5 million pounds produced during January and February of 2009.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 3.81 billion pounds in February, up 2 percent from the 3.74 billion pounds produced in February 2010. Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.62 million head, up 3 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,286 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.5 million pounds, 2 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,800 head, down 7 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from last year, at 264 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.51 million head, down 2 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 12 percent from February 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 155,100 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 1 pound from February a year ago.

January to February 2011 commercial red meat production was 7.85 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 12 percent.

**Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States**

Area And Species	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan-Feb	
	2010	2011	2011	2010	2011
Million Pounds					
<b>Colorado:</b>	169.5	167.8	168.9	344.8	336.7
<b>United States 1/:</b>	3,735.8	4,042.0	3,811.3	7,651.9	7,853.3
Beef	1,955.2	2,123.7	2,021.2	4,037.1	4,144.9
Veal	10.7	10.8	10.5	22.4	21.3
Pork	1,757.5	1,896.3	1,768.7	3,567.2	3,665.0
Lamb & Mutton	12.4	11.2	10.9	25.2	22.1

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**MILK PRODUCTION  
FEBRUARY 2011 - 23 STATES**

Milk production in **Colorado** during February of 2011 totaled 221 million pounds, up 6 percent from last year. The average number of cows for February at 123,000 head, increased 6 percent from the last year. Production per cow averaged 1,795 pounds for the month of February, slightly below February 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from February 2010. January revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 2.5 percent from January 2010. The January revision represented a decrease of 21 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,666 pounds for February, 24 pounds above February 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 81,000 head more than February 2010, but no change from January 2011.

**Milk Production, February, 2010-2011**

Item	Unit	2010	2011
<b>Colorado:</b>			
Milk Cows 1/ .....	1,000 Head	116	123
Production Per Cow .....	Pounds	1,800	1,795
Production 2/ .....	Mil. Lbs.	209	221
<b>23 State Total:</b>			
Milk Cows 1/ .....	1,000 Head	8,323	8,404
Production Per Cow .....	Pounds	1,642	1,666
Production 2/ .....	Mil. Lbs.	13,670	14,001

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**COLD STORAGE  
FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on February 28, 2011 were down 1 percent from the previous month but up 4 percent from February 28, 2010. Butter stocks were up 17 percent from last month but down 32 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 4 percent from the previous month and up 13 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 7 percent from the previous month and up 12 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down slightly from last month and down 8 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on February 28, 2011 were down 1 percent from the previous month but up 4 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 7 percent from the previous month but up 14 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 17 percent from last month but down 13 percent from February 28, 2010.

### Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	Feb. 28, 2010	Jan. 31, 2011	Feb. 28, 2011
<b>1,000 Pounds</b>			
Butter .....	202,896	118,784	138,656
Cheese, total natural .....	995,915	1,052,397	1,035,974
Eggs, frozen.....	24,106	26,788	26,187
Poultry, total frozen .....	974,184	1,026,857	1,016,602
Chicken.....	627,816	769,538	715,405
Turkey.....	342,418	253,527	296,396
Fruits, frozen .....	1,125,941	1,061,284	951,980
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,698,585	1,191,560	1,231,794
Vegetables, total frozen ..	2,151,804	2,117,008	1,928,585
Potatoes, total frozen .....	1,113,590	1,095,023	1,106,697
Meats, total red .....	941,914	1,017,379	1,062,361
Beef, total frozen.....	404,505	461,734	467,681
Pork, total frozen.....	515,911	538,754	578,064

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

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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