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Arizona Cattle On Feed Inventory Up 10 Percent

On February 1, 2005, Arizona had 325,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 10 percent from a year ago, but down 6,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 27,000 head, 16 percent below January 2004. During January 30,000 head were marketed, up 15 percent from last January.

On February 1, 2005, California had 525,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 5 percent from last February, but down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 59,000 head, 7 percent above last year. During January, 63,000 head were marketed, an increase of 5 percent from January 2004.

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 February 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2004, and 6 percent above February 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.89 million, 7 percent above 2004 but 10 percent below 2003.

Net placements were 1.81 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 458,000, 700-799 pounds were 628,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 419,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, up slightly from 2004 but down 10 percent from 2003. Other disappearance totaled 74,000 during January, 21 percent below 2004 and 1 percent below 2003.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed (1,000+ Capacity Feedlots) January 1, 2005 and February 1, 2004 and 2005, Placements, Marketings, And Other Disappearance January 2004 and 2005 by State and United States

State	Number on Feed 1/					Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	Feb 1, 2004	Jan 1, 2005	Feb 1, 2005			During January			During January			During January 2/		
			Number	as % of 2004	as % of Jan	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	1,000 Head		Percent		Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	
AZ	296	331	325	110	98	32	27	84	26	30	115	3	3	100
CA	500	535	525	105	98	55	59	107	60	63	105	5	6	120
CO	1,040	1,080	1,060	102	98	165	175	106	160	185	116	5	10	200
ID	275	295	265	96	90	41	37	90	64	66	103	2	1	50
IA	385	450	465	121	103	64	77	120	47	60	128	2	2	100
KS	2,420	2,410	2,420	100	100	455	475	104	440	450	102	25	15	60
NE	2,280	2,300	2,350	103	102	380	425	112	360	360	100	20	15	75
NM	117	126	129	110	102	17	18	106	13	13	100	2	2	100
OK	350	350	350	100	100	50	55	110	53	52	98	2	3	150
SD	200	192	205	103	107	30	41	137	29	26	90	1	2	200
TX	2,770	2,700	2,720	98	101	390	425	109	430	395	92	20	10	50
WA	*195	190	190	97	100	*29	30	103	*33	29	88	1	1	100
Other Sts	310	*340	330	106	97	46	41	89	60	47	78	6	4	67
US	*11,138	*11,299	11,334	102	100	*1,754	1,885	107	*1,775	1,776	100	94	74	79

* 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.

JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP 1.3 PERCENT

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 13.2 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from January 2004. December production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from December 2003.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,637 pounds for January, 13 pounds above January 2004.

The number of cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.08 million head, 38,000 head more than January 2004, but 15,000 head less than December 2004.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, January 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	155	165	2,010	1,970	312	325	4.2
CA	1,701	1,739	1,760	1,770	2,994	3,078	2.8
CO	99	100	1,830	1,830	181	183	1.1
FL	140	138	1,435	1,500	201	207	3.0
ID	412	435	1,800	1,800	742	783	5.5
IL	108	105	1,610	1,620	174	170	-2.3
IN	145	154	1,695	1,630	246	251	2.0
IA	196	187	1,680	1,715	329	321	-2.4
KS	111	109	1,695	1,730	188	189	0.5
KY	112	110	1,090	1,080	122	119	-2.5
MI	300	306	1,780	1,770	534	542	1.5
MN	465	460	1,505	1,510	700	695	-0.7
MO	125	118	1,265	1,300	158	153	-3.2
NM	325	319	1,760	1,710	572	545	-4.7
NY	658	650	1,490	1,535	980	998	1.8
OH	258	267	1,450	1,460	374	390	4.3
OR	118	120	1,565	1,565	185	188	1.6
PA	563	564	1,500	1,540	845	869	2.8
TX	317	318	1,660	1,655	526	526	
VT	146	143	1,515	1,560	221	223	0.9
VA	105	105	1,410	1,450	148	152	2.7
WA	240	235	1,895	1,945	455	457	0.4
WI	1,245	1,235	1,505	1,510	1,874	1,865	-0.5
23-State Total	8,044	8,082	1,624	1,637	13,061	13,229	1.3

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.



United States Honey Production Up 1 Percent

Honey production in 2004 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 184 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2003. There were 2.56 million colonies producing honey in 2004, down 2 percent from 2003. Yield per colony averaged 71.8 pounds, up 3 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2003. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 61.2 million pounds on December 15, 2004, up 50 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Arizona honey production totaled 1.76 million pounds, 30 percent less than 2003. Honey producing colonies, at 32,000, are down 3,000 from a year ago. Yield per colony was 55 pounds, compared to 72 pounds in 2003.

Honey Prices Down 22 Percent

Honey prices decreased during 2004 to 108.5 cents, down 22 percent from 138.7 cents in 2003. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Honey prices for 2004 were lower than the previous year for all color classes except the All Other Honey, Area Specialties class. Honey prices for 2003 crop honey reflect honey sold in 2003 and 2004.

Arizona's average price per pound was \$1.15, compared to \$1.38 in 2003. Value of production, at 2.02 million dollars, was down 40 percent from a year earlier.

Beef and Pork Production Up From Last Month

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.65 billion pounds in January, down 2 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in January 2004.

Beef production, at 1.92 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.53 million head, down 2 percent from January 2004. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,262 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.3 million pounds, 17 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,700 head, down 14 percent from January 2004. The average live weight was 7 pounds below last year, at 329 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.48 million head, 4 percent below January 2004. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.4 million pounds, was down 7 percent from January 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 208,500 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 3 pounds from January a year ago.

Commercial Red Meat Production: Arizona and United States 1/

Class	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	January 2005 as % of 2/	
				January 2004	December 2004
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona 2/ Total Red Meat	29,700	29,400	28,300	95	96
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
United States					
Beef	1,924	2,042	1,915	100	94
Veal	16.0	14.9	13.3	83	89
Pork	1,758	1,857	1,704	97	92
Lamb and Mutton	15.4	17.0	14.4	93	85
Total Red Meat	3,714	3,931	3,647	98	93

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

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

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February Farm Prices Received Index Up 2 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 113, based on 1990-92=100, is 2 points (1.8 percent) above the January Index. The Crop Index is up 5 points (5.0 percent) while the Livestock Index is down 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher prices for tomatoes, oranges, broccoli, and celery. Lower prices were received for corn, dairy, hogs, and soybeans. 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, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, tobacco, and wheat.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 3 points (2.6 percent) from February 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 117, is 2 points (1.7 percent) above last month but unchanged from February 2004.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The February 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 January but 3 points (2.3 percent) above February 2004. Lower prices in February for self-

propelled machinery, feed grains, and LP gas were offset by higher prices for feed concentrates, complete feeds, feed supplements, and other machinery.

Prices Received By Farmers: Arizona and U.S., February 2004 and 2005 and January 2005

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		February 2004 Entire Month	January 2005 Entire Month	February 2005 Mid-Month	February 2004 Entire Month	January 2005 Entire Month	February 2005 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	62.4	48.1		61.9	39.6	38.1
Cottonseed 1/	\$ Ton		161.00	166.00	140.00	112.00	112.00
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	136.00	120.70	119.70
All Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	85.00	103.00	110.00	81.20	84.20	84.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	85.00	103.00	110.00	85.10	90.90	91.90
Other Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	80.00	106.00	106.00	72.10	70.60	70.00
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	15.30	25.60	15.00	16.30	28.40	28.50
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	16.00	19.30	18.80	17.50	18.40	18.90
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	22.60	30.70	29.50	24.30	29.70	30.70
Tangerines 4/	\$ Box	21.80	27.30	29.10	23.00	30.60	29.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	46.00	54.40	56.40	46.00	50.50	52.80
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	89.00	106.00	107.00	82.30	94.40	93.80
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	88.60	105.00	106.00	78.50	89.40	89.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	112.00	125.00	129.00	111.00	125.00	128.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	13.00	15.70	15.20	13.60	15.90	15.40

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., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 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.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2004 January	2004 February	2005 January	2005 February
Prices Received	112	116	111	113
Prices Paid	130	131	134	134
Ratio 1/	86	89	83	84

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