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CROP PRODUCTION

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MILK PRODUCTION

OCTOBER 2005

Colorado dairy herds produced 198 million pounds of milk during the October 2005 period, nearly 8 percent above the 184 million pounds produced during the same period in 2004. The average number of milk cows on hand during the month was 106,000, up 3,000 head from the same month last year. Production per cow averaged 1,870 pounds for October, 5 percent above the 1,785 produced a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 13.4 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from October 2004. September revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 4.7 percent from September 2004. The September revision represented a decrease of 27 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,636 pounds for October, 53 pounds above October 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 58,000 head more than October 2004, and 4,000 head more than September 2005.

Colorado and U. S. Milk Production, October, 2004-05

Item	Unit	2004	2005
Colorado:			
Milk Cows <u>1/</u>	1,000 head	103	106
Production per cow <u>2/</u>	Pounds	1,785	1,870
Production <u>2/</u>	Mil. lbs.	184	198
United States:			
Milk Cows <u>1/</u>	1,000 head	8,103	8,161
Production per cow <u>2/</u>	Pounds	1,583	1,636
Production <u>2/</u>	Mil. lbs.	12,824	13,353

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

Colorado's corn for grain production for 2005 remains forecast at 120.15 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year's crop of 140.40 million bushels. Average yield is forecast at 135.0 bushels per acre, equal to last year's results and unchanged from the October 1 forecast. Producers are expected to harvest 890,000 acres for grain compared with 1,040,000 acres last year.

Sorghum production for 2005 is expected to total 3.24 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but 2.16 million bushels below last year's crop. The 2005 yield is expected to average 27.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but 3.0 bushels below the 2004 average. The area expected to be harvested remains at 120,000 acres, which is 60,000 less than last year.

Sugarbeet production is now forecast at 805,000 tons, up 31,000 tons from the October 1 forecast but down 33,000 tons from the previous year. Yields are now expected to average 23.4 tons per acre, up nearly one ton from 22.5 last month but down from 25.0 tons per acre attained in 2004. The area for harvest is forecast at 34,400 acres, up from 33,500 acres in 2004.

Fall potato growers in the San Luis Valley produced 22.29 million cwt of potatoes this year, down over 6 percent from last year's crop. Average yield was 385 cwt per acre, up 15 cwt per acre from last year's yield and the second highest on record. The harvested area of 57,900 acres this year was 6,400 acres less than in 2004.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but 7 percent below 2004. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 148.4 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from October but 12.0 bushels below last year. Area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 74.3 million acres, unchanged from October but up 1 percent from 2004. Sorghum production is

forecast at 388 million bushels, up 3 percent from last month but down 15 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is 68.2 bushels per acre, up 2.2 bushels from October but down 1.6 bushels from last year. Yields are either increasing or unchanged from October in all of the major sorghum producing States.

Soybean growers expect to harvest 71.3 million acres of soybeans, unchanged from last month but down 4 percent from 2004.

Sugarbeet production for 2005 is forecast at 27.3 million tons, 2 percent above the October forecast but 9 percent below last year's production. The yield is forecast at 22.0 tons per acre, up 0.5 ton from October but 0.9 ton below 2004. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, fractionally below last month and 5 percent below last year.

Production of fall potatoes for 2005 is forecast at 382 million cwt, down 7 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 951,800 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July forecast but 7 percent below last year. The average yield is forecast at a record high 402 cwt per acre, 1 cwt above the previous high set last year. Western States production is forecast at 268 million cwt, down 5 percent from last year. Acreage harvested, at 600,900 acres, decreased 6 percent from last year but the average yield of 445 cwt per acre is up 7 cwt from 2004. Growing conditions throughout the Western States were generally favorable.

Idaho's total potato forecast, at 117 million cwt, is 11 percent below last year and the lowest since 1989. Planted and harvested acres in Idaho are the lowest since 1989. Yield in Washington is forecast at 620 cwt per acre, 30 cwt above last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield exceeding the previous record established in 2000 by 20 cwt. Production, at 95.5 million cwt, is 2 percent above last year. Colorado's production is expected to decrease 6 percent from 2004 but yields are up 15 cwt per acre. A long growing season and adequate irrigation water allowed potatoes to size larger.

Oregon's production is forecast to be up 9 percent due to the record high yield of 584 cwt per acre, 41 cwt above the previous record established in 2000. In Montana, production is expected to be down 3 percent but the crop quality is reported to be good. In California, production is forecast down 11 percent. Cool weather in late spring and early summer led to smaller potatoes and lower yields. Nevada growers expect a 19 percent decrease in production. New Mexico's production is expected to be

up 23 percent from last year. This increase is due to the inclusion of summer potatoes into New Mexico's fall potato forecast in 2005.

Total United States potato production in 2005 from all four seasons is estimated at 421 million cwt, down 8 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 1.08 million acres, decreased 7 percent from a year ago. Yields, averaging 389 cwt per acre, are down 2 cwt from last year.

Production of dry edible peas is estimated at 13.8 million cwt, up 21 percent from the 2004 estimate. Area for harvest, at 761,900 acres, is 50 percent above a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 1,813 pounds per acre, down 436 pounds from last season. North Dakota's dry edible pea production is forecast at 9.79 million cwt, up 41 percent from last season. North Dakota's harvested acres, at 515,000, increased by 74 percent, while yields are down 440 pounds per acre from last season. Above normal daytime temperatures and dry conditions during most of April allowed producers to plant the crop ahead of the 5-year average pace. Planting of the dry pea crop began mid-April and was nearly completed by the third week of May.

TURKEY HATCHERY

Turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 2005, in the United States totaled 27.1 million, down 4 percent from November 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent above the October 1, 2005 total of 26.5 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 4 percent, West North Central down 1 percent, North and South Atlantic up 1 percent, South Central down 31 percent, and West down 11 percent.

The 21.4 million poults placed during October 2005 in the United States were up 3 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 6 percent from September 2005. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 14 percent, West North Central up 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 2 percent, South Central down 30 percent, and West down 2 percent.

Acres, yield, and production, Colorado and United States, 2004-2005

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Unit	Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres			Units per acre		1,000 units	
Colorado:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	1,200	1,100	1,040	890	Bu.	135.0	135.0	140,400	120,150
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	280	200	180	120	Bu.	30.0	27.0	5,400	3,240
All Wheat	2,315	2,570	1,714	2,219	Bu.	27.4	24.4	46,880	54,035
Winter Wheat	2,300	2,550	1,700	2,200	Bu.	27.0	24.0	45,900	52,800
Spring Wheat.....	15	20	14	19	Bu.	70.0	65.0	980	1,235
Oats	75	75	20	15	Bu.	55.0	75.0	1,100	1,125
Barley.....	80	60	77	59	Bu.	118.0	130.0	9,086	7,670
Proso Millet.....	370	320	330	<u>4/</u>	Bu.	24.0	<u>4/</u>	7,920	<u>4/</u>
All Hay .....	...	...	1,520	1,470	Tons	2.41	2.46	3,666	3,611
Alfalfa Hay.....	...	...	770	740	Tons	3.30	3.60	2,541	2,664
Other Hay.....	...	...	750	730	Tons	1.50	1.50	1,125	1,095
Sugarbeets	36.0	35.0	33.5	34.4	Tons	25.0	23.4	838	805
Dry edible beans.....	75.0	130.0	67.0	116.0	Cwt.	15.50	16.50	1,039	1,914
Sunflowers, All	135	180	123	198	Lbs.	1,193	1,400	146,700	277,200
Sunflowers, Oil	90	130	80	140	Lbs.	1,350	<u>4/</u>	108,000	<u>4/</u>
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	45	50	43	58	Lbs.	900	<u>4/</u>	38,700	<u>4/</u>
All potatoes	70.8	63.1	70.0	62.8	Cwt.	368	383	25,786	24,044
Summer potatoes.....	5.8	4.9	5.7	4.8	Cwt.	350	365	1,995	1,752
Fall potatoes	65.0	58.2	64.3	57.9	Cwt.	370	385	23,791	22,292
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	28,000	28,000
Peaches.....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	13.0	12.0
Pears.....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	2.6	2.8
Tart Cherries .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	200	<u>5/</u>
United States:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	80,930	81,642	73,632	74,333	Bu.	160.4	148.4	11,807,217	11,032,105
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	7,486	6,495	6,517	5,687	Bu.	69.8	68.2	454,899	387,686
All Wheat <u>2/</u>	59,674	57,091	49,999	49,980	Bu.	43.2	42.0	2,158,245	2,098,270
Winter Wheat	43,350	40,320	34,462	33,680	Bu.	43.5	44.4	1,499,434	1,493,769
Spring Wheat.....	13,763	14,036	13,174	13,609	Bu.	43.2	37.1	568,918	504,456
Oats	4,085	4,240	1,787	1,823	Bu.	64.7	63.1	115,695	115,002
Barley	4,527	3,922	4,021	3,276	Bu.	69.6	64.8	279,743	212,196
Rye	1,380	1,433	300.0	279.0	Bu.	27.5	27.0	8,255	7,537
Proso Millet.....	710	590	595	<u>4/</u>	Bu.	25.3	<u>4/</u>	15,065	<u>4/</u>
All Hay .....	...	...	61,916	61,723	Tons	2.55	2.48	157,774	152,871
Alfalfa Hay.....	...	...	21,707	22,118	Tons	3.47	3.43	75,383	75,940
Other Hay.....	...	...	40,209	39,605	Tons	2.05	1.94	82,391	76,931
Sugarbeets	1,345.9	1,284.6	1,306.9	1,239.3	Tons	22.9	22.0	29,956	27,254
Dry edible beans.....	1,354.3	1,659.8	1,219.3	1,522.1	Cwt.	1,460	1,715	17,799	26,109
Sunflowers, All	1,873	2,706	1,711	2,581	Lbs.	1,198	1,500	2,049,613	3,870,910
Sunflowers, Oil	1,533	2,176	1,424	2,013	Lbs.	1,238	<u>4/</u>	1,763,378	<u>4/</u>
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	340	538	287	568	Lbs.	997	<u>4/</u>	286,235	<u>4/</u>
All potatoes <u>3/</u>	1,193.3	1,108.2	1,166.9	1,084.3	Cwt.	391	389	456,041	421,326
Summer potatoes.....	58.4	50.3	53.9	48.3	Cwt.	340	334	18,307	16,123
Fall potatoes	1,039.7	972.2	1,022.3	951.8	Cwt.	401	402	410,023	382,212
Soybeans	75,208	73,103	73,958	71,270	Bu.	42.2	42.7	3,123,686	3,043,116
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	10,419.9	9,379.1
Peaches.....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	1,307.1	1,233.9
Pears.....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	890.3	853.0
Tart Cherries .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	213,000	244,200

1/ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. 2/ Includes Durum Wheat. 3/ Includes Winter and Spring Crops. 4/ Jan. 2006. 5/ Discontinued in 2005.

**COLD STORAGE
OCTOBER 31, 2005**

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on October 31, 2005 were greater than year earlier levels for frozen fruit and pork. Butter stocks were down 19 percent from last month, and down 6 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 1 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 3 percent from last month and up 5 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 10 percent from last month, but down 3 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on October 31, 2005 were down 1 percent from the previous month and down 4 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 5 percent from the previous month, but down 1 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 11 percent from last month and down 10 percent from October 31, 2004.

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Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2004	Sept. 30, 2005	Oct. 31, 2005
	1,000 Pounds		
Butter	107,152	124,061	100,528
Cheese, total natural.....	756,118	765,357	737,100
Eggs, frozen	17,877	18,837	17,574
Poultry, total frozen	1,273,460	1,235,135	1,219,192
Chicken	800,294	754,882	791,484
Turkey.....	472,343	477,801	423,457
Fruits, frozen.....	1,210,339	996,641	1,229,636
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,812,971	1,478,471	1,393,901
Vegetables, total frozen ...	2,573,006	2,356,460	2,512,049
Potatoes, total frozen.....	1,274,867	1,180,358	1,204,596
Meats, total red	889,229	890,932	903,356
Beef, total frozen.....	452,589	438,750	439,309
Pork, total frozen.....	423,058	431,573	443,858

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

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