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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory up 8 Percent from Last Year

On September 1, 2004, Arizona had 296,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 8 percent from a year ago and 2,000 head more than last month. Placements during August totaled 30,000 head, 2,000 more than in August, 2003. Also during August, 26,000 head were marketed, an increase of 13 percent from a year ago.

On September 1, 2004, California had 520,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 6 percent from a year ago and unchanged from last month. Placements totaled 63,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year. During August, 59,000 head were marketed, an increase of 4 percent from last August.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.97 million head on September 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2003 but 2 percent below September 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.10 million, 12 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.04 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 506,000, 600-699 pounds were 413,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 615,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent below 2003 and 10 percent below 2002. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during August, 7 percent below 2003 but 30 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 August			Marketings During August			Other Disappearance During August 2/		
	Sep 1, 2003	Aug 1, 2004	Sep 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 Aug									
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	
AZ	274	294	296	108	101	28	30	107	23	26	113	2	2	100
CA	490	520	520	106	100	65	63	97	57	59	104	3	4	133
CO	900	880	930	103	106	240	205	85	195	150	77	5	5	100
ID	245	235	245	100	104	58	58	100	52	47	90	1	1	100
IA	300	380	375	125	99	79	62	78	73	66	90	1	1	100
KS	2,250	2,120	2,130	95	100	580	520	90	500	495	99	10	15	150
NE	1,660	1,750	1,800	108	103	470	420	89	370	360	97	10	10	100
NM	121	127	129	107	102	23	23	100	15	19	127	3	2	67
OK	345	315	325	94	103	84	76	90	72	64	89	2	2	100
SD	134	157	138	103	88	30	25	83	43	43	100	1	1	100
TX	2,700	2,670	2,670	99	100	610	530	87	580	520	90	20	10	50
WA	185	150	160	86	107	51	33	65	35	22	63	1	1	100
Other Sts	235	255	255	109	100	66	54	82	60	52	87	1	2	200
US	9,839	9,853	9,973	101	101	2,384	2,099	88	2,075	1,923	93	60	56	93

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.

August Milk Production Up 1.5 Percent

Milk production in the 20 major States during August totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from August 2003. July revised production, at 12.5 billion pounds, was up 1.0 percent from July 2003. The July revision represented an increase of 36 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,595 pounds for August, 24 pounds above August 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 5,000 head less than August 2003, but 7,000 head more than July 2004.

Milk Cows and Production: by State, August 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	163	1,610	1,740	250	284	13.6
CA	1,693	1,733	1,755	1,775	2,971	3,076	3.5
FL	140	138	1,120	1,225	157	169	7.6
ID	411	431	1,860	1,860	764	802	5.0
IL	110	107	1,480	1,490	163	159	-2.5
IN	152	149	1,610	1,610	245	240	-2.0
IA	200	190	1,540	1,545	308	294	-4.5
KY	112	110	975	1,045	109	115	5.5
MI	304	303	1,805	1,755	549	532	-3.1
MN	470	465	1,420	1,440	667	670	0.4
MO	128	121	1,125	1,210	144	146	1.4
NM	317	330	1,750	1,740	555	574	3.4
NY	671	654	1,475	1,500	990	981	-0.9
OH	260	266	1,420	1,440	369	383	3.8
PA	571	560	1,480	1,475	845	826	-2.2
TX	320	320	1,310	1,465	419	469	11.9
VT	147	145	1,470	1,495	216	217	0.5
VA	112	104	1,190	1,350	133	140	5.3
WA	244	237	1,960	1,925	478	456	-4.6
WI	1,254	1,240	1,495	1,495	1,875	1,854	-1.1
20-State Total	7,771	7,766	1,571	1,595	12,207	12,387	1.5

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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U.S. Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2004 was 61.4 million head. This was 1 percent above both September 1, 2003, and June 1, 2004.

Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 1 percent from September 1, 2003, and also up 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.4 million head, was 1 percent above last year and 2 percent above last quarter.

The June-August 2004 U.S. pig crop, at 26.0 million head, was up 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, 1 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.00 for the June-August 2004 period, compared to 8.90 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Pork Production Sets Record Monthly High for August

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in August, down 1 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in August 2003.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, down 10 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,252 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.9 million pounds, 2 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,800 head, down 9 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was 26 pounds above last year, at 320 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year, and was a record monthly high. Hog kill totaled 8.72 million head, 8 percent above August 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 232,600 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

January to August 2004 commercial red meat production was 29.9 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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

Class	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	August 2004 as % of 2/	
				August 2003	July 2004
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
ARIZONA 3/					
Total Red Meat	36,300	32,100	29,500	81	92
	Million Pounds			Percent	
UNITED STATES					
Beef	2,328	*2,105	2,151	92	102
Veal	14.1	13.4	13.9	98	104
Pork	1,559	1,576	1,698	109	108
Lamb and Mutton	15.7	14.2	15.1	96	106
Total Red Meat	3,917	*3,709	3,878	99	105

* Revised

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

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

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

	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	August			January-August		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight 2/	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight	Average Live Weight 2/
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	Million Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	38.1	49,866	1,309	22,009.5	16,344	1,227
Calves 3/				570.9	113.0	330
Hogs	0.2	40	200	67,264.3	13,302	266
Sheep	0.1	5	81	1,868.0	127.7	136

1/ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Average live weights based on unrounded data.

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

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September Farm Prices Received Index Down 6 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, is 6 points (5.0 percent) below the August Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. The Crop Index, declined 7 points (5.9 percent) from August while the Livestock Index decreased 5 points (4.1 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for broccoli, wheat, grapes, oranges, and peaches. Lower prices were received for broilers, soybeans, cattle, corn, and lettuce. 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 soybeans, peanuts, corn, and apples offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat, and grapes. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 3 points (2.7 percent) from September 2003.

The Food Commodities Index declined 6 points (4.9 percent) from last month to 117. The index stands 5 points (4.5 percent) above September 2003.

Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The September Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 133 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 1 point from August but 5 points (3.9 percent) above September 2003. Lower prices in September for complete

feeds, feed concentrates, feed grains, and hay and forages more than offset higher prices for LP gas, nitrogen fertilizers, diesel fuel, and building materials.

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

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		September 2003 Entire Month	August 2004 Entire Month	September 2004 Mid-Month	September 2003 Entire Month	August 2004 Entire Month	September 2004 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	55.7	53.7	47.2
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	131.70	128.30	132.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	85.00	90.00	90.00	90.10	97.40	95.50
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	28.80	---	---	28.50	35.80	34.70
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	42.50	54.50	51.00	44.80	54.70	52.80
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	91.40	109.00	108.00	89.30	92.50	89.80
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	90.90	108.00	107.00	84.90	88.90	86.30
Calves	\$ Cwt	108.00	133.00	132.00	109.00	131.00	129.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	14.20	14.90	15.10	14.50	15.00	15.10

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

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 pounds

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. September 2004 is preliminary

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2003		2004	
	August	September	August	September
Prices Received	109	111	120	114
Prices Paid	127	128	134	133
Ratio 1/	86	87	90	86

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