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Cattle on Feed

On November 1, 2004, Arizona had 321,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 15 percent from a year ago and up 8 percent from last month. Placements totaled 48,000 head, up 22,000 from October 2003. During October, 21,000 head were marketed, 1,000 fewer than last October.

On November 1, 2004, California had 525,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 6 percent from last year and up 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 70,000 head, up 2,000 head from last year. During October, 59,000 head were marketed, up 5,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on November 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2003 and 5 percent above November 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.70 million, 3 percent below 2003 but 13 percent above 2002. This is the second lowest placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.64 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 912,000, 600-699 pounds were 764,000, 700-799 pounds were 529,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 496,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent below 2003 and 9 percent below 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during October, 35 percent below 2003 and 21 percent below 2002.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed (1,000+ Capacity Feedlots) October 1, 2004 and November 1, 2003 and 2004, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance October 2003 and 2004 by State and United States

State	Number on Feed 1/					Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	Nov 1, 2003		Oct 1, 2004		Nov 1, 2004			During October		During October		During October 2/		2004 as % of 2003
	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	Number	as % of 2003	as % of Oct	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2003	
AZ	278	298	321	115	108	26	48	185	22	21	95	1	4	400
CA	495	520	525	106	101	68	70	103	54	59	109	4	6	150
CO	1,050	1,020	1,090	104	107	270	260	96	160	185	116	10	5	50
ID	295	275	305	103	111	88	78	89	60	47	78	3	1	33
IA	350	375	430	123	115	113	125	111	72	68	94	1	2	200
KS	2,430	2,220	2,400	99	108	570	570	100	410	375	91	30	15	50
NE	2,140	1,940	2,210	103	114	640	600	94	320	325	102	10	5	50
NM	118	*136	134	114	99	19	29	153	20	29	145	4	2	50
OK	350	340	360	103	106	78	87	112	74	64	86	4	3	75
SD	177	143	169	95	118	68	65	96	34	38	112	2	1	50
TX	2,840	2,770	2,880	101	104	680	650	96	530	520	98	30	20	67
WA	200	175	180	90	103	51	43	84	45	37	82	1	1	100
Other Sts	320	285	330	103	116	110	76	69	54	30	56	1	1	100
US	11,043	*10497	11,334	103	108	2,781	2,701	97	1,855	1,798	97	101	66	65

* Revised

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.

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Commercial Red Meat Production

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.92 billion pounds produced in October 2003.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, down 9 percent from October 2003. The average live weight was up 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,267 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 24 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,500 head, down 28 percent from October 2003. The average live weight was 22 pounds above last year, at 330 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.78 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.97 million head, 7 percent below

October 2003. The average live weight was unchanged the previous year, at 267 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 9 percent from October 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 241,400 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, unchanged from October a year ago.

January to October 2004 commercial red meat production was 37.7 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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

Class	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	October 2004 as % of 2/	
				October 2003	September 2004
			<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona 3/					
Total Red Meat	34,200	28,300	26,500	77	94
			<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
United States					
Beef	2,212	2,104	2,114	96	100
Veal	16.3	13	12.4	76	96
Pork	1,912	1,772	1,779	93	100
Lamb and Mutton	17.9	16.3	16.3	91	100
Total Red Meat	4,158	3,905	3,921	94	100

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: Arizona, October 2004 and U.S., January-October 2004 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	October			January-October		
	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	33.7	45,822	1,358	27,491.0	20,562	1,235
Calves 4/				700.7	138.4	330
Hogs	0.4	63	158	85232.9	16,853	266
Sheep	0.2	15	89	2353.1	160.2	136

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

2/ Average liveweights 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.

Milk Production

Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from October 2003. September revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from September 2003. The September revision represented a decrease of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

1,576 pounds for October, 15 pounds above October 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 26,000 head more than October 2003, but unchanged from September 2004.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged

Milk Cows and Production: by State, October 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	167	1,735	1,770	269	296	10.0
CA	1,698	1,740	1,720	1,770	2,921	3,080	5.4
FL	140	137	1,105	1,140	155	156	0.6
ID	412	433	1,820	1,800	750	779	3.9
IL	109	106	1,495	1,480	163	157	-3.7
IN	155	152	1,650	1,605	256	244	-4.7
IA	198	190	1,540	1,540	305	293	-3.9
KY	111	109	1,035	1,035	115	113	-1.7
MI	303	305	1,790	1,730	542	528	-2.6
MN	465	465	1,410	1,420	656	660	0.6
MO	126	120	1,200	1,230	151	148	-2.0
NM	318	325	1,745	1,690	555	549	-1.1
NY	665	650	1,455	1,460	968	949	-2.0
OH	259	266	1,420	1,420	368	378	2.7
PA	562	563	1,455	1,465	818	825	0.9
TX	317	320	1,420	1,470	450	470	4.4
VT	147	145	1,450	1,455	213	211	-0.9
VA	109	104	1,245	1,355	136	141	3.7
WA	244	234	1,890	1,890	461	442	-4.1
WI	1,250	1,238	1,465	1,475	1,831	1,826	-0.3
20-State Total	7,743	7,769	1,561	1,576	12,083	12,245	1.3

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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November Farm Prices Received Index Up 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, is 1 point above October. The Crop Index remained unchanged from October while the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, eggs, hogs, strawberries, and grapes. Lower prices were received for lettuce, oranges, soybeans, corn, and cattle. 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 dairy,

cattle, and cotton offset decreed marketings of soybeans, peanuts, and potatoes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.7 percent) from November 2003. The Food Commodities Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from last month to 120. The index is unchanged from November 2003.

Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The November 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 down 1 point from October but 5 points (3.9 percent) above November 2003. Lower prices in November for feeder cattle, complete feeds, feed concentrates, and

feed grains, more than offset higher prices for self-propelled machinery, LP gas, feeder pigs, and nitrogen fertilizers.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and U.S., November 2003, October and November 2004

Commodity	UNIT	Arizona			United States		
		November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	69.4	47.9	47.8	63.0	49.5	47.1
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	146.00	170.00	161.00	120.00	107.00	104.00
Durum Wheat 1/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	131.70	129.70	125.00
All Hay Baled 2/	\$ Ton	83.00	95.00	98.00	81.50	89.80	86.20
Alfalfa Hay Baled 2/	\$ Ton	83.00	95.00	98.00	86.80	97.80	94.00
Other Hay Baled 2/	\$ Ton	80.00	100.00	90.00	67.50	68.60	67.80
Lemons 3/	\$ Box	24.60	31.70	30.70	24.80	32.70	31.30
Oranges 3/	\$ Box	19.00	---	18.90	18.80	30.90	22.30
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	43.00	52.00	51.10	47.70	49.90	48.60
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	92.30	107.00	106.00	99.90	91.00	89.10
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	91.80	106.00	105.00	93.40	86.10	84.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	108.00	125.00	122.00	111.00	126.00	124.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	14.00	15.30	15.60	14.40	15.50	15.80

1/ Not available for Arizona.

2/ Mid-month.

3/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 pounds, Oranges 75 pounds.

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

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

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

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2003		2004	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	113	116	113	114
Prices Paid	129	129	135	134
Ratio 1/	88	90	84	85

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