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Season's Greetings,

The Christmas Season marks the end of another growing season for agriculture, but most of all a time to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed on our industry. Late plantings, above normal rainfall, coupled with regional drought conditions led to an ideal harvest followed by near record commodity prices marking 2010 as a year to remember.



As I visit with producers across the state, I see excitement in their eyes and enthusiasm to enter the next year. The bins are full and marketing plans are being focused on the next growing season. As my staff continues to prepare the official USDA estimates of production and inventories that are imperative to decision making, we thank the thousands of Missouri producers that unselfishly take the time to ensure that the "facts on agriculture" are the most reliable in the world. Decisions can be made on actual facts instead of hear say or rumors in the marketplace! I say thanks to all producers for their assistance in making "facts for agriculture" meaningful. This issue marks the end to this particular publication. Information will continue to be available on the NASS website.

We will face many challenges next year. Planting decisions will be paramount as producers evaluate the supply and demand forecasts for major crops. As input costs compared to expected commodity prices continue to be volatile, decisions must continue to be made using current and accurate information. That is where you as a producer play a vital role in helping ensure the decisions that are made that affect all of agriculture are made using sound science and the most accurate data available. Your continued support of the voluntary confidential NASS surveys is needed and appreciated.

Thanks again to the many producers and agribusinesses throughout Missouri that help make the information available to agriculture the backbone of our businesses. Our corp of data collectors throughout Missouri are a valuable part of the unbiased nature of producing accurate information. We thank each of them for their professionalism.

From our staff to you, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and the Happiest of Holidays and look forward to a Prosperous and Healthy New Year!

Gene Danekas
Director

Hired Workers Up 4 Percent, Wage Rates Up 2 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,157,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 2010, up 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 826,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 331,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.13 per hour during the October 2010 reference week, up 20 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.49 per hour, up 27 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.28 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.43 per hour, was up 19 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 41.7 for hired workers during the survey week, up 7 percent from a year ago.

Labor and Wage Rates, Cornbelt II Region (Missouri and Iowa) October 2009, July 2010 and October 2010 ^{1/}

Item	October 11 - 17, 2009	July 11 - 17, 2010	October 10 - 16, 2010
FARM EMPLOYMENT	<i>Thousands</i>		
Hired Workers	30	33	29
HOURS WORKED PER WORKER	<i>Hours per Week</i>		
Hired Workers	31.1	31.9	37.8
FARM WAGE RATES (type of Worker)	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>		
All Hired Workers	10.85	11.20	11.60
Field Workers	10.46	10.51	11.62
Livestock Workers	11.23	11.45	11.02
Combined Field & Livestock Workers	10.75	10.95	11.40

^{1/} Excludes Agricultural Service Workers

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October Milk Production

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cows ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
IL	101	98	1,550	1,560	157	153
IA	215	204	1,690	1,725	363	352
MO	105	97	1,170	1,180	123	114
23-State	8,316	8,368	1,720	1,767	14,306	14,784

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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U.S. Dairy Production by Product, October 2009

Product	October 2009	Change From	
		Oct 2008	Sep 2009
	1,000 Pounds	Percent	
Butter	111,918	-14.3	18.3
Cheese			
American Types	347,169	1.2	2.3
Total	861,192	1.3	2.2
	1,000 Gallons	Percent	
Frozen Products			
Ice Cream, Hard	70,220	-0.7	-5.6
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Total	28,815	5.6	-7.6
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Hard	899	-17.6	-20.7
Sherbet, Hard	3,394	-18.7	-22.4
Frozen Yogurt, Total	5,179	-3.4	-10.9
	1,000 Pounds	Percent	
Dry Whey Products			
Dry Whey, Human	84,498	0.9	0.8
Dry Whey, Animal	4,175	4.5	40.5
Dry Whey, Total	88,673	1.1	2.1

^{1/} Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey and Jack.

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Chicks Hatched by Commercial Hatcheries

Item	October		Jan - Oct	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000			
Broiler-Type				
19 States ^{1/}	706,241	742,277	7,375,527	7,483,224
U.S.	730,698	766,978	7,631,377	7,741,950
Egg-Type				
U.S.	37,566	41,263	394,103	413,912

^{1/} States in the weekly hatchery production-estimating program.

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Average Prices Received by Farmers ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Missouri			U.S.
		Nov 2009*	Oct 2010	Nov 2010 ^{2/}	Nov 2010 ^{2/}
		Dollars			
Winter Wheat	Bu	3.98	6.22	6.00	6.04
Corn	Bu	3.59	4.38	4.60	4.59
Soybeans	Bu	9.45	10.50	11.20	11.20
Sorghum	Cwt	5.95	7.90	7.70	8.34
BALED HAY ^{2/}					
All Hay	Ton	61.00	80.00	77.00	111.00
Alfalfa	Ton	115.00	135.00	135.00	117.00
Other	Ton	50.00	60.00	65.00	95.50
ALL BEEF					
Cows ^{3/}	Cwt	40.20	51.70	49.00	51.90
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	87.50	105.00	106.00	100.00
Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt	78.00	93.30	94.60	94.10
Calves	Cwt	99.20	117.00	118.00	122.00
ALL HOGS					
Sows	Cwt	35.00	46.70	41.10	42.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	35.90	47.70	42.10	47.40
All Hogs	Cwt	35.80	47.60	42.00	47.20
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz	0.850	0.000	0.000	1.020
MILK					
Fluid Grade ^{5/}	Cwt	15.20	18.70		17.00
Manufacturing Grade ^{5/}	Cwt	13.70	17.00		15.60
All Milk ^{5/}	Cwt	15.10	18.60	18.80	17.90
HOG/CORN Ratio ^{6/}		9.97	10.87	9.13	10.28

^{1/} Prices received represent the average of all grades or classes at point of first sale and should not be confused with market quotations of specific grades or classes.

^{2/} Mid-month prices.

^{3/} Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

^{4/} "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined.

^{5/} Missouri October fat test %: all milk 3.70, fluid grade 3.69, mfg grade 3.90. U.S. November fat test %: all milk 3.76, fluid grade 3.75, mfg grade 4.20.

^{6/} "All Hogs" divided by "Corn" prices.

^{7/} Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

* Revised.

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October 2010 Egg Production

State	Number of Layers on Hand ^{1/}	Eggs per 100 for All Layers	Total Production
	1,000	Number	Million Eggs
AR	11,899	1,983	236
IA	54,670	2,213	1,210
MO	7,111	2,236	159
U.S.	337,649	2,218	7,488

^{1/} Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

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