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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 9.9 million head on August 1, 2010. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.75 million, 6 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.71 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 415,000, 600-699 pounds were 305,000, 700-799 pounds were 449,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.90 million, 2 percent below 2009. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other

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disappearance totaled 48,000 during July, 12 percent above 2009.

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

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	08/01/09	07/01/10	08/01/10	-----DURING-----								
				07/09	06/10	07/10	07/09	06/10	07/10	07/09	06/10	07/10
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	275	255	248	25	21	21	36	27	27	1	2	1
CA	450	430	435	45	64	51	53	56	43	2	3	3
CO	850	920	890	125	125	140	180	170	165	5	5	5
ID	195	200	185	33	34	31	37	43	45	1	1	1
IA	510	570	560	61	57	69	70	75	77	1	2	2
KS	1,920	2,010	2,040	480	365	500	470	475	460	10	10	10
NE	1,920	2,000	1,960	410	310	370	400	435	400	10	15	10
OK	310	350	335	69	66	49	52	60	63	2	1	1
SD	190	215	200	29	23	33	43	36	47	1	2	1
TX	2,510	2,590	2,520	495	470	410	470	510	470	5	10	10
WA	138	167	161	33	32	33	40	42	38	1	1	1
Oth Sts	369	363	339	58	61	47	84	68	68	4	3	3
US	9,637	10,070	9,873	1,863	1,628	1,754	1,935	1,997	1,903	43	55	48

SEPTEMBER CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Sorghum for grain production is forecast at 2.5 million bushels with yields of 50.0 bushels per acre. This compares to 2.3 million bushels in 2009 with yields of 46.0 bushels per acre. **Peanut** harvested acreage in 2010 is forecast at 10,000 acres with total production of 31 million pounds. This compares to 7,000 harvested acres in 2009 with total production of 21.7 million pounds. **Upland cotton** yields in 2010 are forecast at 1,005 pounds per acre with 43,000 harvested acres bringing total production to 90,000 bales. American-Pima harvested acreage is forecast at 3,000 acres with yields of 928 pounds per acre and total production at 5.8 thousand bales.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at a record 13.2 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the August forecast, but up from the previous record of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009. **Soybean** production is forecast at a record high 3.48 billion bushels, up 1 percent from August and 4 percent above last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 18.3 million 480-pound bales, 56 percent above 2009. **American Pima** production, forecast at 497,800 bales, was carried forward from last month. **Sorghum** production is forecast at 376 million bushels, down 2 percent from both last month and last year. Expected area for harvest as grain is forecast at 5.18 million acres, unchanged from August but down 6 percent from 2009. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 72.7 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from August but up 3.3 bushels from last year.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production for Selected States and United States, 2009 and Forecasted September 1, 2010

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
				Aug. 1	Sept. 1		
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		----- Bushels -----			----- 1,000 Bushel-----	
Corn for Grain							
CO	990	1,210	153.0	140.0	144.0	151,470	174,240
NM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TX	1,960	2,050	130.0	140.0	140.0	254,800	287,000
US	79,590	81,005	164.7	165.0	162.5	13,110,062	13,159,700
Sorghum for Grain							
CO	150	140	45.0	37.0	34.0	6,750	4,760
NM	50	50	46.0	47.0	50.0	2,300	2,500
TX	2,050	2,100	48.0	70.0	69.0	98,400	144,900
US	5,520	5,176	69.4	74.1	72.7	382,983	376,469
Soybeans							
TX	190	180	25.0	34.0	31.0	4,750	5,580
US	76,372	77,986	44.0	44.0	44.7	3,359,011	3,482,899
Peanuts			----- Pounds -----			----- 1,000 Pound -----	
NM	7	10	3,100	3,200	3,100	21,700	31,000
TX	155	160	3,500	3,500	3,600	542,500	576,000
US	1,081	1,261	3,412	3,204	3,242	3,688,350	4,088,100
Upland Cotton			----- Pounds -----			----- 1,000 Bales 1/ -----	
AZ	144.0	193.0	1,477	1,469	1,467	443.0	590.0
NM	29.5	43.0	1,172	1,125	1,005	72.0	90.0
TX	3,500.0	5,400.0	634	768	782	4,620.0	8,800.0
US	7,390.5	10,566.0	766	831	833	11,787.6	18,343.0
Amer-Pima Cotton							
AZ	1.6	2.5	1,170	960	960	3.9	5.0
NM	2.8	3.0	686	928	928	4.0	5.8
TX	17.8	17.5	836	1,015	1,015	31.0	37.0
US	138.2	207.0	1,389	1,154	1,154	399.9	497.8
Potatoes Fall						-----1,000 Cwt-----	
CO	55.2	55.2	400	-	-	22,080	-
NM	6.4	6.2	400	-	-	2,560	-
US	917.2	882.3	429	-	-	393,544	-

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned. Yield reported in pounds per acre; production in bales (480 lb. net wt.).

SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during July totaled 679 million pounds, up 3.2 percent from July 2009. Production per cow averaged 2,095 pounds for July, 45 pounds above July 2009. The number of milk cows on New Mexico farms was 324,000 head, 3,000 more than July 2009.

July 2009. June revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 2.9 percent from June 2009. The June revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,830 pounds for July, 59 pounds above July 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 26,000 head less than July 2009, but 19,000 head more than June 2010.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 15.3 billion pounds, up 3.0 percent from

Milk Cows and Production: June 2010 and July 2009 - 2010

State	Milk Cows 1/			Milk per Cow 2/			Milk Production 2/		
	06/10	07/09	07/10	06/10	07/09	07/10	06/10	07/09	07/10
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	176	171	179	2,025	1,800	1,870	356	308	335
CA	1,750	1,790	1,749	1,940	1,815	1,945	3,395	3,249	3,402
CO	118	124	119	2,010	1,970	2,050	237	244	244
FL	115	115	115	1,600	1,450	1,500	184	167	173
ID	562	550	567	1,910	1,930	1,970	1,073	1,062	1,117
IL	101	102	101	1,615	1,580	1,575	163	161	159
IN	170	168	169	1,735	1,725	1,750	295	290	296
IA	212	215	211	1,760	1,740	1,785	373	374	377
KS	118	117	119	1,755	1,735	1,750	207	203	208
MI	359	356	359	1,970	1,945	1,980	707	692	711
MN	470	469	470	1,670	1,670	1,690	785	783	794
MO	100	108	100	1,230	1,195	1,190	123	129	119
NM	325	321	324	2,080	2,050	2,095	676	658	679
NY	610	621	611	1,770	1,735	1,800	1,080	1,077	1,100
OH	270	278	270	1,660	1,630	1,690	448	453	456
OR	116	114	120	1,715	1,695	1,745	199	193	209
PA	541	545	541	1,660	1,640	1,680	898	894	909
TX	410	423	415	1,775	1,700	1,775	728	719	737
UT	85	83	85	1,810	1,840	1,850	154	153	157
VT	137	135	137	1,555	1,570	1,540	213	212	211
VA	95	96	95	1,515	1,510	1,515	144	145	144
WA	250	239	252	1,970	2,015	2,030	493	482	512
WI	1,262	1,257	1,263	1,780	1,765	1,795	2,246	2,219	2,267
23 STS	8,352	8,397	8,371	1,817	1,771	1,830	15,177	14,867	15,316

1/ Includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U.S. CANADIAN CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

UNITED STATES: All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada combined totaled 114.8 million head on July 1, 2010, down 2 percent from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 46.1 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago. All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2010, head on July 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have

calved, at 40.8 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. All cattle and calves in Canada as of July 1, 2010, totaled 14.0 million head, down 5 percent from the 14.7 million on July 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.34 million, were down 4 percent from the 5.57 million on July 1, 2009.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States and Canada, July 1, 2009-2010 1/

Class	United States			Canada			United States and Canada		
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	--1,000 Head--		Percent	---1,000 Head---		Percent	----1,000 Head----		Percent
Cattle and Calves	102,000	100,800	99	14,735	14,011	95	116,735	114,811	98
Cows & Heifers									
That Have Calved	41,400	40,800	99	5,571	5,338	96	46,971	46,138	98
Beef Cows	32,200	31,700	98	4,588	4,356	95	36,788	36,056	98
Milk Cows	9,200	9,100	99	983	982	100	10,183	10,082	99
Other Cattle	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,764	68,675	98
Heifers 500 Pounds & Over	16,200	16,100	99	-	-	-	-	-	-
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,500	4,400	98	-	-	-	-	-	-
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,950	4,050	103	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Heifers	7,750	7,650	99	-	-	-	-	-	-
Steers 500 Pounds & Over	14,400	14,300	99	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bulls 500 Pounds & Over	2,100	2,100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calves Under 500 Pounds	27,900	27,500	99	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heifers 1 Year & Over	-	-	-	2,319	2,226	96	-	-	-
For Beef Cow Replacement	-	-	-	638	624	98	-	-	-
For Milk Cow Replacement	-	-	-	459	452	98	-	-	-
Other Heifers	-	-	-	1,222	1,150	94	-	-	-
Steers 1 Year & Over	-	-	-	1,665	1,496	90	-	-	-
Bulls 1 Year & Over	-	-	-	248	239	96	-	-	-
Calves Under 1 Year	-	-	-	4,932	4,714	96	-	-	-
Calf Crop 2/ 3/	35,819	35,400	99	5,080	-	-	40,899	-	-

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ January to December calf crop. Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

**Shelled Edible Grade Season to Date Utilization Up 4 Percent from Last Year
Peanut Stocks in Commercial Storage Totaled 1.83 Billion Pounds**

UNITED STATES: Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on July 31, 2010 totaled 1.83 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 2.13 billion pounds a year ago. This total includes 991 million pounds of actual

farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 784 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 52.9 million pounds.

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 3/
August 2009	1,037,510	561,433	53,413	746,706	1,837,629
July 2010	991,394	589,793	52,929	784,425	1,828,748

1/ Excludes stock 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.

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
August 2009	128,292	909,218	0	1,037,510
July 2010	120,496	863,290	7,608	991,394

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.

Production of Shelled and Roasting Stock (In Shell) Peanuts, Crop of 2009-2010

Month Ending	Shelled Edibles 1/				Shelled Oil Stocks 2/	Total Shelled	Roasting Stock 3/
	Virginias and Valencias	Runners	Spanish	Total			
August 2009	29,463	186,581	2,018	218,062	26,512	244,574	17,572
July 2010	23,119	165,460	565	189,144	19,523	208,667	21,856

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

PEANUT PRICE HIGHLIGHTS

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

Item and Type	Week Ending				
	08/07/2010	08/14/2010	08/21/2010	08/28/2010	09/04/2010
	-----Dollars per Pound-----				
Average Price					
Runners	0.196	0.200	0.200	0.205	0.202
Spanish	(D)	(X)	(X)	(X)	0.239
Valencias	(D)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginias	0.222	0.257	0.241	0.229	0.250
All	0.203	0.216	0.204	0.210	0.205
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				
Marketings 1/					
Runners	45,669	41,538	69,632	59,194	196,626
Spanish	(D)	-	-	-	797
Valencias	(D)	-	-	-	-
Virginias	7,453	15,093	7,238	15,169	14,087
All	54,609	56,631	76,870	74,363	211,510

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

DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS

Cheddar Cheese prices received for US 40 pound blocks averaged \$1.64 per pound for the week ending September 4, 2010. The price per pound increased 1.7 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.65 per pound, up 3.5 cents from the previous week.

Nonfat Dry Milk prices received for bag, tote, and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Grade A standards averaged \$1.15 per pound for the week ending September 4, 2010. The US price per pound increased 0.6 cents from the previous week.

**40 Pound Block Cheddar Cheese Prices and Sales – Region and United States:
August 7, 2010 – September 4, 2010**

Region	Week Ending				
	08/07/2010	08/14/2010	08/21/2010	08/28/2010	09/04/2010
	-----Dollars Per Pound-----				
Price weighted by sales					
Minnesota and Wisconsin	1.6589	1.6971	1.7021	1.7378	1.7402
Other States	1.5781	1.5914	1.5943	1.6153	1.6350
United States	1.5834	1.5974	1.6029	1.6245	1.6417
	-----Pounds-----				
Sales					
Minnesota and Wisconsin	803,592	629,554	1,016,086	803,562	709,675
Other States	11,287,763	10,410,208	11,642,166	9,863,370	10,518,248
United States	12,091,355	11,039,762	12,658,252	10,666,932	11,227,923

**Nonfat Dry Milk Prices and Sales – United States:
August 7, 2010 – September 4, 2010**

Region	Week Ending				
	08/07/2010	08/14/2010	08/21/2010	08/28/2010	09/04/2010
	-----Dollars Per Pound-----				
Price weighted by sales					
United States	1.1766	1.1353	*1.1490	*1.1406	1.1465
	-----Pounds-----				
Sales					
United States	18,803,839	22,484,715	*19,778,529	*23,084,760	25,427,189

* Revised

FARM LABOR

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 19,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona (Mountain Region III) during the week of July 11-17, 2010, one thousand more than July 12-18 2009. Average hours worked by all hired workers decreased to 44.6 hours a week compared to 45.4 hours last year. Wage rates for field workers were down 39 cents to \$9.18 an hour from the previous July's \$10.09 an hour. Livestock worker wages were down 1.25 dollars to \$9.69 an hour from \$10.94. Overall, average wage rates for all hired agricultural workers were down one 69 cents to \$10.50 from \$11.19.

UNITED STATES: There were 1,244,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 11-17, 2010, down 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 894,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 350,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.82 per hour during the July 2010 reference week, up 16 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.12 per hour, up 8 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.19 per hour compared with \$10.05 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.14 per hour, was up 10 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.0 for hired workers during the survey week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

The largest decreases in the number of hired workers from last year occurred in the Lake (Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin), Southern Plains (Oklahoma and Texas), Corn Belt I (Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio), Delta (Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi), and Appalachian II (Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia) regions. In the Lake, Corn Belt I, and Appalachian II regions, weather conditions were wetter than last year's reference week. Fieldwork progress was slowed for nearly two days in some

areas, lowering the demand for hired workers. Heavy rains and flooding occurred in parts of Texas, halting most field activities and reducing the need for hired workers in the Southern Plains region. In the Delta region, declining demand from the nursery and greenhouse industries kept hired worker numbers below last year.

The largest increases in the number of hired workers from last year occurred in California, and in the Northern Plains (Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota), Corn Belt II (Iowa and Missouri), Appalachian I (North Carolina and Virginia), and Mountain II (Colorado, Nevada, and Utah) regions. Above normal winter precipitation in California allowed more acreage to be cropped due to increased availability of irrigation water. Therefore, more hired workers were needed. In the Northern Plains and Mountain II regions, weather conditions were drier than last year's reference week. This allowed field activities to progress rapidly and increased the need for hired workers. Strong demand from the cattle and poultry industries in the Corn Belt II region pushed hired worker numbers above last year. In the Appalachian II region, increased requirements from the tobacco, vegetable, and fruit industries kept hired worker levels above the previous year.

Hired worker wage rates were generally above a year ago in most regions. The largest increases occurred in the Northern Plains, Northeast II (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania), Corn Belt I, and Southeast (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina) regions. In the Northern Plains, Corn Belt I and Southeast regions, the higher wages were due to a lower proportion of part time workers. The higher wages in the Northeast II region were due to a larger percentage of higher paid equine workers.

**Workers on Farms, Hours Worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and U.S., July 2009-2010 ^{1/}**

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	July 12-18 2009	July 11-17 2010	July 12-18 2009	July 11-17 2010	July 12-18 2009	July 11-17 2010	July 12-18 2009	July 11-17 2010
Workers on Farms	-----Thousands-----							
All Hired Workers	20	24	18	19	61	53	875	894
Hours Worked	-----Hours Per Week-----							
All Hired Workers	40.1	44.1	45.4	44.6	39.5	44.0	39.7	41.0
Wages By Work	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Field	10.16	9.61	10.09	9.70	8.94	8.98	10.04	10.12
Livestock	8.54	8.99	10.94	9.69	9.72	9.54	10.05	10.19
Field & Livestock	9.60	9.40	10.38	9.70	9.30	9.20	10.04	10.14
All Workers	10.21	10.05	11.19	10.50	9.88	9.90	10.66	10.82

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

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa hay prices for August averaged \$156.00 per ton, while All Hay prices averaged \$153.00 per ton. Alfalfa and All Hay prices decreased by \$1.00 from the previous month. Cow prices remained at the July price of \$64.00. Steer and heifer prices for August were down from \$99.00 in July to \$98.00 per hundredweight.

Calf prices increased to \$122.00 per hundredweight from the previous month's price of \$118.00 per hundredweight. The August monthly milk price increased by \$0.80 to \$16.20 per hundredweight from the July price of \$15.40.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, July 2010 and August 2009-2010

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		August 2009 ^{2/}	July 2010 ^{2/}	August 2010 ^{1/}	August 2010
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.28
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.626
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	9.16
Hay, all baled	Ton	141.00	154.00	153.00	111.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	144.00	157.00	156.00	116.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	.210
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	3.65
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	5.56
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	43.00
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	123.00
Cows	Cwt.	48.00	64.00	64.00	58.20
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	90.00	99.00	98.00	97.70
Calves	Cwt.	105.00	118.00	122.00	120.00
Milk	Cwt.	11.40	15.40	16.20	16.40

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