



ARIZONA LIVESTOCK MAY 2004

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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory up 10 Percent

On May 1, 2004, Arizona had 295,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 10 percent from a year ago and up 2,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 31,000 head, down 3 percent from April 2003. During April, 27,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 32 percent from last April.

On May 1, 2004, California had 500,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 6 percent from last May and up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 75,000 head, up 23 percent from April 2003. During April, 67,000 head were marketed, an increase of 6 percent from April 2003.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more

head totaled 10.36 million head on May 1, 2004. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2003 and 6 percent below May 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.60 million, 14 percent below 2003 but 10 percent above 2002. Net placements were 1.51 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 316,000, 600-699 pounds were 302,000, 700-799 pounds were 567,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 418,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.89 million, 5 percent below both 2003 and 2002. Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during April, 54 percent above 2003 and 17 percent above 2002.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States 2003-2004

State	Number on Feed 1/					Placements During April			Marketings During April			Other Disappearance During April 2/		
	May 1, 2003	Apr 1, 2004	May 1, 2004			2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
			Number	as % of 2003	as % of Apr									
		1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	
AZ	269	293	295	110	101	32	31	97	40	27	68	1	2	200
CA	470	495	500	106	101	61	75	123	63	67	106	3	3	100
CO	1,000	970	940	94	97	200	155	78	165	175	106	5	10	200
ID	275	255	250	91	98	45	45	100	49	47	96	1	3	300
IA	370	415	415	112	100	57	57	100	60	53	88	2	4	200
KS	2,270	2,360	2,240	99	95	420	355	85	450	440	98	20	35	175
NE	2,080	2,210	2,100	101	95	320	320	100	420	420	100	10	10	100
NM	101	105	105	104	100	21	14	67	24	11	46	1	3	300
OK	330	330	310	94	94	68	51	75	75	68	91	3	3	100
SD	210	205	200	95	98	31	26	84	29	28	97	2	3	150
TX	2,680	2,640	2,560	96	97	540	415	77	520	480	92	10	15	150
WA	170	170	160	94	94	25	24	96	34	33	97	1	1	100
Other Sts	310	300	285	92	95	50	35	70	56	45	80	4	5	125
US	10,535	10,748	10,360	98	96	1,870	1,603	86	1,985	1,894	95	63	97	154

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

April Milk Production Down 0.9 Percent

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.6 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from April 2003. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds, was down 1.7 percent from March 2003. The March revision represented an increase of 0.2 percent or 22 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,630 pounds for April, 3 pounds above April 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 81,000 head less than April 2003, but 2,000 head more than March 2004.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, April 2003-2004

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	Change From 2003
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	155	155	2,045	2,055	317	319	0.6
CA	1685	1,714	1,800	1,790	3,033	3,068	1.2
FL	144	138	1,415	1,505	204	208	2.0
ID	397	414	1,800	1,760	715	729	2.0
IL	111	108	1,610	1,580	179	171	-4.5
IN	148	147	1,685	1,660	249	244	-2.0
IA	203	194	1,610	1,580	327	307	-6.1
KY	120	110	1,140	1,190	137	131	-4.4
MI	301	297	1,730	1,750	521	520	-0.2
MN	475	465	1,500	1,480	713	688	-3.5
MO	130	124	1,325	1,370	172	170	-1.2
NM	315	327	1,810	1,735	570	567	-0.5
NY	679	658	1,505	1,480	1,022	974	-4.7
OH	261	261	1,490	1,500	389	392	0.8
PA	582	561	1,575	1,550	917	870	-5.1
TX	320	317	1,600	1,705	512	540	5.5
VT	150	144	1,495	1,495	224	215	-4.0
VA	116	102	1,355	1,460	157	149	-5.1
WA	248	240	1,895	1,905	470	457	-2.8
WI	1,260	1,243	1,480	1,500	1,865	1,865	
20-State Total	7,800	7,719	1,627	1,630	12,693	12,584	-0.9

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Pork Production at Record Monthly High for April

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.71 billion pounds in April, down 3 percent from the 3.85 billion pounds produced in April 2003. April 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. April 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 1.96 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, down 9 percent from April 2003. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,200 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.9 million pounds, 13 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70,700 head, down 11 percent from April 2003. The average live weight was 7 pounds below last year, at 329 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.73 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year, and set a record monthly high. Hog kill totaled 8.65 million head, 4 percent above April 2003. The average live weight was unchanged the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.4 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 256,000 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, up 5 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2004 commercial red meat production was 14.8 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 8 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 5 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: Arizona and U.S. 1/

Class	April 2003	March 2004	April 2004	April 2004 as % of 2/	
				April 2003	March 2004
1,000 Pounds			Percent		
ARIZONA					
Total Red Meat 3/	38,900	31,600	29,000	74	92
UNITED STATES					
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,151	*2,107	1,957	91	93
Veal	16.0	*14.1	13.9	87	99
Pork	1,659	1,801	1,725	104	96
Lamb and Mutton	19.5	22.1	17.4	89	79
Total Red Meat	3,846	*3,944	3,713	97	94

* Revised

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentage based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available; includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona, April 2004 and U.S., January - April 2004 1/

Species	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	April			January-April		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight 2/	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight 3/	Average Live Weight 2/
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	Million Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	37.2	48,572	1,305	10,570.8	7,791	1,224
Calves 4/				297.8	58.5	327
Hogs	1.2	247	203	34,366.1	6,856	268
Sheep	0.2	27	112	994.9	69.8	140

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and average live weights based on unrounded data.

3/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

4/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations, but included in U.S. total.

May Farm Prices Received Index Reaches Third Consecutive Record High

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May at 132, based on 1990-92=100, is 7 points (5.6 percent) above the April Index. This is the highest index level since records began in 1910. The Livestock Products Index, also at a record high, increased 9 points (7.1 percent) from April while the All Crops Index increased 4 points (3.3 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, hogs, cattle, and broilers. Lower prices were received for lettuce, eggs, corn, and tomatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of cantaloups, grapes, sweet corn, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk,

apples, and asparagus. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 27 points (26 percent) from May 2003. The Food Commodities Index increased 9 points (7.1 percent) from last month to 135. The index stands 31 points (30 percent) above May 2003.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 134 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point from April and 7 points (5.5 percent) above May 2003. Higher prices in May for complete feeds, feeder cattle, hay and forages, and gasoline more than offset lower prices for feed concentrates, feed grains, feeder pigs, and nitrogen fertilizers.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and U.S., May 2003 and 2004 and April 2004

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2003 Entire Month	April 2004 Entire Month	May 2004 Mid-Month	May 2003 Entire Month	April 2004 Entire Month	May 2004 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	45.9	61.2	61.2
All Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	111.00	129.70	124.30
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	133.00	140.70	139.70
Winter Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	106.30	126.30	121.30
All Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	100.00	90.00	111.00	98.00	89.60	101.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	100.00	90.00	112.00	100.00	92.70	109.00
Other Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	95.00	85.00	87.00	88.40	76.00	74.90
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	15.30	16.50	17.70	19.20	16.20	18.10
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	9.00	9.86	2/	17.30	17.50	18.10
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	2/	2/	2/	30.50	31.00	30.80
Tangerines 4/	\$ Box	2/	35.20	2/	26.40	26.10	29.10
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	42.00	51.00	50.00	42.40	50.50	52.40
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	79.30	98.00	101.00	79.60	88.90	92.60
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	78.90	97.50	100.00	75.50	84.80	88.40
Calves	\$ Cwt	90.00	120.00	113.00	100.00	117.00	122.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	10.60	17.30	19.80	11.00	18.20	20.30

1/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

6/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

7/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. Price Index Summary Table

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	2003		2004	
	April	May	April	May
Prices Received	101	105	125	132
Prices Paid	128	127	133	134
Ratio 1/	79	83	94	99

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.