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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory up 8 Percent From Last Year

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.85 million head on August 1, 2004. The inventory was 3

percent above August 1, 2003 but 3 percent below August 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.72 million, 14 percent below 2003 and 7 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.66 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 325,000, 700-799 pounds were 499,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 456,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.93 million, 15 percent above 2003 and 12 percent below 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during July, 3 percent below 2003 but 29 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 July			Marketings During July			Other Disappearance During July 2/		
	Aug 1, 2003	Jul 1, 2004	Aug 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 July									
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		
AZ	271	295	294	108	100	32	32	100	26	31	119	1	2	200
CA	485	520	520	107	100	66	65	98	67	60	90	4	5	125
CO	860	940	880	102	94	175	150	86	200	205	103	5	5	100
ID	240	240	235	98	98	56	43	77	70	47	67	1	1	100
IA	295	390	380	129	97	56	52	93	70	60	86	1	2	200
KS	2,180	2,090	2,120	97	101	570	520	91	540	475	88	10	15	150
NE	1,570	1,850	1,750	111	95	350	310	89	460	405	88	10	5	50
NM	116	124	127	109	102	21	22	105	17	17	100	3	2	67
OK	335	315	315	94	100	75	61	81	85	59	69	5	2	40
SD	148	173	157	106	91	21	12	57	38	26	68	2	2	100
TX	2,690	2,760	2,670	99	97	475	395	83	590	470	80	15	15	100
WA	170	150	150	88	100	50	29	58	39	28	72	1	1	100
Oth States	230	270	255	111	94	50	29	58	68	43	63	2	1	50
US	9,590	10,117	9,853	103	97	1,997	1,720	86	2,270	1,926	85	60	58	97

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.

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

State	Milk cows 1/		Milk per cow 2/		Milk production 2/		Change From 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	155	158	1,750	1,820	271	288	6.3
CA	1,690	1,728	1,755	1,780	2,966	3,076	3.7
FL	141	139	1,215	1,340	171	186	8.8
ID	408	422	1,880	1,840	767	776	1.2
IL	110	107	1,490	1,520	164	163	-0.6
IN	148	150	1,625	1,640	241	246	2.1
IA	201	192	1,580	1,570	318	301	-5.3
KY	115	111	1,005	1,055	116	117	0.9
MI	304	301	1,830	1,785	556	537	-3.4
MN	475	465	1,455	1,470	691	684	-1.0
MO	129	122	1,150	1,240	148	151	2.0
NM	316	330	1,795	1,770	567	584	3.0
NY	673	656	1,515	1,495	1,020	981	-3.8
OH	260	266	1,450	1,460	377	388	2.9
PA	574	559	1,500	1,510	861	844	-2.0
TX	320	320	1,395	1,540	446	493	10.5
VT	148	145	1,505	1,525	223	221	-0.9
VA	114	102	1,210	1,340	138	137	-0.7
WA	244	240	1,965	1,940	479	466	-2.7
WI	1,255	1,240	1,515	1,505	1,901	1,866	-1.8
20-State Total	7,780	7,753	1,597	1,613	12,421	12,505	0.7

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Red Meat Production Down From Previous Month

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.71 billion pounds in July, down 8 percent from the 4.05 billion pounds produced in July 2003.

Beef production, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 14 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 15 percent from July 2003. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,239 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.4 million pounds, 9 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 69,000 head, down 19 percent from July 2003. The average live weight was 36 pounds above last year, at 325 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, down slightly from the

previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.09 million head, slightly below July 2003. The average live weight was unchanged the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was down 10 percent from July 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 220,800 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, down 3 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2004 commercial red meat production was 26.0 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: Arizona and U.S. July 2003 and 2004 and June 2004 1/

Class	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2004 as % of	
				July 2003	June 2004
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
ARIZONA 2/					
Total Red Meat	37,000	35,400	32,100	87	91
	Million Pounds			Percent	
<u>UNITED STATES</u>					
Beef	2,439	2,227	2,104	86	94
Veal	14.8	13.4	13.4	91	100
Pork	1,580	1,672	1,576	100	94
Lamb and Mutton	15.7	15.5	14.2	90	91
Total Red Meat	4,050	3,928	3,708	92	94

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

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

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S. 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	July 2004			January - July 2004		
	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	41.4	53,768	1,298	19,189.1	14,193	1,223
Calves 4/				498.1	99.0	332
Hogs	0.3	54	183	58,544.1	11,604	266
Sheep	0.1	8	90	1,635.4	112.5	137

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

2/ 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.

Range and Pasture Conditions Remained in Mostly Poor to Fair Condition

During July, ranges and pastures in Arizona remained in mostly poor to fair condition. Many areas of the State received some beneficial rains, but other areas remain critically dry. Arizona livestock continued in mostly fair condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies throughout the State remained mostly short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

Northern grazing conditions were poor to fair. Limited precipitation fell across the region. Cattle were moved to higher elevation pastures which were in mostly fair to good condition. Mid elevation pastures were rated poor to fair, but pastures were in very poor to poor condition. Livestock continued in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture remained short. Insect damage was moderate.

Overall, Central pasture conditions were mostly poor to fair. July rains filled some stock tanks and added to others. Range and pasture

conditions were mostly poor to good at high level and mid elevations. Low elevation conditions remained poor to fair. Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture continued short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

Southern pastures continued in mostly poor to fair condition. Varied rain totals were recorded during July. Some areas received very little precipitation and other areas received more than 3 inches of rain. Pasture conditions were mostly fair to good at high elevations. Mid and low elevations pastures remained in mostly poor to fair condition. Livestock were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was light.

Pasture and Range Crop Condition by Percent, Week Ending August 1, 2004

State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent						Percent					
AL	1	5	28	54	12	NJ	0	0	25	50	25
AZ	26	21	14	26	13	NM	19	33	25	16	7
AR	0	3	22	61	14	NY	0	5	38	34	23
CA	50	40	10	0	0	NC	1	5	27	58	9
CO	3	17	33	42	5	ND	19	17	30	29	5
CT	0	3	38	59	0	OH	2	5	29	53	11
DE	0	8	25	61	6	OK	1	4	22	49	24
FL	0	5	25	50	20	OR	1	12	43	39	5
GA	1	7	33	52	7	PA	3	4	19	52	22
ID	0	6	37	55	2	RI	0	2	23	75	0
IL	1	5	27	50	17	SC	1	11	29	56	3
IN	1	6	20	59	14	SD	9	18	31	34	8
IA	1	5	20	56	18	TN	0	2	15	63	20
KS	6	16	34	38	6	TX	6	12	27	41	14
KY	1	3	18	51	27	UT	9	14	31	41	5
LA	1	6	30	57	6	VT	0	7	26	62	5
ME	0	0	2	69	29	VA	0	3	21	53	23
MD	0	4	20	45	31	WA	2	14	54	30	0
MA	0	6	40	52	2	WV	0	9	25	54	12
MI	3	15	33	38	11	WI	3	8	33	40	16
MN	2	7	32	53	6	WY	25	28	32	12	3
MS	2	5	20	58	15						
MO	0	2	17	67	14	48 States	8	12	26	42	12
MT	25	22	28	21	4						
NE	10	14	31	36	9	Prev. Week	8	11	27	42	12
NV	15	36	40	9	0	Prev. Year	9	18	31	34	8
NH	0	2	21	61	16						

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**August Farm Prices Received Index Down
 4 Points From Last Month**

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August is 120, based on 1990-92=100, is 4 points (3.2 percent) below the July Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. The Crop Index, declined 2 points (1.7 percent) from July while the Livestock Index decreased 6 points (4.7). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, strawberries, and cantaloup. Lower prices were received for broilers, soybeans, dairy, and corn. 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 tobacco, cattle, grapes, and sweet corn offset decreased marketing of wheat, hay, dairy, and broilers. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (10 percent) from August 2003.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The August Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 135 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point from July and 8 points (6.3 percent) above August 2003. Higher prices in August for complete feeds, diesel fuel, feeder cattle, and nitrogen fertilizers, more than offset lower prices for feed grains, other machinery, feed supplements, and feed concentrates.

The Food Commodities Index declined 3 points (2.4 percent) from last month to 124. The index stands 14 points (13) above August 2003.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and U.S., August 2003 and 2004 and July 2004

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		August 2003 Entire Month	July 2004 Entire Month	August 2004 Mid-Month	August 2003 Entire Month	July 2004 Entire Month	August 2004 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	2/	2/	46.3	54.5	52.5
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	111.70	112.30	104.30
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	126.00	137.00	127.70
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	109.30	110.70	100.70
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	87.00	100.00	91.00	85.00	90.40	89.80
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	88.00	100.00	90.00	91.90	98.40	97.40
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	82.00	95.00	100.00	66.70	70.90	70.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	43.80	52.20	54.30	44.50	56.30	55.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	84.80	106.00	106.00	82.90	91.80	91.50
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	84.40	105.00	105.00	79.30	88.50	88.10
Calves	\$ Cwt	98.80	125.00	131.00	106.00	131.00	131.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	13.00	16.40	14.60	13.30	16.00	15.00

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

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

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

7/ Preliminary; 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	
	July	August	July	August
Prices Received	105	109	124	120
Prices Paid	127	127	134	135
Ratio 1/	83	86	93	89

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