

Poultry & eggs: The November index, at 155, is up 4.0 percent from October but 4.9 percent below a year ago. The November market egg price, at 86.2 cents per dozen, increased 0.5 cent from October but is 15.8 cents below November 2010. The November broiler price, at 45.0 cents per pound, is up 2.0 cents from October but 3.0 cents below a year ago. The November turkey price, at 78.4 cents per pound, is up 1.1 cents from the previous month and 4.8 cents from a year earlier.

JANUARY AGRICULTURAL SURVEYS ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Agricultural Statistics Service will be conducting the January Cattle and Sheep and Goat surveys from December 30, 2011 through January 13, 2012. Survey data is collected across the country and used to set state and national estimates for cattle, sheep and goats. Interviewers from the West Virginia Field Office will be collecting data on cattle, sheep and goat inventories. The cattle questions will cover milk and beef cow numbers including replacement heifers, steers, cattle on feed, and calf crop during 2011. Sheep and goat questions will include breeding and market sheep and goats, lamb and kid crops, 2011 wool, mohair and milk production and death losses. Results of the surveys will be released in January. *Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*

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produced in October 2010.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, down slightly from October 2010. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,289 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.5 million pounds, 8 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,600 head, up 2 percent from October 2010. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.03 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.91 million head, up 2 percent from October 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 275 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.7 million pounds, was down 11 percent from October 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 174,600 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2011 commercial red meat production was 40.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

October 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays. October 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States -Egg production totaled 7.78 billion during October 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.74 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 968 million were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2011

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OCTOBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during October 2011 totaled 1.3 million pounds. This was up 13 percent from October 2010. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1.9 million pounds live weight, up 8 percent from October 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 2,000 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 939 pounds, was down 58 pounds from a year ago.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 273,000 pounds live weight, up 33 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 266 pounds, was up 2 pounds from the previous year.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States- Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.27 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 4.26 billion pounds

averaged 336 million, down slightly from last year. **October egg production** per 100 layers was 2,317 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2010.

All layers in the United States on November 1, 2011 totaled 337 million, down slightly from last year. The 337 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 50.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.94 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2011, averaged 74.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from November 1, 2010.

Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2011 totaled 37.8 million, down 8 percent from October 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.3 million on November 1, 2011, down slightly from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 266 thousand during October 2011, up 56 percent from October 2010.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2011 totaled 717 million, down 7 percent from October 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 575 million on November 1, 2011, down 7 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.29 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2011, down 9 percent from October 2010.

TURKEY HATCHERY

United States - Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2011, in the United States totaled 28.9 million, up 6 percent from December 1, 2010. Eggs in incubators were up 5 percent from the November 1, 2011 total of 27.5 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during November 2011, in the United States totaled 22.7 million, down 4 percent from November 2010. Poults hatched were up 1 percent from the October 2011 total of 22.4 million poults.

The 22.2 million **net poults** placed during November 2011 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 4 percent from the October 2011 total of 21.4 million.

CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

United States - Near-normal temperatures prevailed across much of the South and west of the Great Plains during November, allowing producers ample time to harvest row crops and seed small grains. Elsewhere, average temperatures throughout much of the Corn Belt, Great Lakes region, and Northeast were as many as 6 degrees above average. Precipitation totals were below average for many areas during the month, with portions of Great Plains accumulating less than 25 percent of their normal levels. Elsewhere, abundant moisture in areas of the Corn Belt and Ohio Valley hampered fieldwork.

As November began, **corn producers** were rapidly completing harvest. Warmer temperatures and less precipitation gave producers in Ohio time to ramp up the harvest pace on what was a slower than normal crop season; however, overall progress remained well behind normal. By November 20, corn producers had harvested 96 percent of the Nation's crop, 3 percentage points behind last year but 8 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.

By November 13, **winter wheat producers** had seeded 96 percent of the 2012 crop, slightly ahead of the 5-year average. Early-season storms delivered beneficial moisture to the emerging crop in portions of the Rocky Mountains, while additional moisture was needed on the southern Great Plains to boost establishment. In Texas, mid-month moisture left many winter wheat fields developing well in the northern part of the State, as ongoing drought conditions limited crop growth in many southern fields. By November 27, emergence had advanced to 92 percent complete, slightly behind last year but on par with the 5-year average. Overall, 52 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition on November 27, compared with 49 percent on November 6 and 47 percent from the same time last year.

Soybean producers had harvested 96 percent of this year's crop by November 13, three percentage points behind last year but 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Despite favorable weather providing ample time for fieldwork, Ohio was the only major estimating State where progress remained behind normal.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

United States - The **preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices** Received by Farmers in November, at 185 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, is up 1 point (0.5 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 5 points (2.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 2 points (1.3 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, lettuce, cattle, and broilers and lower prices for soybeans, hogs, apples, and hay. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of milk, cattle, corn, and cotton offset the decreased marketing of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and sunflowers.

The **preliminary All Farm Products Index** is up 31 points (20 percent) from November 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 171, decreased 2 points (1.2 percent) from last month but increased 22 points (15 percent) from November 2010.

The **November Index of Prices Paid** for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 205 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from October but 18 points above (9.6 percent) November 2010. Higher prices in November for feeder cattle, nitrogen, diesel, and mixed fertilizer offset lower prices for complete feeds, concentrates, supplements, and other services.

The **November All Farm Products Index** is 185 percent of its 1990-1992 base, is up 0.5 percent from the October index and 19 percent from the November 2010 index.

All crops: The November index, at 208, increased 2.5 percent from October and is 21 percent above November 2010. Index increases for feed grains & hay, oilseeds, commercial vegetables, and potatoes & dry beans more than offset the index decrease for fruits & nuts.

Food grains: The November index, at 237, is unchanged from the previous month but 19 percent above a year ago. The November price for all wheat, at \$7.33 per bushel, is up 4 cents from October and \$1.23 above November 2010.

Feed grains & hay: The November index, at 259, is up 4.0 percent from last month and 34 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$6.00 per bushel, is up 29 cents from last month and \$1.45 above November 2010. The all hay price, at \$176.00 per ton, is down \$5.00 from October but \$66.00 higher than last November. Sorghum grain,

at \$11.00 per cwt, is 30 cents above October and up \$2.56 from November last year.

Cotton, Upland: The November index, at 155, is up 2.0 percent from October and 16 percent above last year. The November price, at 94.1 cents per pound, is up 1.8 cents from the previous month and 12.6 cents above last November.

Oilseeds: The November index, at 213, is up 3.9 percent from October and 15 percent higher than November 2010. The soybean price, at \$11.50 per bushel, decreased 20 cents from October but is 40 cents above November 2010.

Fruits & nuts: The November index, at 174, is down 1.1 percent from October and a year ago. Price decreases for apples and grapefruit more than offset price increases for oranges and grapes.

Commercial vegetables: The November index, at 165, is up 28 percent from last month but down 9.8 percent from November 2010. Price increases during November for lettuce and tomatoes more than offset price declines for snap beans and sweet corn.

Potatoes & dry beans: The November index, at 161, increased 13 percent from last month and is 17 percent above November 2010. The all potato price, at \$8.26 per cwt, is up 93 cents from October and 25 cents from a year ago. The all dry bean price, at \$44.40 per cwt, increased \$2.80 from the previous month and \$17.70 from November 2010.

Livestock & products: The November index, at 156, is 1.3 percent above last month and up 16 percent from November 2010. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, hogs, milk, calves, and turkeys. Prices for broilers and eggs are lower than last year.

Meat animals: The November index, at 157, is up 0.6 percent from last month and 29 percent higher than last year. The November hog price, at \$65.70 per cwt, is down \$3.00 from October but \$14.20 higher than a year ago. The November beef cattle price of \$119.00 per cwt is up \$2.00 from last month and \$25.00 higher than November 2010.

Dairy products: The November index, at 152, is unchanged from a month ago but 11 percent higher than November last year. The November all milk price of \$19.90 per cwt is unchanged from last month but \$2.00 higher than November 2010.