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**POTATO STOCKS
JUNE 2012**

Fall potato stocks in the San Luis Valley of **Colorado** totaled 2.9 million hundredweight as of June 1, 2012, up 7 percent from the 2.7 million hundredweight in storage as of June 1, 2011. The latest stocks represented 14 percent of the 21.29 million hundredweight produced in 2011. The June 1, 2011 stocks represented 13 percent of the 22.52 million hundredweight produced in 2010. Sales of Colorado's fall potatoes for table stock have averaged 67 percent of the production for the 2006-2010 period. The remaining 33 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 85 percent over the past five years.

If these relationships for total sales and table stock sales exist for the 2011 crop, about 18.1 million hundredweight of the 21.3 million hundredweight produced will be sold of which 14.3 million hundredweight will be sold as table stock.

The **13 major potato States** held 43.9 million hundredweight of potatoes in storage June 1, 2012, up 6 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 12 percent of the 2011 fall storage States' production, unchanged from the previous year.

Potato disappearance, at 336 million hundredweight, was 6 percent above June 1, 2011. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 25.9 million hundredweight, was up 11 percent from the same date in 2011. Processors in the 9 major States have used 177 million hundredweight of potatoes this season, up 10 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 35.3 million hundredweight of the total processing, up 37 percent from last year.

**MILK PRODUCTION
MAY 2012**

Colorado dairy herds produced 278 million pounds of milk during May, up 21 million pounds from May 2011. The average number of cows was 132,000, up 5 percent from the previous year. Production per cow averaged 2,105 pounds for

May, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during May totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from May 2011. April revised production at 16.0 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from April 2011. The April revision represented an increase of 38 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,924 pounds for May, 22 pounds above May 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.52 million head, 77,000 head more than May 2011, but 3,000 head less than April 2012.

Milk Cows and Milk Production, 23 States

Item	May 2011	April 2012	May 2012
Colorado			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) 1/.....	126	132	132
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) 2/.....	2,040	2,030	2,105
Production (mil. lbs.) 2/.....	257	268	278
23 States Total:			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) 1/.....	8,447	8,527	8,524
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) 2/.....	1,902	1,879	1,924
Production (mil. lbs.) 2/.....	16,069	16,021	16,404

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves

**CATTLE ON FEED
JUNE 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 1,020,000 head as of June 1, 2012. This latest inventory is down 1 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 170,000 head of fed cattle during May 2012. This was up 13 percent from the marketings last month and also up 13 percent above May 2011 marketings of 150,000 head. An estimated 180,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during May, 50 percent above a month ago and 29 percent above May 2011 placements of 140,000. Of the number placed in May, 19 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 17 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 25 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 39 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for May, at 20,000 head, was up 10,000 head from 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 June 1, 2012. The inventory was 2 percent above June 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.09 million, 15 percent above 2011. Net placements were 1.99 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 520,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 530,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 672,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.02 million, 1 percent above 2011. Other disappearance totaled 100,000 during May, 23 percent above 2011.

**Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, May 1 to June 1, 2011-2012**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 head			
On Feed May 1	1,100	1,030	11,175	11,110
Placements During May	140	180	1,810	2,087
< 600 pounds	30	35	415	520
600 - 699 Pounds	25	30	355	365
700 - 799 Pounds	35	45	480	530
800 Plus Pounds	50	70	560	672
Marketings During May	150	170	2,002	2,015
Other Disap. During May	10	20	81	100
On Feed June 1	1,080	1,020	10,902	11,082

**CHICKENS AND EGGS
MAY 2011**

Colorado laying flocks produced 112 million eggs during May 2012 compared to 96 million in May 2011 and 112 million during April 2012. During May of this year, the average number of layers was 4.50 million compared with 3.94 million last year and 4.73 last month. The average number of eggs produced per 100 layers was 2,487 this May compared with 2,435 a year earlier and 2,366 in April of this year.

United States egg production totaled 7.77 billion during May 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.69 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2012 averaged 338 million, up slightly from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,296 eggs, down slightly from May 2011. All layers in the United States on June 1, 2012 totaled 338 million, up slightly from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.96 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2012, averaged 74.4 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from June 1, 2011.

**WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION
June 2011**

Winter wheat production in **Colorado** is forecast at 87.75 million bushels, down 5 percent from the May 1 forecast but 13 percent above the 78.00 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 2.25 million acres, is unchanged from May 1, but 250,000 acres above the 2.00 million acres harvested in 2011. As of June 1, the average yield is forecast at 39.0 bushels per acre, 2 bushels below the May 1 forecast, but unchanged from last year's average. Growing conditions had been dry and hot for most of this spring. Currently, wheat is in mostly fair condition.

Production for the **United States** is forecast at 1.68 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the May 1 forecast but 13 percent above 2011. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 47.3 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month but 1.1 bushels more than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 35.6 million acres, unchanged from May 1. Hard Red Winter, at 1.02 billion bushels, is down 1 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter production is up slightly from last month and now totals 428 million bushels. White Winter production totals 231 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month. Of this total, 14.1 million bushels are Hard White and 217 million bushels are Soft White.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the six Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are above last year's levels in all States except Colorado and Montana. Continued dry conditions in Colorado and Nebraska resulted in lower forecasted yields. By June 3, harvest progress in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas was significantly ahead of the 5-year average.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the three Soft Red Winter States (Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio) are above last year's levels in Missouri and Ohio but below in Illinois. Improved growing conditions in Missouri raised yield expectations from last month. As of June 3, crop development was running ahead of normal and harvest had begun in Illinois and Missouri.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in Washington are below last year. As of June 3, the percent of the crop rated in good to excellent condition was 77 points or higher in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Winter Wheat: Acres harvested, yield and production, selected states and United States, 2011-2012

STATE	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2011	Indicated 2012	2011	Indicated 2012	2011	Indicated 2012
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Arkansas.....	520	480	58.0	56.0	30,160	26,880
California.....	420	350	85.0	85.0	35,700	29,750
Colorado.....	2,000	2,250	39.0	39.0	78,000	87,750
Georgia.....	200	200	55.0	47.0	11,000	9,400
Idaho.....	770	730	82.0	82.0	63,140	59,860
Illinois.....	765	630	61.0	61.0	46,665	38,430
Indiana.....	400	330	62.0	60.0	24,800	19,800
Kansas.....	7,900	9,000	35.0	43.0	276,500	387,000
Kentucky.....	440	450	70.0	62.0	30,800	27,900
Maryland.....	190	180	66.0	63.0	12,540	11,340
Michigan.....	680	540	75.0	72.0	51,000	38,880
Mississippi.....	335	450	64.0	56.0	21,440	25,200
Missouri.....	680	700	50.0	55.0	34,000	38,500
Montana.....	2,190	2,120	41.0	40.0	89,790	84,800
Nebraska.....	1,450	1,270	45.0	40.0	65,250	50,800
New York.....	93	85	56.0	64.0	5,208	5,440
North Carolina.....	610	750	68.0	60.0	41,480	45,000
North Dakota.....	375	720	37.0	49.0	13,875	32,280
Ohio.....	850	530	58.0	61.0	49,300	32,330
Oklahoma.....	3,200	4,300	22.0	37.0	70,400	159,100
Oregon.....	825	775	77.0	72.0	63,525	55,800
Pennsylvania.....	170	150	51.0	63.0	8,670	9,450
South Carolina.....	180	235	60.0	54.0	10,800	12,690
South Dakota.....	1,590	1,300	42.0	43.0	66,780	55,900
Tennessee.....	310	360	69.0	63.0	21,390	22,680
Texas.....	1,900	3,350	26.0	31.0	49,400	103,850
Virginia.....	250	290	71.0	65.0	17,750	18,850
Washington.....	1,730	1,670	75.0	69.0	129,750	115,230
Wisconsin.....	335	250	65.0	70.0	21,775	17,500
Other States ^{1/}	956	1,135	55.2	51.3	52,789	58,277
United States.....	32,314	35,580	46.2	47.3	1,493,677	1,683,667

^{1/} Other States include AL, AZ, DE, FL, IA, LA, MN, NJ, NV, NM, UT, WV, and WY. Individual State level estimates will be published in the "Small Grains 2012 Summary", September 2012,

**COLD STORAGE
MAY 31, 2012**

Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2012 were down slightly from the previous month and down 2 percent from May 31, 2011. Butter stocks were up 4 percent from last month and up 55 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on May 31, 2012 were up 10 percent from the previous month but down 5 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 8 percent from the previous month but down 15 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 14 percent from last month and up 12 percent from May 31, 2011.

Total frozen fruit stocks were up 3 percent from last month and up 11 percent from a year ago. Total frozen vegetable stocks were down 7 percent from last month but up 1 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 4 percent from the previous month but up 14 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 4 percent from the previous month but up 11 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 4 percent from the previous month but up 16 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 13 percent from last month but up 14 percent from last year.

Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	May 31, 2011	Apr. 30, 2012	May 31, 2012
1,000 Pounds			
Butter	170,095	254,184	264,326
Cheese, total natural	1,049,185	1,029,188	1,028,800
Eggs, frozen	29,025	32,528	34,453
Poultry, total frozen	1,211,338	1,042,584	1,151,126
Chicken	757,975	600,913	646,841
Turkey	447,895	438,384	500,035
Fruits, frozen	750,567	813,324	835,304
Fruit Juices, frozen	1,219,870	1,346,696	1,370,287
Vegetables, total frozen	1,503,669	1,637,810	1,524,658
Potatoes, total frozen	1,072,549	1,114,663	1,077,936
Meats, total red	1,014,881	1,201,034	1,158,416
Beef, total frozen	447,636	517,852	498,607
Pork, total frozen	548,322	659,726	636,084

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Food stocks are excluded for places where entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

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>

- June 29 - Acreage
- June 29 - Grain Stocks
- July 6 - Fruit Crops – Annual
- July 11 - Crop Production
- July 19 - Milk Production
- July 20 - Cattle
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