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CATTLE

North Dakota **All cattle and calves** as of January 1, 2012 totaled 1.69 million head, down 1 percent from 1.70 million head on January 1, 2011. This is the fifth consecutive yearly decrease in herd size since January 1, 2007 when total inventory was 1.85 million head. For the current inventory, the only categories to show an increase were bulls weighing 500 pounds or more and calves under 500 pounds. All other categories decreased from the previous year, except milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, both of which showed no change from a year ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved as of January 1, 2012, at 880,000 head, were down from 900,000 cows a year ago and 890,000 cows on January 1, 2010. **Beef cows**, at 862,000 head, were down from 880,000 cows the previous year and below 869,000 cows on January 1, 2010. **Milk cows**, at 18,000 head, were down from 20,000 cows a year ago and have now declined in number for six consecutive years.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 393,000 head, were down from 420,000 head last year and slightly below 395,000 head on January 1, 2010. **Beef cow replacement heifers**, at 183,000 head, were slightly down from last year's 185,000 head but still above 165,000 head on January 1, 2010. **Milk cow replacement heifers**, at 10,000 head, have remained steady since 2010. **Other heifers**, at 200,000 head, were down from 225,000 head a year ago and 220,000 head on January 1, 2010.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 255,000 head, were equal to a year ago but down from 275,000 head on January 1, 2010. **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, at 57,000 head, were up from 55,000 head year ago but down from 2010. **Calves** under 500 pounds, at 105,000 head, were up from 70,000 head a year ago and 100,000 head on January 1, 2010. **Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots**, at 60,000 head, remained steady from a year ago but was down from 90,000 head on January 1, 2010.

The **2011 calf crop** is estimated at a record low 860,000 head, down from 2010's calf crop of 880,000 and 2009's calf crop of 890,000 head.

SHEEP AND GOATS

North Dakota **All sheep and lamb inventory** on January 1, 2012 totaled a record low 73,000 head, down from 78,000 head last year.

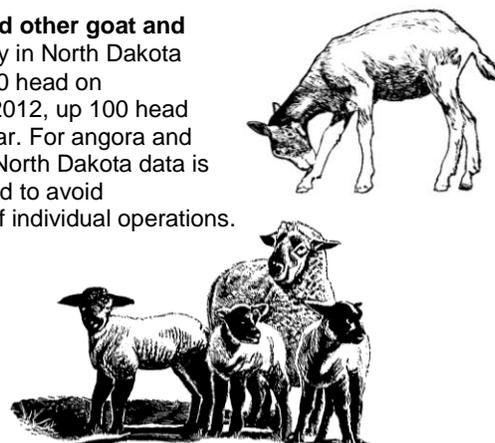
Breeding sheep inventory totaled a record low 57,000 head, down 7 percent from last year's 61,000 head. Ewes one year and older totaled a record low 46,000 head, down 4,000 head from the previous year. Rams one year and older remained unchanged from last year's 2,000 head. Total replacement lambs were also unchanged from last year at 9,000 head.

Market sheep and lambs totaled a record low 16,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year. A total of 1,000 head were mature sheep (1 year and older) while the remaining 15,000 were under 1 year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 1,000 lambs were under 65 pounds; 3,000 were 65-84 pounds; 7,000 were 85-105 pounds; 4,000 were over 105 pounds.

The **2011 lamb crop** totaled a record low 63,000 head, down from 70,000 in 2010. The 2011 lambing rate was 126 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 119 per 100 ewes in 2010.

Shorn wool production during 2011 was a record low 540,000 pounds, down 5 percent from 2010. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 66,000 head, down 4,000 head from 2010. The average price paid for wool sold in 2011 was \$1.40 per pound, compared with \$0.90 in 2010. The total value of wool was \$756,000, up 47 percent from \$513,000 in 2010.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in North Dakota totaled 2,800 head on January 1, 2012, up 100 head from last year. For angora and milk goats, North Dakota data is not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.



POTATO STOCKS

North Dakota

Growers, dealers and processors held 9.3 million hundredweight (cwt) of potatoes in storage February 1, 2012, down 10 percent from a year ago, but up 3 percent from 2009. Current stocks represent 49 percent of the production, up from 47 percent in 2010 and 2009. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

Comparing stocks by type, russets accounted for 67 percent of the total, down from 68 percent in 2011 and 71 percent in 2010. Round whites were 12 percent of the total, down from 13 percent in 2011, but up from 9 percent in 2010. Long whites were 4 percent, down from 5 percent in 2011 and 2010. All white potatoes, at 16 percent of total stocks, were down from the 18 percent in 2011, but up from 14 percent in 2010. Reds, at 16 percent of total stocks, were up from 13 percent in 2011 and 14 percent in 2010. Yellows, at 1 percent, were the same as both 2011 and 2010.

United States

The 13 major potato States held 187 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2012, up 4 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 49 percent of the 2011 fall storage States' production, one percentage point below February 1, 2011.



Potato disappearance, at 193 million cwt, was 9 percent above February 1, 2011. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 19.3 million cwt, was up 16 percent from the same date in 2011. Processors in the 9 major States have used 106 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 15 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 20.9 million cwt of the total processing, up 53 percent from last year.

CROP VALUES

North Dakota

The total value of the 2011 crop production is estimated at \$5.93 billion, a 21 percent decrease from the 2010 total of \$7.50 billion. Value of production for each crop is computed by multiplying the marketing year average price by the production.

The total value of spring wheat, the largest valued commodity at \$1.38 billion, was down 27 percent from \$1.88 billion in 2010. The total value of the Durum crop decreased 54 percent to \$195 million from \$423 million in 2010. The value of winter wheat totaled \$93 million, a 5 percent increase from 2010. The total value of soybeans at

\$1.28 billion was down 15 percent from last year. The 2011 corn for grain value of production at \$1.24 billion was virtually unchanged from the previous year. All sunflower value, at \$228 million was down 25 percent from \$303 million in 2010. At \$91.3 million, the total value of production for barley was down 44 percent from 2010.

United States

The total value of the 2011 crop production for field and miscellaneous crops is estimated at \$171 billion, up from 2010's \$157 billion. Crop Values includes average prices and values of production for major field crops and many specialty crops.

Field Crops, Value of Production – North Dakota: 2010-2011

(Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.)

Crop	Price per unit		Value of production	
	2010 (dollars)	2011 (dollars)	2010 (1,000 dollars)	2011 (1,000 dollars)
Wheat, all.....bushels	6.61	8.40	2,390,963	1,663,606
Spring.....bushels	6.78	8.20	1,879,416	1,375,550
Durum.....bushels	6.34	10.70	423,195	195,093
Winter.....bushels	5.02	6.70	88,352	92,963
Barley.....bushels	3.74	5.55	162,877	91,298
Oats.....bushels	2.60	2.95	16,653	13,039
Sunflower, all.....cwt	24.20	30.60	303,038	227,714
Oil.....cwt	23.70	29.30	237,024	202,170
Non-oil.....cwt	25.90	33.50	66,014	25,544
Canola.....cwt	19.30	23.30	421,589	297,075
Soybeans.....bushels	10.90	11.40	1,508,342	1,283,355
Flaxseed.....bushels	12.20	13.90	104,139	33,721
Safflower.....cwt	18.50	25.00	2,437	616
Corn for grain.....bushels	5.01	5.75	1,243,282	1,243,725
Dry edible beans.....cwt	24.70	37.90	283,383	187,226
Dry edible peas.....cwt	9.47	14.70	76,896	17,052
Lentils.....cwt	25.10	22.90	98,568	18,870
Potatoes.....cwt	8.75	10.10	192,500	190,537
Sugarbeets.....tons	69.90		396,403	
Hay, all.....tons	58.00	66.00	295,120	340,075
Alfalfa.....tons	61.00	71.00	218,868	258,653
Other.....tons	44.00	51.50	76,252	81,422
Total value ¹	(X)	(X)	7,503,696	5,933,193

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Total value includes field and miscellaneous crops not listed above.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota

Prices received by farmers for spring wheat for January 2012 averaged \$7.95 per bushel, a decrease of 49 cents from the December 2011 price. Soybeans, at \$11.10 per bushel, decreased 10 cents from the previous month while corn increased 20 cents to \$5.60 per bushel.

United States

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 186 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 7 points (3.9 percent) from December. The Crop Index is up 10 points (5.1 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.6 percent).

Prices Received for Field Crops – North Dakota, January 2012 with comparisons

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Jan 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012
Wheat, all dollars/bushel	7.23	8.40	7.93
Spring dollars/bushel	7.28	8.44	7.95
Durum dollars/bushel	7.25	8.94	8.40
Winter..... dollars/bushel	5.61	6.68	6.25
Barley, all dollars/bushel	3.61	5.56	5.53
Feed dollars/bushel	3.19	5.36	5.10
Malting dollars/bushel	3.89	5.60	5.60
Oats dollars/bushel	(D)	2.95	(D)
Sunflower, all..... dollars/cwt	22.80	31.10	30.20
Oil dollars/cwt	22.60	29.10	(D)
Non-oil dollars/cwt	25.30	34.20	(D)
Canola..... dollars/cwt	20.30	22.90	23.40
Soybeans dollars/bushel	10.90	11.20	11.10
Flaxseed dollars/bushel	13.80	13.60	13.60
Corn dollars/bushel	4.35	5.40	5.60
Beans, all dry edible..... dollars/cwt	23.10	39.30	44.90
Pinto dollars/cwt	22.20	40.50	(D)
Navy dollars/cwt	25.30	40.20	(D)
Potatoes, all dollars/cwt	9.15	10.90	10.20
Fresh ¹ dollars/cwt	12.00	18.40	(D)
Processing dollars/cwt	7.60	7.10	(D)
Baled hay, all ² dollars/ton	64.00	74.00	69.00
Alfalfa ² dollars/ton	67.00	80.00	75.00
Other ² dollars/ton	48.00	54.00	55.00

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock.

² Alfalfa, other and all hay are mid-month prices only.

FARM NUMBERS/LAND IN FARMS

North Dakota

The number of farms and ranches during 2011 is estimated at 31,900 farms, unchanged from 2010. All land in farms totaled 39.6 million acres, unchanged from 2010. The record high of 42.7 million acres of land in farms was recorded in the period of 1950-1954. Average farm size at 1,241 acres is also unchanged from last year.

Farm numbers in the \$1,000-\$9,999 economic sales class totaled 10,200 farms. There were 9,400 farms with sales between \$10,000 and \$99,999. The number of farms ranging \$100,000 to \$249,999 is estimated at 3,800. The \$250,000-\$499,999 sales class totaled 3,900 farms. Farms in the state with sales of \$500,000 and higher totaled 4,600.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class and Average Farm Size

North Dakota and United States: 2010-2011

(A farm is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year.)

Item and class	North Dakota		United States	
	2010 (number)	2011 (number)	2010 (number)	2011 (number)
Number of farms:				
\$1,000-\$9,999	10,500	10,200	1,227,200	1,200,550
\$10,000-\$99,999	9,200	9,400	592,420	600,350
\$100,000-\$249,999	4,600	3,800	147,290	145,640
\$250,000-\$499,999	3,700	3,900	98,980	100,890
\$500,000+	3,900	4,600	126,110	133,570
Total	31,900	31,900	2,192,000	2,181,000
Land in farms:	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
\$1,000-\$9,999	1,800	1,600	104,380	100,680
\$10,000-\$99,999	6,000	6,000	225,130	225,050
\$100,000-\$249,999	6,900	5,400	143,710	138,730
\$250,000-\$499,999	8,400	8,800	147,295	146,805
\$500,000+	16,500	17,800	298,325	305,725
Total	39,600	39,600	918,840	916,990
Average farm size	(acres) 1,241	(acres) 1,241	(acres) 419	(acres) 420

MILK PRODUCTION

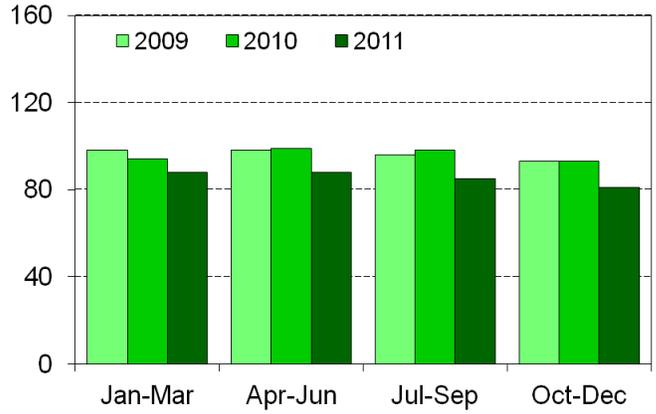
North Dakota

Milk production for the October – December 2011 quarter totaled 81.0 million pounds, down 13 percent from 93 million pounds during the same period a year earlier. Average number of milk cows during the current quarter, at 18,000 head, was down 1,000 head from the previous quarter of July – September 2011 and down 2,000 head from the October – December 2010 quarter.



Quarterly Milk Production North Dakota

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