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**CATTLE ON FEED  
JANUARY 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 1,150,000 head as of January 1, 2012. The latest inventory was down 1 percent from December 1, 2011 but up 6 percent from January 1, 2011. The inventory included 745,000 steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the last year's number. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 400,000 head, are up 10 percent from a year ago. The number of cows and bulls totaled 5,000, no change from last year's number. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 170,000 head of fed cattle during December 2011, up 17 percent from the November 2011 marketings of 145,000 head and up 3 percent from a year ago. An estimated 170,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2011, 6 percent above a year ago but 3 percent below November 2011 placements of 175,000. Of the number placed in December, 29 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 21 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 26 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for December was estimated at 10,000 head, no change from last month but up 5,000 head from 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 11.9 million head on January 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent above January 1, 2011. The inventory included 7.28 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.50 million head, up 6 percent from 2011. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.68 million, 6 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.59 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 550,000, 600-699 pounds were 390,000, 700-799 pounds were 365,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 378,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.80 million, 2 percent below 2010. Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during December, 40 percent above 2010.

**Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States,  
1,000 Plus Capacity, January 1, 2011-2012**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<b>1,000 head</b>			
On Feed Dec 1.	1,090	1,160	11,620	12,065
Placements During Dec.	160	170	1,789	1,683
< 600 pounds	30	50	475	550
600 - 699 Pounds	50	40	495	390
700 - 799 Pounds	40	35	439	365
800 Plus Pounds	40	45	380	378
Marketings During Dec.	165	170	1,830	1,796
Other Disap. During	5	10	65	91
On Feed Jan 1.	1,080	1,150	11,514	11,861
Steers & Steer Calves	710	745	7,178	7,281
Heifers & Heifer	365	400	4,259	4,496
Cows & Bulls	5	5	77	84

**GRAIN STOCKS  
DECEMBER 1, 2011**

All wheat stocks in **Colorado's** farm and commercial storage facilities as of December 1, 2011 totaled 45.9 million bushels, down 8 percent from 49.7 million bushels on hand a year earlier. Farm stocks decreased 9 percent to 15.0 million bushels and off-farm stocks were down 7 percent to 30.9 million. All wheat for the **United States** stored in all positions on December 1, 2011 totaled 1.66 billion bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 405 million bushels, down 26 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 1.25 billion bushels, are down 10 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2011 indicated disappearance is 490 million bushels, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Colorado corn** stocks were up 19 percent from the previous year to 113.3 million bushels. Farm stocks were up 26 percent to 67.0 million bushels and off-farm stocks increased 10 percent to 46.3 million bushels. **United States corn** stored in all positions on December 1, 2011 totaled 9.64 billion bushels, down 4 percent from December 1, 2010. Of the total stocks, 6.18 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.47 billion bushels, are down 8 percent from a year ago. The September - November

2011 indicated disappearance is 3.84 billion bushels, compared with 4.10 billion bushels during the same period last year. **Colorado's sorghum** off farm stocks were down 44 percent from the previous year to 1.3 million bushels. **United States sorghum** stored in all positions on December 1, 2011 totaled 150 million bushels, down 37 percent from December 1, 2010.

**United States soybeans** stored in all positions on December 1, 2011 totaled 2.37 billion bushels, up 4 percent from December 1, 2010. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 1.14 billion bushels, up 4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.23 billion bushels, are up 3 percent from last December. Indicated disappearance for September - November 2011 totaled 905 million bushels, down 25 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**United States barley** stored in all positions on December 1, 2011 totaled 134 million bushels, down 26 percent from December 1, 2010. On-farm stocks are estimated at 55.3 million bushels, 40 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 78.3 million bushels, are 12 percent below December 2010. The September - November 2011 indicated disappearance is 41.5 million bushels, 5 percent below the same period a year earlier.

**United States oats** stored in all positions on December 1, 2011 totaled 78.6 million bushels, 22 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2010. Of the total stocks on hand, 24.4 million bushels are stored on farms, down 28 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 54.2 million bushels, down 19 percent from the previous year.

### Grain Stocks

#### Colorado and United States, December 1, 2010-2011

Grain and Position <sup>1/</sup>	Colorado		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
<b>1,000 Bushels</b>				
<b>All wheat</b>				
On farms.....	16,500	15,000	550,000	405,000
Off farms.....	33,170	30,903	1,382,946	1,251,423
Total .....	49,670	45,903	1,932,946	1,656,423
<b>Corn</b>				
On farms.....	53,000	67,000	6,302,000	6,175,000
Off farms.....	42,298	46,325	3,754,769	3,466,903
Total .....	95,298	113,325	10,056,796	9,641,903
<b>Barley</b>				
On farms.....	2/	2/	91,660	55,320
Off farms.....	5,985	5,637	88,720	78,284
Total .....	2/	2/	180,380	133,604
<b>Oats</b>				
On farms.....	2/	2/	34,100	24,400
Off farms.....	78	52	66,911	54,233
Total .....	2/	2/	101,011	78,633
<b>Sorghum</b>				
On farms.....	2/	2/	30,500	27,850
Off farms.....	2,365	1,328	207,168	121,983
Total .....	2/	2/	237,668	149,833
<b>Soybeans</b>				
On farms.....	2/	2/	1,091,000	1,138,500
Off farms.....	2/	149	1,187,084	1,227,284
Total .....	2/	149	2,278,084	2,365,784

<sup>1/</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

<sup>2/</sup> Not published separately.

## HAY STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2011

**U.S.** stocks of all hay stored on farms totaled 90.7 million tons on December 1, 2011, down 11 percent from a year ago. **Colorado** farm and ranch operators had 1.8 million tons of hay on hand as of December 1, 2011 down 10 percent from the 2.0 million tons on hand one year earlier and 28 percent below the 2.5 million tons two years ago.

## MILK PRODUCTION December 2011

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during December totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from December 2010. November revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.2 percent from November 2010. The November revision represented an increase of 3 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,818 pounds for December, 27 pounds above December 2010. **The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.49 million head, 99,000 head more than December 2010, and 12,000 head more than November 2011.

Milk production in the U.S. during the October - December quarter totaled 48.7 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.22 million head, 86,000 head more than the same period last year.

**Colorado** dairy herds produced 256 million pounds of milk during December 2011, up 12 million pounds from December last year. The average number of cows, at 131,000, is up 8,000 head from the 123,000 cows on hand a year ago. The average milk per cow for the month of December in Colorado was 1,955 pounds per cow compared with 1,985 pounds per cow in December 2010. Colorado ranked fifteenth in milk production per cow in December, 2011.

### Milk Production, December, 2010-2011

Item	Unit	2010	2011
<b>Colorado:</b>			
Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup> .....	1,000 Head	123	131
Production Per Cow .....	Pounds	1,985	1,955
Production <sup>2/</sup> .....	Mil. Lbs.	244	256
<b>23 State Total:</b>			
Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup> .....	1,000 Head	8,387	8,486
Production Per Cow .....	Pounds	1,791	1,818
Production <sup>2/</sup> .....	Mil. Lbs.	15,025	15,425

<sup>1/</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**CHICKENS AND EGGS  
DECEMBER 2011**

**Colorado** laying flocks produced 117 million eggs during December 2011 compared with 112 million one month earlier and 89 million during December 2010. The number of layers during December totaled 4.78 million, up 32 percent from 3.62 million a year earlier. The average rate of lay for December 2011 was 2,449 eggs per 100 layers, slightly lower than the December 2010 total of 2,459 eggs per 100 layers.

**United States** egg production totaled 7.93 billion during December 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.89 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 973 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2011 averaged 338 million, down 1 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,344 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2010.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2012 totaled 338 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 50.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.78 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2012, averaged 75.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from January 1, 2011.

**WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS  
2012 CROP**

**Colorado** producers seeded 2.40 million acres of winter wheat during the fall of 2011 for harvest in 2012, up 4 percent from the 2.30 million acres seeded for the 2011 crop. Planting began on schedule and germination was good in most areas. As usual, prospects for the 2012 crop will be heavily dependent on winter and spring weather.

**United States** seeded area for 2012 is expected to total 41.9 million acres, up 3 percent from 2011. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 30.1 million; Soft Red Winter, 8.37 million; and White Winter, 3.49 million.

**Winter Wheat Area Seeded, 2010-2012 Crops 1/**

State	Crop of			11/11
	2010	2011	2012	
	<b>1,000 Acres</b>			<b>%</b>
Alabama	150	220	220	100
Arizona	9	7	8	114
Arkansas	200	620	520	84
California	660	670	660	99
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>104</b>
Delaware	50	80	90	113
Florida	12	12	20	167
Georgia	170	250	300	120
Idaho	750	820	780	95
Illinois	330	800	660	83
Indiana	250	430	370	86
Iowa	15	22	28	127
Kansas	8,400	8,800	9,500	108
Kentucky	390	540	600	111
Louisiana	125	240	290	121
Maryland	180	260	290	112
Michigan	530	700	570	81
Minnesota	65	30	50	167
Mississippi	125	360	500	139
Missouri	370	790	770	97
Montana	2,050	2,250	2,200	98
Nebraska	1,600	1,520	1,400	92
Nevada	19	15	19	127
New Jersey	28	35	28	80
New Mexico	470	435	460	106
New York	110	120	100	83
North Carolina	500	700	800	114
North Dakota	330	400	700	175
Ohio	780	880	580	66
Oklahoma	5,300	5,100	5,500	108
Oregon	820	830	810	98
Pennsylvania	165	185	165	89
South Carolina	145	190	220	116
South Dakota	1,350	1,650	1,350	82
Tennessee	260	420	450	107
Texas	5,700	5,300	5,900	111
Utah	135	130	145	112
Virginia	180	270	340	126
Washington	1,750	1,760	1,720	98
West Virginia	7	10	9	90
Wisconsin	240	345	265	77
Wyoming	165	150	160	107
<b>United States</b>	<b>37,335</b>	<b>40,646</b>	<b>41,947</b>	<b>103</b>

1/ Total area seeded for all purposes

## **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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