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1,000+ Capacity April 1 to May 1, 2011-2012

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 head			
On Feed April 1	1,090	1,070	11,257	11,482
Placements During Apr.	165	120	1,785	1,521
< 600 pounds	35	25	445	355
600 - 699 Pounds	30	20	310	250
700 - 799 Pounds	45	30	485	380
800 Plus Pounds	55	45	545	536
Marketings During Apr.	150	150	1,807	1,815
Other Disap. During Apr.	5	10	60	78
On Feed May 1	1,100	1,030	11,175	11,110

CATTLE ON FEED
May 1, 2012

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 1,030,000 head as of May 1, 2012. This latest inventory is down 4 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 150,000 head of fed cattle during April 2012. This was 14 percent below March 2012 marketings of 175,000 head, but even with last year. An estimated 120,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April, 25 percent below a month ago and 27 percent below April 2011 placements of 165,000. Of the number placed in April, 21 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 17 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 25 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 38 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for April, at 10,000 head, is 5,000 head above 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 11.1 million head on May 1, 2012. The inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.52 million, 15 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.44 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 250,000, 700-799 pounds were 380,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 536,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, slightly above 2011. Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during April, 30 percent above 2011.

POULTRY PRODUCTION & VALUE
2011 SUMMARY

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

The value of egg production in **Colorado** during 2011 totaled $85.4 million, up 11 percent from the value of $77.1 million in 2010. A total of 1.16 billion eggs were produced during 2011, up 9 percent. During 2011, there were 8.5 million pounds of chicken sold at an average price of 5 cents per pound for a total value of sales at $426,000. A year earlier, 8.7 million pounds of chicken were sold at an average price of 7 cents per pound for a total value of sales of $610,000. A majority of the chickens sold are non-producing egg-type layers which have a low value. Colorado data for turkeys is combined with other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2011 was $35.6 billion, up 3 percent from $34.7 billion in 2010. Of the combined total, 65 percent was from broilers, 21 percent from eggs, 14 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens. The value of broilers produced during 2011 was $23.2 billion, down 2 percent from 2010. The total number of broilers produced in 2011 was 8.61 billion, down slightly from 2010. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2011 was 49.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010.

The value of turkeys produced during 2011 was $4.99 billion, up 14 percent from the $4.37 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2011 totaled 7.32 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the 7.11 billion pounds produced in 2010. The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2011 was $81.3 million, up 11 percent from $73.1 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2011 totaled 181 million, up 4 percent from the total sold during the previous year. Value of all egg production in 2011 was $7.37 billion, up 13 percent from $6.53 billion in 2010. Egg production totaled 91.9 billion eggs, up slightly from 91.5 billion eggs produced in 2010.

MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME 2011 SUMMARY

The total value of milk produced in **Colorado** during 2011 totaled $599.8 million, up 30 percent from $461.8 million in 2010. In 2011, the 2.99 billion pounds of milk produced was 8 percent higher than the 2.79 billion pounds produced the previous year. The average price of $20.00 per hundredweight was $3.60 above the 2010 average of $16.40.

Milk production in the **United States** increased 1.8 percent in 2011 to 196 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 21,345 pounds, was 197 pounds above 2010. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.19 million head, up 75,000 head from 2010.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2011 totaled $39.5 billion, 26.0 percent higher than 2010. Producer returns averaged $20.25 per hundredweight, 23.9 percent above 2010. Marketings totaled 195.3 billion pounds, 1.8 percent above 2010. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 985 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, unchanged from 2010. Calves were fed 90 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME 2011 SUMMARY

The total gross income to **Colorado** producers from beef, pork, during 2011 totaled $3.31 billion, 8 percent above the $3.07 billion for the previous year. Gross income from cattle and calves during 2011 increased 7 percent from the previous year to $3.1 billion and represented 93 percent of the total income from the two species. The gross income from hogs and pigs increased 20 percent from 2010 to $233.5 million.

Marketings of cattle and calves, at 2.65 billion pounds is down 4 percent from last years 2.77 billion pounds. The 2011 marketings of hogs and pigs, at 304.1 million pounds, increased 2 percent from 299.1 million pounds in 2010.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Total 2011 production of cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the **United States** totaled 72.6 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Production increased 2 percent for hogs and pigs and increased slightly for cattle and calves. Total 2011 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 22 percent to $84.6 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for over 74 percent of this total and hogs and pigs accounted for nearly 26 percent. The 2011 gross income from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled $85.2 billion, up 22 percent from 2010. Gross income for cattle and calves increased 22 percent and hogs and pigs increased 21 percent over previous year's gross income. Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 22 percent from $51.5 billion in 2010 to $62.9 billion in 2011. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 56.1 billion pounds in 2011, up 1 percent from 2010. Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled $21.7 billion during 2011, up 21 percent from 2010. Marketings totaled 31.8 billion pounds in 2011, up 1 percent from 2010.

Beginning with January 2011, State level prices for cows, calves, steers & heifers, and beef cattle were discontinued. For the 2011 marketing year, cows, calves, steers & heifers, and beef cattle prices were calculated based on data provided by United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). Four regions based on comparable prices were established for cattle and calves. A price was derived for each region. United States level prices published for the 2011 cattle and calves marketing year was based on individual AMS state prices. Colorado is in third region, along with Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

Beginning with December 2010, State level prices for sow, barrow & gilt, and all hogs were discontinued. For the 2011 marketing year, sow, barrow & gilt, and all hog prices were calculated based on data provided by United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). Five regions based on comparable prices were established for hogs and pigs. A price was derived for each region. United States level prices published for the 2011 hogs and pigs marketing year was based on individual AMS state prices. Colorado is in third region, along with Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

Monthly sheep and lamb prices were discontinued after September 2011 prices were published. Production, Disposition, and Income estimates for sheep and lambs were discontinued after the 2011 publication.

DAIRY PRODUCTS – ANNUAL
2011 SUMMARY
UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 10.6 billion pounds, 1.5 percent above 2010 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 24.9 percent of the production.

Italian varieties, with 4.56 billion pounds were 3.3 percent above 2010 production and accounted for 43.0 percent of total cheese in 2011. Mozzarella accounted for 78.1 percent of the Italian production followed by Provolone with 7.7 percent and Parmesan with 6.1 percent. California was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 31.0 percent of the production.

American type cheese production was 4.27 billion pounds, 0.5 percent below 2010 and accounted for 40.3 percent of total cheese in 2011. Wisconsin was the leading State in American type cheese production with 18.6 percent of the production.

Butter production in the United States during 2011 totaled 1.81 billion pounds, 15.7 percent above 2010. California accounted for 34.4 percent of the production.

Dry milk powders (2011 United States production, comparisons with 2010) Nonfat dry milk, human - 1.51 billion pounds, down 3.1 percent. Skim milk powders - 446 million pounds, up 75.7 percent.

Whey products (2011 United States production, comparisons with 2010) Dry whey, total - 1.01 billion pounds, down slightly. Lactose, human and animal – 1.00 billion pounds, up 10.1 percent. Whey protein concentrate, total - 431 million pounds, up 0.7 percent.

Frozen products (2011 United States production, comparisons with 2010) Ice cream, Regular (total) - 900 million gallons, down 3.1 percent. Ice cream, Lowfat (total) - 440 million gallons, up 5.8 percent. Sherbet (total) – 45.0 million gallons, down 8.7 percent. Frozen Yogurt (total) – 60.7 million gallons, up 21.2 percent.

Special Note

Monthly estimates for Blue and Gorgonzola, Feta, and Gouda cheeses are now available at the National level. These items were removed from the "All Other Types" category.

MILK PRODUCTION
APRIL 2012

Colorado dairy herds produced 267 million pounds of milk during April, up 17 million pounds from the same period a year earlier. The average number of cows was 132,000, up 5 percent from the previous year. Production per cow averaged 2,020 pounds for April, up 2 percent from the average production per cows as last year.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during April totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from April 2011. March revised production at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 4.3 percent from March 2011. The March revision represented a decrease of 5 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,875 pounds for April, 40 pounds above April 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.53 million head, 94,000 head more than April 2011, and 4,000 head more than March 2012.

Milk Cows and Milk Production, Colorado and 23 States

Item	April 2011	Mar. 2012	April 2012
Colorado			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) 1/	126	132	132
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) 2/	1,985	2,045	2,020
Production (mil. lbs.) 2/..........	250	270	267
23 States Total:			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) 1/	8,431	8,521	8,525
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) 2/	1,835	1,930	1,875
Production (mil. lbs.) 2/..........	15,475	16,447	15,983

1/ Average number during year, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves

UPCOMING REPORTS

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. Those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office 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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