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CATTLE ON FEED

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on April 1, 2010. The inventory was 4 percent below April 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.71 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.02 million head, down 3 percent from 2009. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.86 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.80 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 602,000, and 800 pounds and greater

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were 485,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during March, 20 percent above 2009. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	04/01/09	03/01/10	04/1/10	-----DURING-----								
				03/09	02/10	03/10	03/09	02/10	03/10	03/09	02/10	03/10
AZ	330	286	278	24	21	20	35	24	27	1	1	1
CO	1,040	940	930	165	160	185	155	175	190	10	5	5
NM	137	D	D	10	D	D	19	D	D	2	D	D
TX	2,810	2,650	2,640	510	365	490	510	400	485	10	15	15
US	11,162	*10,874	10,769	1,808	*1,674	1,857	1,824	*1,716	1,902	50	68	60

* Revised. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 1/ Beginning in July 2009, New Mexico is included in the Other State total.

MARCH MILK PRODUCTION UP 0.9 PERCENT

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during March totalled 676 million pounds down 3.8 percent from a year ago. Production per cow averaged 2,105 pounds for March, 5 pounds below March 2009. The number of milk cows on farms was 321, 000 head, 12,000 head less than March 2009.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from March 2009. February revised production at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 0.3

percent from February 2009. The February revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,846 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 162,000 head less than March 2009, but 1,000 head more than February 2010.

Milk Cows and Production: February 2010 ^{1/} and March 2009 - 2010

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	03/09	02/10	03/10	03/09	02/10	03/10	03/09	02/10	03/10
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	189	170	170	2,110	1,930	2,180	399	328	371
CO	128	116	116	1,980	1,800	2,000	253	209	232
NM	333	318	321	2,110	1,870	2,105	703	595	676
TX	430	410	410	1,850	1,640	1,890	796	672	775
23 STS	8,482	8,319	8,320	1,795	1,642	1,846	15,222	13,660	15,355

^{1/} Revised. ^{2/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ^{3/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

INCOME FROM MEAT ANIMALS

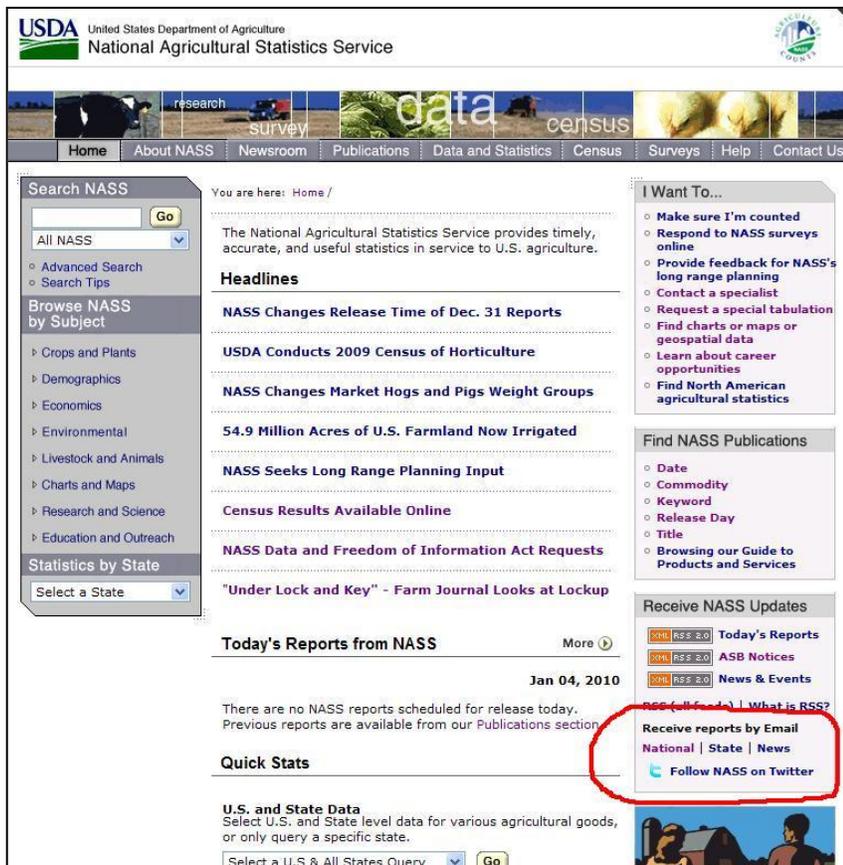
NEW MEXICO: Gross income from cattle and calves for 2009 totaled 1.011 million, a slight increase from the 2008 total of \$1.003 million. Marketings for cattle increased 8.5% while marketings for calves rose by 2.7%. Gross income from sheep and lambs decreased from \$5,566 to \$5,514 million. Marketings for sheep dropped from 18,000 head to 10,000 head. Hog and pig gross income totaled \$310 million a 12.3% decrease from the 2008 total of \$348 million. Marketings remained stable.

UNITED STATES: The 2009 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$59.0 billion, down 10 percent from 2008. Gross income decreased for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Cattle and calves decreased 10 percent, hogs and pigs also decreased 10 percent, while sheep and lambs decreased 3 percent.

Meat Animals: Marketing, Cash Receipts, Gross Income - New Mexico and U.S., 2008^{1/} - 2009

	Unit	New Mexico		United States	
		2008	2009	2008	2009
<u>CATTLE & CALVES</u>					
<u>Marketings</u> ^{2/}					
Cattle	1,000 head	1,055.0	1,145.0	44,365.1	390.0
Calves	1,000 head	380.0	390.0	8,802.9	8,478.5
<u>Average Price</u>					
Cash Receipts	\$1,000	999,419	1,007,546	48,517,768	43,776,568
Value of Home Consumption	\$1,000	3,449	3,398	415,924	386,304
Gross Income	\$1,000	1,002.868	1,010,944	48,933,692	44,162,872
<u>SHEEP & LAMBS</u>					
<u>Marketings</u> ^{2/}					
Sheep	1,000 head	18.0	10.0	736.6	615.3
Lambs	1,000 head	50.0	45.0	3,651.7	3,507.1
<u>Average Price</u>					
Cash Receipts	\$1,000	4,923	4,741	451,081	436,299
Value of Home Consumption	\$1,000	643	773	13,892	15,177
Gross Income	\$1,000	5,566	5,514	464,973	451,476
<u>HOGS & PIGS</u>					
<u>Marketings</u> ^{4/}					
All	1,000 head	3.1	3.1	148,986.1	149,065.4
<u>Average Price</u>					
Cash Receipts	\$1,000	235	186	16,050,481	14,395,114
Value of Home Consumption	\$1,000	133	124	33,526	31,647
Gross Income	\$1,000	348	310	16,084,007	14,426,761

^{1/} Revised. ^{2/} Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the State. ^{3/} Receipts from marketing and sale of farm slaughter. ^{4/} Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and inter-farm sales within the State. ^{5/} Includes allowance for higher average price of state in-shipments and out-shipments of feeder pigs.



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AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa hay prices for April averaged \$148.00 per ton, \$1.00 above the March price of \$147.00 per ton. All Hay prices averaged \$146.00 per ton, also \$1.00 above the March price of \$145.00 per ton. Cow prices increased by \$3.20 to \$62.30 per hundredweight. Steer and heifer prices were up to \$108.00 per hundredweight from \$101.00 the previous month.

Calf prices increased to \$129.00 per hundredweight from \$122.00 the previous month. The monthly milk price decreased slightly to \$13.80 per hundredweight from \$14.50 in March.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, March 2010 and April 2009- 2010

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		April 2009 ^{2/}	March 2010 ^{2/}	April 2010 ^{1/}	April 2010
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.31
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	0.635
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	7.59
Hay, all baled	Ton	190.00	145.00	146.00	109.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	196.00	147.00	148.00	113.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	0.204
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	3.51
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	4.69
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	51.80
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	115.00
Cows	Cwt.	51.00	59.10	62.30	56.90
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	91.10	101.00	108.00	101.00
Calves	Cwt.	110.00	122.00	129.00	121.00
Milk	Cwt.	11.20	14.50	13.80	14.60
Milk Replacement	Head	1300.00	-	1320.00	1330.00

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} March - entire month ^{4/}