



# ARIZONA LIVESTOCK

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### Arizona Cattle on Feed Up 6 Percent

On August 1, 2005, Arizona had 313,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 6 percent from a year ago. Placements last month totaled 29,000 head, 9 percent less than the previous July. During July, 37,000 head were marketed, 6,000 head more than last July. On August 1, 2005, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, 10,000 head more than last August. July placements totaled 72,000 head, up 7,000 head from July 2004. July marketings totaled 59,000 head, a decrease of 1,000 head from last July.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.1 million head on August 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2004 and 5 percent above August 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.68 million, 2 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.62 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 338,000, 700-799 pounds were 465,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 475,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.92 million, slightly below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during July, 3 percent above 2004 but unchanged from 2003.

**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, 2004-2005**

State	Number on Feed 1/					Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance			
	Aug 1, 2004	Jul 1, 2005	Aug 1, 2005			During July			During July			During July 2/			
			Number	as % of 2004	as % of July	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		
AZ	294	322	313	106	97	32	29	91	31	37	119	2	1	50	
CA	520	520	530	102	102	65	72	111	60	59	98	5	3	60	
CO	880	*900	820	93	91	145	125	86	200	200	100	5	5	100	
ID	235	260	250	106	96	43	36	84	47	45	96	1	1	100	
IA	380	415	400	105	96	52	49	94	60	63	105	2	1	50	
KS	2,120	2,200	2,190	103	100	520	480	92	475	470	99	15	20	133	
NE	1,750	1,820	1,730	99	95	310	325	105	405	405	100	5	10	200	
NM	127	132	134	106	102	22	23	105	17	18	106	2	3	150	
OK	315	320	320	102	100	61	62	102	59	61	103	2	1	50	
SD	157	161	143	91	89	12	15	125	26	30	115	2	3	150	
TX	2,670	2,950	2,890	108	98	395	400	101	470	450	96	15	10	67	
WA	165	142	137	83	96	33	26	79	32	30	94	1	1	100	
Oth States	255	250	235	92	94	29	36	124	43	50	116	1	1	100	
US	9,868	*10,392	10,092	102	97	1,719	1,678	98	1,925	1,918	100	58	60	103	

\*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.

**Milk Cows and Production: By State, July 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>158</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>6.3</b>
CA	1,729	1,760	1,780	1,775	3,078	3,124	1.5
CO	103	105	1,760	1,960	181	206	13.8
FL	139	136	1,340	1,375	186	187	0.5
ID	427	459	1,860	1,960	794	900	13.4
IL	107	104	1,520	1,580	163	164	0.6
IN	150	156	1,640	1,700	246	265	7.7
IA	193	187	1,660	1,700	320	318	-0.6
KS	115	112	1,625	1,705	187	191	2.1
KY	111	106	1,065	1,085	118	115	-2.5
MI	303	313	1,790	1,840	542	576	6.3
MN	465	455	1,460	1,500	679	683	0.6
MO	122	117	1,240	1,220	151	143	-5.3
NM	328	328	1,770	1,845	581	605	4.1
NY	656	647	1,520	1,600	997	1,035	3.8
OH	265	270	1,450	1,480	384	400	4.2
OR	120	121	1,660	1,640	199	198	-0.5
PA	559	561	1,510	1,610	844	903	7.0
TX	320	320	1,540	1,710	493	547	11.0
VT	148	143	1,525	1,565	221	224	1.4
VA	104	105	1,370	1,390	142	146	2.8
WA	237	241	1,965	2,015	466	486	4.3
WI	1,240	1,236	1,520	1,600	1,885	1,978	4.9
<b>23-State Total</b>	<b>8,096</b>	<b>8,144</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>13,143</b>	<b>13,698</b>	<b>4.2</b>

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**Veal and Lamb Production at Record Lows for July**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.62 billion pounds in July, down 2 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in July 2004.

Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 2 percent from July 2004. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,254 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 7 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,600 head, down 15 percent from July 2004. The average live weight was 26 pounds above last year, at 350 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.51 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.66 million head, 5 percent

below July 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 264 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.5 million pounds, was down 5 percent from July 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,800 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 6 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2005 commercial red meat production was 25.9 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

**Commercial Red Meat Production: Arizona and U.S. July 2004 and 2005 and June 2005 1/**

Class	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	July 2005 as % of	
				July 2004	June 2005
<b>ARIZONA 2/</b>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>32,100</b>	<b>30,200</b>	<b>29,300</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,104	2,228	2,085	99	94
Veal	13.3	13.2	12.4	93	94
Pork	1,576	1,707	1,505	95	88
Lamb and Mutton	14.2	15.3	13.5	95	88
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>*3,963</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>91</b>

\* Revised

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

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

### Hired Workers Up 2 Percent, Wage Rates Up 4 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,332,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 10-16, 2005, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 930,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 402,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.39

per hour during the July 2005 reference week, up 35 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.62 per hour, up 28 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.25 per hour compared with \$8.74 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.78 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year.

### Range and Pasture Conditions Remained in Mostly Fair to Good Condition

During July, Arizona's rangeland and pasture were in need of rain. The monsoon season started late this year. Conditions were mostly fair to good throughout the state. Arizona livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Soil moisture was mostly short and stock water supplies were short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

Northern grazing conditions were mostly fair to good. Pasture conditions were fair to good at high elevations and low elevations. Mid elevation conditions were poor to good. Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water and soil moisture were short to adequate. Insect damage was moderate.

Central pasture conditions were either very poor or fair depending on

location. Grazing conditions at high elevations were very poor to good. Mid elevation conditions were mostly fair to good. Low elevation conditions were either very poor or fair. Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were short to adequate, but soil moisture was short. Insect damage was mostly moderate.

Southern pastures were in poor to fair condition. Pasture conditions were mostly fair at low elevations. Higher elevation pasture conditions were poor to good. Mid elevation conditions ranged from very poor to good. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Stock water was mostly short to adequate. Soil moisture supplies were short. Insect damage was light.

### Pasture and Range Crop Condition by Percent, Week Ending August 28, 2005

State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>						<i>Percent</i>				
AL	1	2	16	56	25	NJ	0	30	55	15	0
<b>AZ</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	NM	3	18	35	39	5
AR	32	36	24	8	0	NY	20	37	29	14	0
CA	20	38	41	1	0	NC	1	7	19	65	8
CO	11	25	38	23	3	ND	1	9	27	53	10
CT	37	35	24	4	0	OH	19	24	34	21	2
DE	0	0	16	77	7	OK	7	16	34	39	4
FL	0	5	40	50	5	OR	3	11	43	40	3
GA	0	3	21	66	10	PA	40	26	20	13	1
ID	1	12	37	39	11	RI	60	35	5	0	0
IL	27	27	31	15	0	SC	0	2	30	58	10
IN	14	24	41	20	1	SD	7	13	30	44	6
IA	11	24	35	28	2	TN	6	22	39	31	2
KS	7	17	41	33	2	TX	10	22	36	28	4
KY	22	31	31	14	2	UT	0	4	22	59	15
LA	7	21	43	26	3	VT	0	11	42	39	8
ME	1	10	26	60	3	VA	4	15	35	38	8
MD	2	8	35	40	15	WA	13	29	37	21	0
MA	1	15	57	27	0	WV	10	12	36	38	4
MI	11	27	34	24	4	WI	11	22	36	28	3
MN	5	11	36	40	8	WY	3	11	37	44	5
MS	15	26	36	20	3						
MO	29	32	26	12	1	48 States	11	20	34	31	4
MT	4	15	39	37	5	Prev. Week	11	21	33	31	4
NE	6	17	37	37	3	Prev. Year	8	14	27	41	10
NV	0	0	12	64	24						
NH	2	3	21	58	16						

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### August Farm Prices Received Index Down 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 117, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.7 percent) while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and sweet corn. Higher prices were received for lettuce, peaches, strawberries, and turkeys. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of

commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of cattle, grapes, sweet corn, and calves offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and broilers. Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 3 points (2.5 percent) from August 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 120, is unchanged from last month but decreased 3 points (2.4 percent) from August 2004.

### Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The August Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 141 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from July but 6 points (4.4

percent) above August 2004. Higher prices in August for feed concentrates, diesel fuel, and complete feeds offset lower prices for feeder cattle, feed grains, and feeder pigs.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and U.S., August 2004 and 2005 and July 2005

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005
		Entire Month	Entire Month	Mid-Month	Entire Month	Entire Month	Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	53.7	43.2	40.8
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	128.70	123.70	113.70
All Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	91.00	125.00	123.00	92.20	99.70	99.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	90.00	125.00	123.00	99.30	109.00	109.00
Other Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	100.00	120.00	120.00	71.90	75.90	74.80
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	54.50	56.30	54.00	54.70	53.80	51.90
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	109.00	102.00	103.00	91.00	88.40	88.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	108.00	102.00	103.00	87.70	85.30	84.70
Calves	\$ Cwt	133.00	125.00	126.00	131.00	132.00	131.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	14.90	14.80	14.80	14.90	14.80	14.70

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

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

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

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

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

### United States Price Index Summary Table

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	2004		2005	
	July	August	July	August
Prices Received	124	120	118	117
Prices Paid	135	135	141	141
Ratio 1/	92	89	84	83

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