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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 10.5 million head on May 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.54 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 300,000, 700-799 pounds were 469,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 495,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent below 2009. Other disappearance totaled 89,000 during April, 29 percent above 2009.

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketing's, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1/</sup>**

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance <sup>2/</sup>		
	05/01/09	04/01/10	05/01/10	<b>DURING</b>								
				04/09	03/10	04/10	04/09	03/10	04/10	04/09	03/10	04/10
AZ	311	278	268	21	20	16	38	27	24	2	1	2
CA	450	440	435	68	47	49	61	51	51	2	6	3
CO	1,010	930	940	150	185	170	165	190	145	15	5	15
ID	210	205	210	30	34	27	29	23	21	1	1	1
IA	540	600	600	79	77	76	68	84	72	1	3	4
KS	2,180	2,240	2,130	330	440	315	410	410	405	20	10	20
NE	2,270	2,290	2,240	350	380	400	395	430	435	5	10	15
<b>NM</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>
OK	315	340	325	52	64	57	66	77	70	1	2	2
SD	230	235	235	39	42	39	33	45	38	1	2	1
TX	2,680	2,640	2,510	395	490	400	510	485	510	15	15	20
WA	161	171	175	26	32	29	24	28	24	1	1	1
Oth Sts 1/	345	*398	385	49	*45	51	47	*53	59	2	4	5
<b>US</b>	<b>10,822</b>	<b>*10,767</b>	<b>10,453</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>*1,856</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>*1,903</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>89</b>

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

## MAY CROP PRODUCTION

**NEW MEXICO: 2009 Cotton Final:** Upland cotton production is estimated at 72,000 bales 480-pound bales, up 1,000 bales from last year. The yield in New Mexico for upland cotton is estimated at 1,172 pounds per acre, up 198 pounds from 2008. Harvested area, at 29,500 acres, is down 16 percent from last year.

**UNITED STATES: 2009 Cotton Final:** Upland cotton production is estimated at 11.8 million 480-pound bales, down 5 percent from last year. The United States yield for upland cotton is estimated at 766 pounds per acre, down 37 pounds from 2008. Harvested area, at 7.39 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from last year.

**Cotton: Area Planted and Harvested and Yield by Type, State, and United States, 2008 and 2009**

Type and State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----Pounds-----	
<b>Upland</b>						
AZ	135.0	145.0	133.0	144.0	1,462	*1,477
NM	<b>38.0</b>	<b>*31.1</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>*29.5</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>*1,172</b>
TX	5,000.00	5,000.0	*3,250.0	*3,500.0	657	*634
US	<b>9,297.0</b>	<b>*9,008.1</b>	<b>7,400.0</b>	<b>*7,390.5</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>*766</b>
<b>American-Pima</b>						
AZ	0.8	*1.6	0.8	*1.6	480	*1,170
NM	<b>2.6</b>	<b>*2.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>*2.8</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>*686</b>
TX	15.6	18.0	15.0	17.8	768	*836
US	<b>174.0</b>	<b>*141.4</b>	<b>168.7</b>	<b>*138.2</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>*1,389</b>
<b>ALL</b>						
AZ	135.8	146.6	133.8	*145.6	1,456	*1,473
NM	<b>40.6</b>	<b>*33.9</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>*32.3</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>*1,129</b>
TX	5,015.6	5,018.0	3,265.0	*3,517.8	658	*635
US	<b>9,471.0</b>	<b>*9,149.5</b>	<b>7,568.7</b>	<b>*7,528.7</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>*777</b>

\* Revised.

**Hay: Stocks on Farms by State and United States, December 1 and May 1, 2008-2010**

State	December 1		May 1	
	2008	2009	2009	2010
	----- 1,000 Tons-----			
AZ	475	500	50	60
CO	1,975	2,500	400	650
NM	<b>600</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>125</b>
TX	8,483	7,700	2,100	1,100
US	<b>103,658</b>	<b>107,222</b>	<b>22,065</b>	<b>20,913</b>

## PEANUT PRICE HIGHLIGHTS

Peanut prices received by farmers for all farmer stock peanuts averaged 21.6 cents per pound for the week ending May 22, up 1.3 cents from the previous week. Marketings of all farmer stock peanuts for the week ending May 22 totaled 47.8 million pounds, down 48.5 million pounds from the previous week.

Runner-type peanut prices averaged 19.9 cents per pound for the week ending May 22, down 0.3 cent from the previous week. Marketings of Runner-type peanuts were 39.2 million pounds, down 53.5 million pounds from the previous week.

**Peanuts: Prices and Marketings by Type and Week, United States: 2010**

Item and Type	Week Ending				
	04/24/10	05/01/10	05/08/10	05/15/10	05/22/10
----- Dollars per Pound -----					
Average Price					
Runners	0.202	0.202	0.204	*0.202	0.199
Spanish	0.212	(D)	0.264	(X)	(D)
Valencias	(X)	(D)	(X)	(X)	(D)
Virginias	0.225	0.232	0.228	0.225	0.225
All	0.204	0.203	0.212	*0.203	0.216
----- 1,000 Pounds -----					
Marketings 1/					
Runners	59,650	92,728	31,246	*92,699	39,181
Spanish	2,536	(D)	2,303	---	(D)
Valencias	---	(D)	---	---	(D)
Virginias	3,886	2,276	8,372	3,633	6,547
All	66,072	99,283	41,921	*96,332	47,801

\* Revised. --- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (X) not applicable. 1/ Quantity purchased from farmers.

## ANNUAL COTTON GINNINGS

**NEW MEXICO: 2009 Cotton Ginnings:** A total of 74, 150 running bales were ginned during the 2009 season in New Mexico, 1 percent above the 2008 ginnings of 73,400 running bales. Nationally, a total of 11.8 million running bales were ginned during the 2009 season, 5 percent below the 2008 ginnings of 12.5 million running bales. There were 680 active cotton gins during the 2009 season, down from the 734 gins that operated in 2008. Thirty-four percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 45 percent the previous season.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Produced and Equivalent 480-Pounds Bales,  
Ginned, By Type, State, and U.S. Crop Years 2008 - 09**

Type and State	Running Bales Produced		Equivalent 480-Lb. Bales Ginned	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
<b>All Cotton</b>				
AZ	394,450	432,250	387,550	437,900
CA	740,550	578,500	786,700	608,650
<b>NM</b>	<b>73,400</b>	<b>74,150</b>	<b>47,750</b>	<b>35,400</b>
TX	4,371,650	4,531,750	4,508,150	4,701,700
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>12,462,200</b>	<b>11,832,100</b>	<b>12,810,850</b>	<b>12,170,600</b>
<b>American-Pima</b>				
AZ	750	3,750	750	4,050
CA	386,300	346,650	403,200	359,750
<b>NM</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>5,200</b>
TX	23,100	30,550	22,850	30,050
<b>US</b>	<b>413,200</b>	<b>384,850</b>	<b>430,600</b>	<b>399,050</b>

## PEANUT STOCKS AND PROCESSING

**UNITED STATES:** Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on April 30, 2010 totaled 2.80 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 3.09 billion pounds a year ago. This total includes 1.90 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 837 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 56.3 million pounds.

**Table 1. Stocks of Peanuts and Specified Products at Month's End, Crop of 2009-2010 1/**

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	Shelled Peanuts	Total
1,000 Pounds						
Jan 2010	2,783,794	580,042	47,667	771,456		3,602,917
Apr 2009	2,316,578	522,250	74,210	694,593		3,085,381
Mar 2010	2,258,694	631,206	55,131	839,504		3,153,329
Apr 2010	1,903,852	629,509	56,261	837,247		2,797,360

- 1/ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of peanut producers and CCC in commercial storage facilities. Farmer stock on net weight basis.
- 2/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated).
- 3/ Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts X 1.33.

**Table 2. Farmer Stock Peanuts, by Type, on Hand at Month's End, Crop of 2009-2010 1/**

Month Ending	Virginias and Valencias	Runners	Spanish	Total All Types
1,000 Pounds				
Jan 2010	464,966	2,260,126	58,702	2,783,794
Apr 2009	337,690	1,950,416	28,472	2,316,578
Mar 2010	330,226	1,899,404	29,064	2,258,694
Apr 2010	279,000	1,600,736	24,116	1,903,852

- 1/ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of peanut producers and CCC in commercial storage facilities. Farmer stock on net weight basis.

**Table 5. Production of Shelled and Roasting Stock (In Shell) Peanuts, by Month, Crop of 2009-2010**

Month Ending	Shelled Edibles 1/				Shelled Oil Stocks 2/	Total Shelled	Roasting Stock 3/
1,000 Pounds							
Jan 2010	22,678	162,650	1,608	186,936	25,206	212,142	21,401
Mar	23,438	200,204	9,946	233,588	21,036	254,624	25,440
Apr	20,147	204,798	3,083	228,028	23,155	251,183	24,667
Apr 2009	25,682	176,774	8,482	210,938	20,856	231,794	30,845
Aug 2009-							
Apr 2010	216,414	1,617,045	38,241	1,871,700	223,740	2,095,440	194,597
Aug 2008-							
Apr 2009	211,200	1,542,968	45,337	1,799,505	198,023	1,997,528	220,061

- 1/ Includes peanuts milled for seed.
- 2/ Includes straight run oil stock peanuts.
- 3/ Cleaned and unshelled.

## QUARTERLY FARM LABOR

**NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA:** Mountain III Labor Comment, there were 18,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona (Mountain Region III) during the week of April 11-17, 2010, two thousand less than April 12-18 2009. Average hours worked by all hired workers decreased to 40.7 hours a week compared to 45.2 hours last year. Wage rates for field workers were up two cents to \$9.18 an hour from the previous April's \$9.16 an hour. Livestock worker wages were up 1.53 dollars to \$10.97 an hour from \$9.44. Overall, average wage rates for all hired agricultural workers were up one dollar to \$11.10 from \$10.10.

**UNITED STATES:** There were 997,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 11-17, 2010, up 10 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 737,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 260,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.83 per hour during the April 2010 reference week, down 1 cent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.04 per hour, up 5 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$10.31 per hour compared

with \$10.25 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.13 per hour, was up 6 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 39.8 for hired workers during the survey week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Hired worker wage rates were generally below a year ago in most regions. The largest decreases occurred in the Corn Belt II (Iowa and Missouri), Northeast II, Corn Belt I, Lake, Pacific (Oregon and Washington), and Appalachian I (North Carolina and Virginia) regions. In the Corn Belt I and II and Appalachian I regions, the lower wages were due to a higher percentage of part time workers. There were more salaried workers working more hours in the Northeast II and Pacific regions. This kept hourly wage levels below a year earlier. In the Lake region, reduced demand for highly skilled workers on dairies led to the lower average wage.

**Workers on Farms, Hours Worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,  
Selected Regions and U.S., July 2008-2009 <sup>1/</sup>**

	Mountain II <sup>2/</sup>		Mountain III <sup>3/</sup>		Southern Plains <sup>4/</sup>		United States <sup>5/</sup>	
	Apr 12-18 2009	Apr 11-17 2010	Apr 12-18 2009	Apr 11-17 2010	Apr 12-18 2009	Apr 11-17 2010	Apr 12-18 2009	Apr 11-17 2010
<b>Workers on Farms</b>	-----Thousands-----							
All Hired Workers	19	21	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	62	55	680	737
<b>Hours Worked</b>	-----Hours Per Week-----							
All Hired Workers	41.3	41.0	<b>45.2</b>	<b>40.7</b>	40.7	39.1	40.1	39.8
<b>Wages By Work Type</b>	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Field	9.68	10.90	<b>9.16</b>	<b>9.18</b>	9.67	9.56	9.99	10.04
Livestock	10.09	11.15	<b>9.44</b>	<b>10.97</b>	9.93	10.25	10.25	10.31
Field & Livestock	9.90	11.00	<b>9.29</b>	<b>10.25</b>	9.80	9.90	10.07	10.13
All Workers	10.60	11.93	<b>10.10</b>	<b>11.10</b>	10.40	10.30	10.84	10.83

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2/</sup> Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. <sup>3/</sup> Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. <sup>4/</sup> Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. <sup>5/</sup> Excludes AK.

**AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED**

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa hay prices for May averaged \$153.00 per ton, \$5.00 above the April price of \$148.00 per ton. All Hay prices averaged \$151.00 per ton, also \$5.00 above the April price of \$146.00 per ton. Cow prices increased by \$2.00 to \$65.00 per hundredweight.

Steer and heifer prices were down to \$106.00 per hundredweight from \$108.00 the previous month. Calf prices decreased to \$126.00 per hundredweight from \$129.00 the previous month. The monthly milk price increased slightly to \$14.30 per hundredweight from \$14.10 in April.

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

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. <sup>1/</sup>
		May 2009 <sup>1/</sup>	April 2010 <sup>2/</sup>	May 2010 <sup>1/</sup>	May
-----Dollars-----					
<b>CROPS</b>					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.31
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	0.643
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	7.95
Hay, all baled	Ton	180.00	146.00	151.00	116.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	183.00	148.00	153.00	121.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	0.205
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	3.41
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	4.39
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>					
Sheep <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	-	-	-	48.70
Lambs <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	-	-	-	119.00
Cows	Cwt.	51.00	63.00	65.00	59.50
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	91.00	108.00	106.00	101.00
Calves	Cwt.	111.00	129.00	126.00	123.00
Milk	Cwt.	10.7	14.10	14.30	15.00

<sup>1/</sup> Mid-month <sup>2/</sup> Entire month <sup>3/</sup> April - entire month