



# ARIZONA LIVESTOCK

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### ARIZONA CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP 9 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

On March 1, 2005, Arizona had 322,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 27,000 head from a year ago. Placements totaled 23,000 head, down 4,000 head from February 2004. During February, 24,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 1,000 head from last February.

On March 1, 2005, California had 515,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 15,000 head from March 2004. Placements totaled 49,000 head, down 7,000 head from a year ago. During February, 54,000 head were marketed, an increase of 2,000 head from last February.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million

head on March 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2004 and 6 percent above March 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million, 6 percent below 2004 and 8 percent below 2003. This is the second lowest placements for the month of February since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.45 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 277,000, 600-699 pounds were 308,000, 700-799 pounds were 526,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 412,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.63 million, 4 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of February since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 76,000 during February, 10 percent above 2004 and 7 percent above 2003.

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

State	Number on Feed 1/					Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	Mar 1, 2004	Feb 1, 2005	Mar 1, 2005			During February			During February			During February 2/		
			Number	as % of 2004	as % of Feb	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		
<b>AZ</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>
CA	500	525	515	103	98	56	49	88	52	54	104	4	5	125
CO	1,020	1,060	1,040	102	98	155	175	113	165	185	112	10	10	100
ID	265	*270	250	94	93	43	33	77	52	52	100	1	1	100
IA	405	465	465	115	100	61	57	93	40	55	138	1	2	200
KS	2,390	2,420	2,370	99	98	390	360	92	405	390	96	15	20	133
NE	2,270	2,350	2,320	102	99	350	315	90	345	330	96	15	15	100
NM	112	129	125	112	97	16	13	81	20	14	70	1	3	300
OK	335	350	340	101	97	47	48	102	59	56	95	3	2	67
SD	210	205	210	100	102	43	32	74	32	26	81	1	1	100
TX	2,690	2,720	2,690	100	99	350	340	97	420	360	86	10	10	100
WA	185	190	185	100	97	26	32	123	34	35	103	2	2	100
Other														
Sts	310	330	320	103	97	48	46	96	45	53	118	3	3	100
US	10,987	*11,339	11,152	102	98	1,612	1,523	94	1,694	1,634	96	69	76	110

\* 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.

## FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 0.7 PERCENT

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 12.2 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from February 2004. However, production was 2.8 percent above last year after adjusting for the leap year. January revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from January 2004. The January revision represented an increase of 0.2 percent or 29 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,516 pounds for February, 15 pounds below February 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.07 million head, 23,000 head more than February 2004, but 9,000 head less than January 2005.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, February 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	Change from 2004
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
<b>AZ</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
CA	1,706	1,742	1,675	1,635	2,858	2,848	-0.3
CO	100	99	1,680	1,720	168	170	1.2
FL	139	139	1,415	1,460	197	203	3.0
ID	412	437	1,660	1,660	684	725	6.0
IL	108	105	1,520	1,500	164	158	-3.7
IN	145	154	1,565	1,510	227	233	2.6
IA	195	187	1,590	1,580	310	295	-4.8
KS	112	108	1,545	1,570	173	170	-1.7
KY	111	110	1,035	1,020	115	112	-2.6
MI	299	306	1,660	1,640	496	502	1.2
MN	465	455	1,415	1,405	658	639	-2.9
MO	124	117	1,185	1,220	147	143	-2.7
NM	326	320	1,660	1,560	541	499	-7.8
NY	660	650	1,400	1,415	924	920	-0.4
OH	259	267	1,370	1,370	355	366	3.1
OR	119	120	1,475	1,460	176	175	-0.6
PA	564	560	1,425	1,420	804	795	-1.1
TX	317	317	1,585	1,560	502	495	-1.4
VT	145	143	1,435	1,430	208	204	-1.9
VA	105	105	1,320	1,360	139	143	2.9
WA	240	235	1,790	1,820	430	428	-0.5
WI	1,245	1,234	1,405	1,390	1,749	1,715	-1.9
<b>23-State Total</b>	<b>8,051</b>	<b>8,074</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>1,516</b>	<b>12,329</b>	<b>12,240</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2003

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2004 was 37.6 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2003. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2003. The average price

paid for wool sold in 2004 was \$0.80 per pound for a total value of \$29.9 million dollars, up 6 percent from \$28.1 million dollars in 2003.

### Wool: Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight Per Fleece, Wool Production, Price and Value, Selected States and United States 2003 and 2004

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn		Weight per Fleece		Production		Price per Pound		Value of Production 1/	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
<b>AZ</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>174</b>
CA	500	480	7.0	7.1	3,500	3,400	0.79	0.82	2,765	2,788
CO	360	390	7.2	6.6	2,580	2,570	0.74	0.85	1,909	2,185
ID	217	225	9.7	9.4	2,115	2,125	0.86	0.88	1,819	1,870
MT	272	267	9.5	9.3	2,597	2,472	1.03	1.17	2,675	2,892
NV	55	55	8.4	9.3	460	510	0.95	0.94	437	479
NM	160	140	7.8	7.3	1,240	1,020	1.10	1.00	1,364	1,020
TX	800	810	7.0	6.9	5,600	5,600	0.90	1.02	5,040	5,712
UT	240	245	9.3	9.2	2,230	2,250	0.80	0.83	1,784	1,868
WA	36	40	8.1	8.2	292	326	0.63	0.80	184	261
WY	390	390	9.4	9.3	3,650	3,640	1.10	1.17	4,015	4,259
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>5,074</b>	<b>5,073</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>38,299</b>	<b>37,622</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>28,126</b>	<b>29,931</b>

1/ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of State values.

**PORK PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH FOR FEBRUARY**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.42 billion pounds in February, up 1 percent from the 3.40 billion pounds produced in February 2004. Beef production, at 1.77 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.34 million head, down 4 percent from February 2004. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,254 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.1 million pounds, 16 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,900 head, down 13 percent from February 2004. The average live weight was 8 pounds below last year, at 328 pounds

Pork production totaled 1.63 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.10 million head, 3 percent above

February 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.2 million pounds, was up 3 percent from February 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 215,000 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 1 pound from February a year ago.

January to February 2005 commercial red meat production was 7.1 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 17 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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

Class	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	February 2005 as % of	
				February 2004	January 2005
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
<b>ARIZONA 2/</b>					
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>25,700</b>	<b>28,300</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
		Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	1,804	*1,917	1,767	98	92
Veal	14.5	13.3	12.1	84	91
Pork	1,571	*1,704	1,629	104	96
Lamb and Mutton	14.8	14.4	15.2	103	105
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,405</b>	<b>*3,648</b>	<b>3,423</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>94</b>

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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**MARCH FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 4 POINTS FROM LAST MONTH**

March Farm Prices Received Index Up 4 Points From Last Month The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 118, based on 1990-92=100, is 4 points (3.5 percent) above the February Index. The Crop Index is up 7 points (6.6 percent) while the Livestock Index is up 3 points (2.5 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, soybeans, lettuce, and corn. Lower prices were received for strawberries, grapefruit, apples, and eggs. 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 strawberries, dairy, broilers, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, oranges, and cotton. This preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 3 points (2.5 percent) from March 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 122, is 4 points (3.4 percent) above last month but down 1 point (0.8 percent) from March 2004.

**PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED**

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 135 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from February but 3 points (2.3 percent) above March 2004.

Lower prices in March for complete feeds, feed supplements, nitrogen fertilizers, and herbicides were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, diesel fuel, other machinery, LP gas, and gasoline.

**Prices Received By Farmers: Arizona and United States, March 2004 and 2005 AND February 2005**

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005
		Entire Month	Entire Month	Mid-Month	Entire Month	Entire Month	Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	64.8	47.6		61.6	39.0	42.2
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	138.00	123.70	121.30
All Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	84.00	110.00	112.00	81.80	84.70	89.10
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	84.00	110.00	112.00	86.20	91.90	96.40
Other Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	79.00	106.00	110.00	72.00	70.00	70.40
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	14.80	15.00	18.50	17.20	28.50	27.90
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	14.20	18.80	22.70	19.10	18.90	19.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box		29.50		28.40	30.70	30.30
Tangerines 4/	\$ Box	20.70	29.10	20.70	23.80	29.00	29.10
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	47.10	56.40	51.30	46.50	52.40	53.60
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	95.60	106.00	108.00	88.00	83.30	96.30
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	95.10	106.00	107.00	83.70	89.00	91.90
Calves	\$ Cwt	118.00	131.00	129.00	115.00	128.00	132.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	14.50	15.00	15.30	15.40	15.50	15.60

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.

**Index Summary Table**

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	2004		2005	
	February	March	February	March
Prices Received	116	121	114	118
Prices Paid	131	132	135	135
Ratio 1/	89	92	84	87

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