



# Nevada Ag Stats Newsletter

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## Highlights of the August Crop Report

Corn production is forecast at 12.9 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 153.0 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushel from 2010, and the fourth highest yield on record. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 84.4 million acres, up 4 percent from 2010.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.06 billion bushels, down 8 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.4 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 73.8 million acres, down 4 percent from 2010.

All wheat production, at 2.08 billion bushels, is down 1 percent from the July forecast and down 6 percent from 2010. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.2 bushels per acre, down 1.2 bushels from last year.

## August Weather Summary

August was hot and dry across Nevada. Temperature ranged from 0.5 to 5.7 degrees above normal, with most stations coming in 3 degrees above normal. Las Vegas recorded a high of 112 degrees. Other weather stations recorded highs in the upper nineties. Winnemucca and Eureka recorded a low of 39 degrees. Thunderstorms and precipitation were scattered. Eureka recorded the most precipitation with 0.38 inches. Small grain harvest was complete by month's end. Potatoes were in good condition. Hay producers finished the second cutting and started the third cutting. Pasture and range conditions were mostly good to excellent, some drying out at lower elevations. Range livestock were foraging seasonal pastures and ranges. Main farm and ranch activities were irrigating, hay harvest and shipping, weed and insect control, and equipment maintenance.

## **Weather data for stations in Nevada: August 2011**

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	Monthly Avg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	75.6	+5.7	99	53	Trace	-0.27	Trace
Elko	71.2	+3.0	98	43	0.11	-0.26	0.11
Ely	69.2	+3.1	95	40	0.07	-0.83	0.05
Winnemucca	70.5	+0.5	99	39	0.01	-0.17	0.01
Eureka	70.4	+3.2	96	39	0.38	-0.20	0.14
Tonopah	74.1	+1.6	97	50	Trace	-0.51	0.06 *
Las Vegas	93.9	+3.3	112	74	0.01	-0.32	0.01

\* Recorded in 24 hr period between 7/31/2011 and 8/1/2011

## Agricultural Land Values Highlights

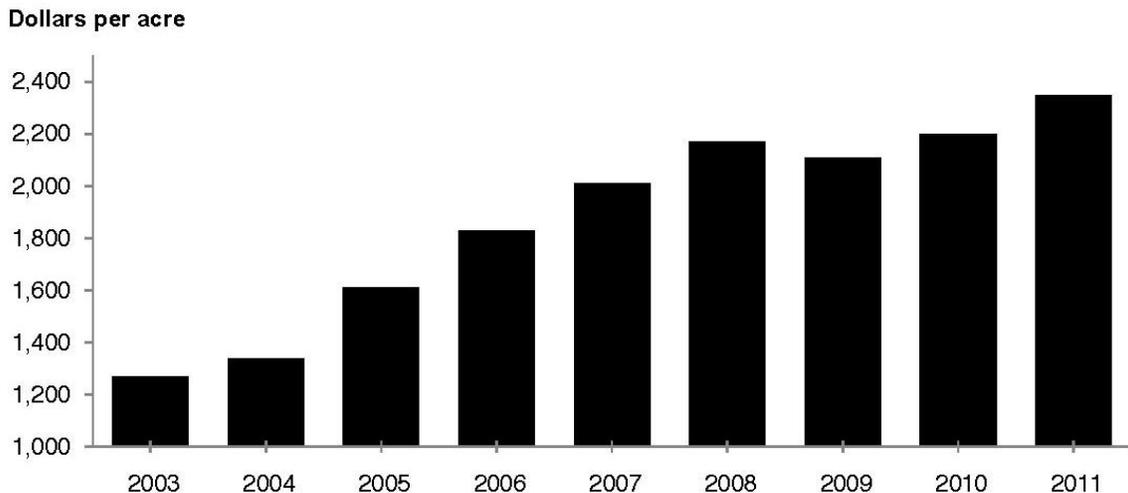
The United States farm real estate value, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$2,350 per acre for 2011, up 6.8 percent from 2010. Regional changes in the average value of farm real estate ranged from a 15.9 percent increase in the Corn Belt region to a 2 percent decline in the Southeast region. The highest farm real estate values remained in the Northeast region at \$4,690 per acre. The Mountain region, which includes Nevada, had the lowest farm real estate value, \$923 per acre. Nevada had a farm real estate value of \$1,000 per acre, unchanged from 2010.

The United States cropland value increased by \$260 per acre (9.4 percent) to \$3,030 per acre. In the Northern Plains and Corn Belt regions, the average cropland value increased 17.2 and 16 percent, respectively, from the previous year. However, in the Northeast and Southeast regions, cropland values decreased by 1.3 percent and 1.1 percent, respectively. In the Mountain region cropland values increased by \$20 per acre (1.3 percent) to \$1,550 per acre.

The United States pasture value increased to \$1,100 per acre or 1.9 percent above 2010. The Southeast region had the largest percentage decrease in pasture value, 8.4 percent below 2010. The Corn Belt and Northern Plains regions had the highest percentage increase, both 6.6 percent above 2010. Mountain region pasture values increased by \$7 per acre (1.4 percent) to \$525 per acre.

Nationally, cash rents per acre paid to landlords for cropland in 2011 increased \$9.00 (8.8 percent), while pasture rents increased \$0.50 (4.5 percent). Cropland cash rents averaged \$111.00 per acre, compared with \$102.00 per acre for 2010. Pasture cash rents averaged \$11.50 per acre, compared with the 2010 price of \$11.00. The increase in cropland land rental rates are the result of producers receiving strong commodity prices, while pasture cash rent is affected less by commodity prices and more by land values.

### **U.S. Average Farm Real Estate Value** Dollars per Acre, 2003 – 2011



## Hay Prices

**Nevada:** Hay prices for August were up for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$216.00 per ton, is up \$21.00 from July and up \$96.00 from last August. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$219.00 per ton, up \$21.00 from July and up \$99.00 from a year ago. All other hay, at \$180.00 per ton, is up \$24.00 from July and up \$65.00 from a year ago.

**United States:** On the national level for August, prices were up from July for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$172.00 per ton, is up \$2.00 from July and up \$62.00 from last August. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$191.00 per ton, and all other hay at \$127.00 per ton. July hay prices for the U.S. were \$170.00 for all hay, \$189.00 for alfalfa hay, and \$119.00 for all other hay.

## United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 113.9 million head on July 1, 2011, down 1 percent from the 115.1 million on July 1, 2010. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 45.8 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2011, totaled 100.0 million head, 1 percent below the 101.1 million on July 1, 2010. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of July 1, 2011, totaled 13.9 million head, down 1 percent from the 14.0 million on July 1, 2010. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.18 million, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

### **Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: July 1, 2006-2009**

Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	120,800.0	120,100.0	118,390.0	116,535.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	48,565.0	48,382.8	47,844.2	46,896.0
Beef cows .....	38,414.6	38,254.6	37,512.4	36,713.2
Milk cows .....	10,150.4	10,128.2	10,331.8	10,182.8
All other cattle .....	72,235.0	71,717.2	70,545.8	69,639.0
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	42,362.4	42,273.9	41,480.3	40,897.0

<sup>1</sup> January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada

### **Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: July 1, 2010 and 2011**

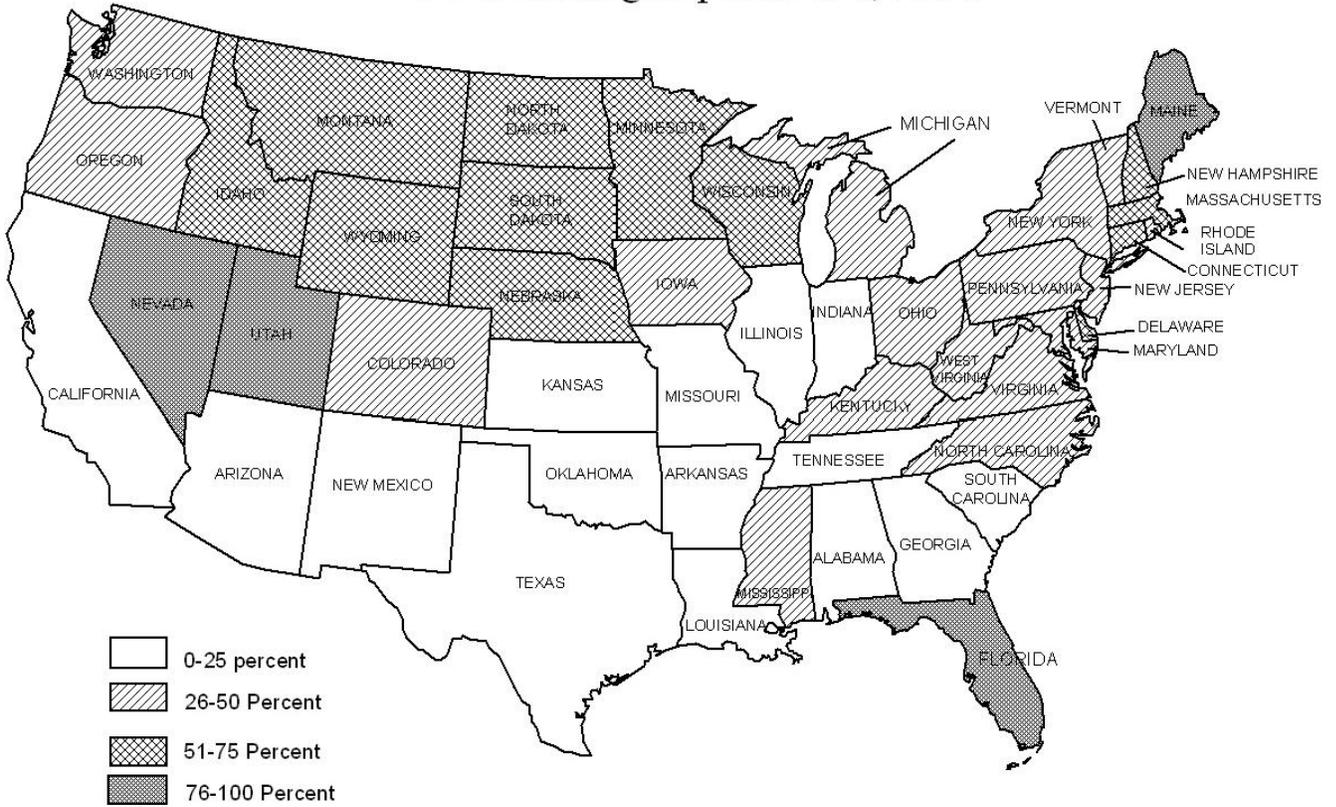
Class	2010	2011	2011 as percent of 2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	115,075.0	113,870.0	99
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	46,173.7	45,783.8	99
Beef cows .....	36,041.8	35,601.8	99
Milk cows .....	10,131.9	10,182.0	100
All other cattle .....	68,901.3	68,086.2	99
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	40,520.0		

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**Pasture and Range**

Pasture and Range Crop Condition, Percent Rating Good or Better  
Week Ending September 4, 2011



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