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Hay Stocks Lower

Hay stocks in the United States on December 1, 2010 were down 5 percent from 2009 to 102.1 million tons. This was the lowest winter stocks level since December 1, 2006.

Hay stocks were also down in Nevada, totaling 819,000 tons. This was 19 percent less hay than stored on December 1, 2009. The stocks level in 2009 was abnormally high.

Hay: Stocks on Farms, Nevada, May 1 and December 1, 2001-2010

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	----- Thousand Tons -----									
May 1	115	111	167	121	80	209	202	90	170	310
December 1	776	882	857	741	788	879	767	1000	1012	819

Hay Prices

Nevada: Hay prices for February were down for all hay and alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures. The all other hay price was up. The all hay price, at \$142.00 per ton, is down \$2.00 from January and up \$38.00 from last February. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$143.00 per ton and all other hay at \$120.00 per ton. January hay prices were \$144.00 for all hay, \$145.00 for alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, and \$115.00 for all other hay.

United States: On the national level for February, all hay prices and alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures were up from January. The all other hay price was down slightly. The all hay price, at \$116 per ton, is up \$4.00 from January and up \$12.00 from last February. Alfalfa came in at \$127.00 per ton, and all other hay at \$93.90 per ton. January hay prices for the U.S. were \$112.00 for all hay, \$121.00 for alfalfa, and \$95.30 for all other hay.

Farm Numbers

Nevada: The number of farms and ranches operating in Nevada during 2010 is estimated at 3,100, up slightly from the 3080 estimated for 2009. The total land area in farms for Nevada, not including public lands grazed, remained unchanged at 5.9 million acres. Nevada's average farm size was 1,903 acres in 2010.

United States: The number of farms in the United States in 2010 is estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2009. Total land in farms, at 920.0 million acres, increased 100 thousand acres from 2009. The average farm size is 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

The number of operations with cattle totaled 935,000 for 2010, down 1 percent from 2009. Beef cow operations in 2010, at 742,000, were also down 1 percent from last year. The number of milk cow operations for 2010 totaled 62,500, down 4 percent from 2009.

The number of operations with hogs totaled 69,100 for 2010, down 3 percent from 2009. Places with 2,000 or more head accounted for 86 percent of the inventory.

The number of operations with sheep totaled 81,000 for 2010, down 1 percent from 2009. Of all sheep operations that include breeding sheep, 93.8 percent were comprised of 1-99 head, 5.1 percent had 100-499 head, and the remaining 1.1 percent were operations with 500 head or more. Operations with 1-99 head account for 35.8 percent of the inventory, 100-499 head account for 20.1 percent of the inventory, and 500+ head account for 44.1 percent of the inventory.

The number of operations with goats totaled 152,000 for 2010, unchanged from a year earlier. Angora goat operations totaled 6,000, up 9 percent from 2009. Milk goat operations totaled 31,000, up 3 percent from 2009. Meat goat operations totaled 128,000, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Total goat operations will be equal to or less than the sum of angora, milk and meat goat operations since places which own more than one goat type count as only one operation.

Nevada Value of Crop Production Remained Down in 2010

The value of Nevada's principal crop, hay, remained below the values recorded for the 2008 and 2009 crop years. Wheat and potato crop values were improved from 2009 and in line with those of 2008. The value of hay, Nevada's principal crop, remained down from the record high levels of 2008.

Crop	Value of Production (Thousands of Dollars)		
	2008	2009	2010
All Wheat	7,478	5,941	7,438
Winter Wheat	4,715	5,161	6,322
Spring Wheat	2,763	780	1,116
All Hay	301,590	191,212	181,238
Alfalfa Hay	243,648	140,812	143,276
All Other Hay	57,942	50,400	37,962
Potatoes	18,430	15,101	18,434

2010 Onion Summary

Nevada: Onions grown in Nevada are produced primarily for fresh market use. Most of the onions grown are white varieties, although some yellow and red onions are also grown. Some of the growers store their onions in climatically controlled storage capacity which enables them to ship high quality fresh onions through much of the winter. Onion production in 2010, at 2,590,000 cwt., was up 6 percent from 2009. Planted acreage increased to 3,700 acres. Value of production was estimated at \$67.34 million.

United States: Harvested onion acreage for all varieties totaled 149,670 acres in 2010, down 1 percent from 2009. Yield was down slightly, at 489 cwt per acre. Total production for 2010 came in at 73.2 million cwt, down 3 percent from the prior year. The value of all onion production was estimated at \$1.46 billion.

Onions: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price and Value, Nevada, 2006-2010

Year	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Season Average Price	Value of Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>CWT</i>	<i>CWT</i>	<i>CWT</i>	<i>Thousand \$</i>
2006	2,600	2,600	760	1,976,000	30.00	59,280
2007	2,800	2,800	740	2,072,000	19.00	39,368
2008	2,600	2,600	760	1,976,000	24.00	47,424
2009	3,400	3,400	720	2,448,000	35.00	85,680
2010	3,700	3,700	700	2,590,000	26.00	67,340

2010 Garlic Summary

Nevada: Garlic grown in Nevada is used for seed by California garlic producers because it is disease free. Acreage has declined in recent years and in 2010 was estimated at 500 acres, down 6 percent from 2009. Production totaled 85,000 cwt, down 4 percent from last year. The value of production was estimated at \$2.5 million.

United States: On the national level, harvested garlic acres was up 2 percent to 22,750 acres. Yield was down slightly, at 164 cwt per acre. Production totaled 3.74 million cwt, down 4 percent from last year. The value of production was estimated at \$265.51 million.

Garlic: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price and Value, Nevada, 2006-2010

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	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>CWT</i>	<i>CWT</i>	<i>CWT</i>	<i>Thousand \$</i>
2006	620	620	125	77,000	17.00	1,309
2007	610	610	69	42,000	15.00	630
2008	640	640	150	96,000	19.00	1,824
2009	530	530	170	89,000	25.00	2,225
2010	500	500	170	85,000	29.00	2,465

February Weather Summary

February storm systems brought rain and snow to most Nevada locations improving mountain snowpacks. Temperatures ranged from 5.1 degrees below normal to 0.1 degrees above normal. Las Vegas recorded the monthly high at 71 degrees. Ely recorded the lowest temperature of the month at -10 degrees. Reno and Winnemucca recorded the most precipitation with 1.35 inches. Nevada snowpacks are 116 to 175 percent of average. Supplemental feeding of range livestock continued. Winter wheat is in good condition. Other farm and ranch activities included: equipment maintenance, calving and lambing, crop and livestock marketing, industry meetings.

Weather data for stations in Nevada for February 2011

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	Monthly Avg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	35.0	-3.5	67	10	1.35	+0.29	0.57
Elko	31.4	+0.1	62	3	0.37	-0.51	0.21
Ely	25.8	-4.0	56	-10	1.13	+0.38	1.03
Winnemucca	31.0	-5.1	63	-7	1.35	+0.73	0.58
Eureka	27.5	-2.2	61	-7	0.70	+0.16	0.28
Tonopah	34.1	-3.1	63	12	0.24	-0.27	0.18
Las Vegas	50.4	-1.8	71	26	0.07	-0.62	0.05

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