



# ARIZONA LIVESTOCK

## October 2004

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### Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 8 Percent from Last Year

On October 1, 2004, Arizona had 298,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 8 percent from a year ago and up 2000 head from last month. Placements totaled 28,000 head, 12 percent above September 2003. During September, 25,000 head were marketed, 2,000 more than last September.

On October 1, 2004, California had 520,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 7 percent from last year, but the same level as last month. Placements totaled 64,000 head, up 5 percent from last year. During September, 60,000 head were marketed, 3,000 less than last September.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2003 and up slightly from October 1, 2002. The inventory included 6.46 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted

for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.96 million head, up 1 percent from 2003.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.37 million, 4 percent below 2003 but 8 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.31 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 623,000, 600-699 pounds were 474,000, 700-799 pounds were 557,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 3 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during September, 3 percent below 2003 but 15 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/					Number Placed on Feed			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
			Oct 1, 2004			During September			During September			During September 2/		
	Oct 1, 2003	Sep 1, 2004	Number	as % of 2003	as % of Sep	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>			<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	275	296	298	108	101	25	28	112	23	25	109	1	1	100
CA	485	520	520	107	100	61	64	105	63	60	95	3	4	133
CO	950	930	1,020	107	110	255	275	108	200	180	90	5	5	100
ID	270	245	275	102	112	82	84	102	56	53	95	1	1	100
IA	310	375	375	121	100	80	70	88	69	69	100	1	1	100
KS	2,300	2,130	2,220	97	104	530	520	98	465	410	88	15	20	133
NE	1,830	1,800	1,940	106	108	520	470	90	345	320	93	5	10	200
NM	123	129	125	102	97	16	18	113	10	19	190	4	3	75
OK	350	325	340	97	105	81	80	99	73	62	85	3	3	100
SD	145	138	143	99	104	49	41	84	37	35	95	1	1	100
TX	2,720	2,670	2,770	102	104	620	600	97	580	490	84	20	10	50
WA	195	160	175	90	109	53	48	91	41	32	78	2	1	50
Other Sts	265	255	285	108	112	102	76	75	70	45	64	2	1	50
US	10,218	9,973	10,486	103	105	2,474	2,374	96	2,032	1,800	89	63	61	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.

# Happy Thanksgiving

### Commercial Red Meat Production

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in September, down 3 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in September 2003. September 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. September 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Beef production**, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 13 percent from September 2003. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from the previous year, at 1,266 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 13.0 million pounds, 15 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,300 head, down 18 percent from September 2003. The average live weight was 13 pounds above last year, at 321 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.77 billion pounds up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.00 million head, 5 percent above September 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 265 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 243,600 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago.

**January to September 2004 commercial red meat production** was 33.8 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

**Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/**

Class	September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	September 2004 as % of 2/	
				September 2003	August 2004
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<b>Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>29,500</b>	<b>28,300</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>96</b>
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,314	2,151	2,104	91	98
Veal	15.3	*14.0	13.0	85	93
Pork	1,668	1,698	1,772	106	104
Lamb and Mutton	16.9	15.1	16.3	96	108
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>4,014</b>	<b>3,878</b>	<b>3,905</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>101</b>

\* Revised.

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

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter: By Arizona and United States, September 2003 and 2004 1/**

Species	Arizona			United States		
	September			January-September		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight 2/	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight 3/	Average Live Weight 2/
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Cattle	<b>35.9</b>	<b>48,026</b>	<b>1,337</b>	24,745.3	18,449	1,231
Calves 4/				638.2	126.0	330
Hogs	<b>0.5</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>172</b>	76,262.2	15,074	266
Sheep	<b>0.2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>98</b>	2,111.7	143.9	136

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.

### September Milk Production Up 1.3 Percent

**Milk production** in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.9 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from September 2003. August revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from August 2003. The August revision represented a decrease of 11 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 20 major States averaged 1,529 pounds for September, 18 pounds above September 2003.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 6,000 head more than September 2003, and 4,000 head more than August 2004.

### July-September Milk Production Up 1.1 Percent

Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 42.2 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the

quarter was 9.03 million head, 40,000 head less than the same period last year.

**Milk Cows and Production: By State, September 2003-2004**

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
<b>AZ</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>10.8</b>
CA	1,695	1,737	1,670	1,710	2,831	2,970	4.9
FL	139	137	1,020	1,115	142	153	7.7
ID	413	431	1,780	1,780	735	767	4.4
IL	109	107	1,420	1,440	155	154	-0.6
IN	155	150	1,575	1,540	244	231	-5.3
IA	200	190	1,490	1,480	298	281	-5.7
KY	111	109	975	1,000	108	109	0.9
MI	304	303	1,755	1,685	534	511	-4.3
MN	470	465	1,355	1,365	637	635	-0.3
MO	127	121	1,090	1,150	138	139	0.7
NM	318	330	1,705	1,670	542	551	1.7
NY	668	654	1,430	1,420	955	929	-2.7
OH	259	266	1,380	1,380	357	367	2.8
PA	566	562	1,415	1,415	801	795	-0.7
TX	320	320	1,305	1,405	418	450	7.7
VT	147	145	1,430	1,430	210	207	-1.4
VA	111	104	1,175	1,290	130	134	3.1
WA	244	235	1,865	1,855	455	436	-4.2
WI	1,253	1,239	1,430	1,440	1,792	1,784	-0.4
<b>20-State Total</b>	<b>7,764</b>	<b>7,770</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>11,731</b>	<b>11,879</b>	<b>1.3</b>

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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### October Farm Prices Received Index Down 4 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 111, based on 1990-92=100, is 4 points (3.5 percent) below the September Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. The Crop Index declined 6 points (5.4 percent) from September while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, oranges, grapes, and cucumbers. Lower prices were received for corn, soybeans, hogs, broilers, and potatoes. 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, corn, and cotton offset decreased marketings of dairy, grapes, and sweet corn. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.8 percent) from October 2003.

The Food Commodities Index declined 2 points (1.7 percent) from last month to 116. The index is unchanged from October 2003.

### Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The October 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 unchanged from September but 5 points (3.9 percent) above October 2003. Lower prices in October for

feed grains, complete feeds, and feed concentrates are offset by higher prices for diesel fuel, feeder cattle, gasoline, and feeder pigs.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, October 2003 and 2004 and September 2004

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004
		Entire Month	Entire Month	Mid-Month	Entire Month	Entire Month	Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	2/	2/	67.8	49.3	47.7
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	129.70	130.00	124.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	83.00	90.00	95.00	89.10	95.50	97.80
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	26.30	---	14.33	8.36	15.41	13.10
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	42.40	52.90	51.70	44.60	53.10	50.40
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	92.10	107.00	111.00	97.80	89.30	91.10
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	91.60	106.00	110.00	91.50	85.80	86.40
Calves	\$ Cwt	109.00	128.00	125.00	112.00	129.00	127.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	14.50	15.30	15.60	15.00	15.40	15.50

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

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

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

8/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2003		2004	
	September	October	September	October
Prices Received	111	113	115	111
Prices Paid	128	129	134	134
Ratio 1/	87	88	86	83

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