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POTATO STOCKS

JUNE 2007

Fall potato stocks in the San Luis Valley of **Colorado** totaled 3.7 million cwt as of June 1, 2007, up 12 percent from the 3.3 million cwt in storage as of June 1, 2006. The latest stocks represented 16 percent of the 22.68 million cwt produced in 2006. The June 1, 2006 stocks represented 14 percent of the 22.91 million cwt produced in 2005. Sales of Colorado's fall potatoes for table stock have accounted for 70 percent of the total production from the 2001-2005 crops. The remaining 30 percent of the production is utilized for seed, processing, and home use or is lost through shrinkage.

The 13 major potato **U.S. States** held 38.8 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2007, down 7 percent from last year and 25 percent below June 1, 2005, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 10 percent of the 2006 fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from last year.

Disappearance of 343 million cwt from the start of harvest to June 1, is up 3 percent from last year. Shrink and loss, at 25.4 million cwt, is up 7 percent from the previous year.

Processors have used 180 million cwt of 2006 crop potatoes so far this season, up 8 percent from a year ago and 4 percent above 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon total processing increased 8 percent from a year ago, Maine's total processing was 7 percent above the same date in 2006, and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing was up 2 percent from last season.

Dehydrating usage accounts for 38.6 million cwt of the total processing, up 13 percent from last year and less than 1 percent above the same date in 2005.

Idaho's potato stocks are down 19 percent from last year, while sheds in Washington held 26 percent less than last year. Colorado's potato stocks increased 12 percent from last year, Maine's sheds held 24 percent more, and stocks in Minnesota are up 35 percent. Potato sheds in North Dakota held 62 percent more than last season, while potato stocks in Wisconsin increased 38 percent, and California's stocks are up 12 percent from last year. Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, and New York's potato sheds combined held 20 percent more than on the same date in 2006. Oregon's potato stocks are unchanged from last year. Comparisons by region are not made in this narrative to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

TURKEY HATCHERY

June 2007

Turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 2007, in the **U.S. States** totaled 32.5 million, up 2 percent from June 1, 2006. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the May 1, 2007 total of 32.9 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 3 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 4 percent, and South Central and West up 4 percent.

Turkey poults hatched during May 2007, in the United States totaled 27.4 million, up 5 percent from May 2006. Poults hatched were up 4 percent from April 2007 total of 26.4 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 7 percent, West North Central up 9 percent, North and South Atlantic up 7 percent, and South Central and West up 4 percent.

The 27.2 million net poults placed during May 2007 in the United States were up 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 5 percent from the April 2007 total of 26.0 million.

CATTLE ON FEED

JUNE 1, 2007

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, 2007. The latest inventory represents no change from the May 1, 2007 inventory, but down 1 percent from the 1,030,000 on feed on June 1, 2006. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 155,000 head of fed cattle during May 2007. This was up 15 percent from April 2007 marketings but 11 percent below May marketings one year earlier. An estimated 175,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during May, up 13 percent from April 2007 placements and up 6 percent above a year ago. Of the number placed in May, 14 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 17 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 29 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 40 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for May was estimated at 20,000 head, no change from April and no change from May 2006.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on June 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2006 and 5 percent above June 1, 2005. This is highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.16 million, 13 percent above 2006 but 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 2.06 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 420,000, 600-699 pounds were 374,000, 700-799 pounds were 645,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.09 million, 3 percent below 2006 but 4 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 99,000 during May, 14 percent below 2006 but 3 percent above 2005.

Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States

1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, May 1 to June 1, 2006-2007

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 head			
On Feed May 1	1,060	1,020	11,559	11,297
Placements During May	165	175	1,903	2,159
< 600 pounds	35	25	440	420
600 - 699 Pounds	40	30	370	374
700 - 799 Pounds	45	50	498	645
800 Plus Pounds	45	70	595	720
Marketings During May	175	155	2,160	2,085
Other Disap. During May	20	20	115	99
On Feed June 1	1,030	1,020	11,187	11,272

CHICKENS AND EGGS

MAY 2007

Colorado laying flocks produced 89 million eggs during May 2007 compared with 91 million during May 2006 and 87 million during April 2007. During May of this year, the average number of layers was 3.78 million compared with 3.74 million last year and 3.79 last month. The average number of eggs produced per 100 layers was 2,356 this May compared with 2,400 a year earlier and 2,328 in April of this year.

U.S. States egg production totaled 7.58 billion during May 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.45 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2007 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,226 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 2007 totaled 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2007, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from June 1, 2006.

WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION

June 2007

Winter wheat production in **Colorado** is forecast at 46.0 million bushels, up 6 percent from the May 1 forecast and 95 percent above the 39.9 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 2.1 million acres, is unchanged from May 1, but 200,000 acres more than the 1.9 million acres harvested in 2006. As of June 1, the average yield is forecast at 37.0 bushels per acre, 16 bushels per acre above last year's average. Timely spring rains along with abundant winter moisture have allowed the crop to advance under near optimal conditions. Temperatures have been cool, allowing the crop to advance as expected. Currently, wheat is in mostly good condition compared with a year ago at mostly poor to fair condition.

Production for the **U.S. States** is 1.61 billion bushels, down less than one percent from the May 1 forecast but up 24 percent from 2006. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.2 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from the previous forecast, but up 1.5 bushels from last year. Grain area totals 37.2 million acres, up fractionally from last month. As of May 27, heading

had reached 80 percent in the 18 major States, 3 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Progress was slightly behind normal during the first part of the month due primarily to below normal temperatures, but was ahead of normal by the end of the month. Harvest was underway in the southern-most portions of the growing area. Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the 6 Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are above last year's level in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas but below in

Montana and Nebraska. Condition ratings improved during May in Montana and Texas while the other States showed little change. Harvest was just getting started in Texas and Oklahoma due to delays from wet weather. In Colorado, scattered hail has caused some damage but the beneficial moisture surrounding these storms has been positive. Wet conditions in Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma have increased disease pressure while Montana enjoyed normal precipitation across the State in May.

Winter Wheat: Acres harvested, yield and production, selected states and United States, 2005-2007

STATE	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production		
	2006	Indicated 2007	2006	Indicated 2007	2005	2006	Indicated 2007
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels		
Arkansas	305	600	61.0	42.0	8,320	18,605	25,200
California	250	300	58.0	74.0	21,600	14,500	22,200
Colorado	1,900	2,100	21.0	37.0	52,800	39,900	77,700
Delaware	45	55	67.0	68.0	3,570	3,015	3,740
Georgia	120	250	49.0	40.0	7,280	5,880	10,000
Idaho	710	740	77.0	81.0	66,430	54,670	59,940
Illinois	910	810	67.0	55.0	36,600	60,970	44,550
Indiana	460	410	69.0	59.0	24,480	31,740	24,190
Kansas.....	9,100	9,500	32.0	38.0	380,000	291,200	361,000
Kentucky.....	320	190	71.0	38.0	20,400	22,720	7,220
Maryland.....	125	175	68.0	66.0	9,240	8,500	11,550
Michigan.....	650	650	73.0	71.0	38,940	47,450	46,150
Mississippi.....	73	300	59.0	59.0	3,250	4,307	17,700
Missouri.....	910	800	54.0	42.0	29,160	49,140	33,600
Montana.....	1,920	2,150	43.0	42.0	94,500	82,560	90,300
Nebraska.....	1,700	1,850	36.0	42.0	68,640	61,200	77,700
New York.....	95	77	61.0	52.0	5,130	5,795	4,004
North Carolina	420	460	59.0	38.0	24,795	24,780	17,480
Ohio	960	760	68.0	64.0	58,930	65,280	48,640
Oklahoma.....	3,400	4,600	24.0	33.0	128,000	81,600	151,800
Oregon	730	740	53.0	55.0	47,580	38,690	40,700
Pennsylvania	150	150	59.0	54.0	7,830	8,850	8,100
South Carolina	123	135	50.0	30.0	8,580	6,150	4,050
South Dakota	1,150	1,800	36.0	44.0	65,560	41,400	79,200
Tennessee.....	190	230	64.0	32.0	8,400	12,160	7,360
Texas.....	1,400	3,900	24.0	35.0	96,000	33,600	136,500
Virginia.....	155	175	68.0	61.0	10,080	10,540	10,675
Washington.....	1,800	1,810	66.0	66.0	120,600	118,800	119,460
Wisconsin	230	260	78.0	65.0	9,975	17,940	16,900
Other States ^{1/}	816	1,245	44.3	41.8	42,459	36,139	52,070
United States.....	31,177	37,222	41.7	43.2	1,499,129	1,298,081	1,609,679

^{1/} Other States include AL, AZ, FL, IA, LA, MN, NJ, NV, NM, ND, UT, WV, and WY. Individual state level estimates will be published in the "Small Grains 2007 Summary", September 28, 2007.

MILK PRODUCTION

MAY 2007

Colorado dairy herds produced 225 million pounds of milk during May, up 5 million pounds from May 2006. The average number of cows was 115,000, up nearly 5 percent from the previous year. Production per cow averaged 1,955 pounds for May, 2 percent below the 2,000 pounds produced a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major **U.S. States** during May totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from May 2006. April revised production, at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from April 2006. The April revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,795 pounds for May, 13 pounds above May 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 26,000 head more than May 2006, and 3,000 head more than April 2007.

Milk Cows and Milk Production, 23 States

Item	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007
Colorado			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) <u>1/</u>	110	115	115
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) <u>2/</u>	2,000	1,885	1,955
Production (mil. lbs.) <u>2/</u>	220	217	225
23 States			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) <u>1/</u>	8,257	8,280	8,283
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) <u>2/</u>	1,782	1,746	1,795
Production (mil. lbs.) <u>2/</u>	14,712	14,457	14,867

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

COLD STORAGE

MAY 31, 2007

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2007 were greater than year earlier levels for butter, cheese and pork. Butter stocks were up 10 percent from last month and up 3 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 5 percent from last month and down 2 percent from the previous year. Frozen pork supplies were down 7 percent from last month but up 3 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 7 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on May 31, 2007 were up 3 percent from the previous month but down 20 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 23 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 11 percent from last month but down 14 percent from May 31, 2006.

Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	May 31, 2006	Apr. 30, 2007	May 31, 2007
1,000 Pounds			
Butter	261,529	245,907	269,400
Cheese, total natural.....	863,273	874,202	881,400
Eggs, frozen	21,013	14,318	15,140
Poultry, total frozen	1,248,049	971,177	1,001,712
Chicken.....	773,639	604,330	594,467
Turkey.....	466,482	360,217	399,708
Fruits, frozen.....	740,276	866,881	851,350
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,460,961	1,295,746	1,321,485
Vegetables, total frozen....	1,369,643	1,316,778	1,180,816
Potatoes, total frozen.....	1,104,893	1,102,232	1,062,490
Meats, total red	940,772	969,004	923,528
Beef, total frozen.....	446,279	461,006	410,659
Pork, total frozen.....	477,005	528,527	490,609

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. 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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