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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory up 6 Percent from Last Year

On September 1, 2005, Arizona had 314,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 6 percent from a year ago and 1,000 head more than last month. Placements during August totaled 35,000 head, 5,000 more than in August, 2004. Also during August, 33,000 head were marketed, an increase of 27 percent from a year ago.

On September 1, 2005, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 2 percent from a year ago and unchanged from last month. Placements totaled 62,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year. During August, 57,000 head were marketed and down 2,000 head from last August.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.0 million head on September 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above September 1, 2004 and 2 percent above September 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.99 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 418,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 540,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.03 million, 6 percent above 2004 but 2 percent below 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during August, 5 percent below 2004 and 12 percent below 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 During August			Marketings During August			Other Disappearance During August 2/		
	Sep 1, 2004	Aug 1, 2005	Sep 1, 2005			2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
			Number	as % of 2004	as % of Aug									
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	296	313	314	106	100	30	35	117	26	33	127	2	1	50
CA	520	530	530	102	100	63	62	98	59	57	97	4	5	125
CO	930	820	770	83	94	205	155	76	150	200	133	5	5	100
ID	245	250	250	102	100	58	51	88	47	50	106	1	1	100
IA	375	400	395	105	99	62	69	111	66	72	109	1	2	200
KS	2,130	2,190	2,210	104	101	520	520	100	495	490	99	15	10	67
NE	1,800	1,730	1,770	98	102	420	415	99	360	365	101	10	10	100
NM	129	134	135	105	101	23	28	122	19	24	126	2	3	150
OK	325	320	320	98	100	76	70	92	64	68	106	2	2	100
SD	138	143	132	96	92	25	24	96	43	34	79	1	1	100
TX	2,670	2,890	2,800	105	97	530	480	91	520	560	108	10	10	100
WA	175	137	139	79	101	36	30	83	25	27	108	1	1	100
Other Sts	255	235	235	92	100	54	54	100	52	52	100	2	2	100
US	9,988	10,092	10,000	100	99	2,102	1,993	95	1,926	2,032	106	56	53	95

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.

August Milk Production Up 4.6 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from August 2004. July revised production, at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 4.2 percent from July 2004. The July revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,665 pounds for August, 64 pounds above August 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.15 million head, 52,000 head more than August 2004, and 9,000 head more than July 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: by State, August 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	163	161	1,710	1,780	279	287	2.9
CA	1,733	1,763	1,775	1,790	3,076	3,156	2.6
CO	103	105	1,835	1,970	189	207	9.5
FL	138	135	1,225	1,240	169	167	-1.2
ID	431	466	1,850	1,940	797	904	13.4
IL	107	104	1,490	1,515	159	158	-0.6
IN	149	156	1,620	1,660	241	259	7.5
IA	192	186	1,640	1,680	315	312	-1.0
KS	115	112	1,600	1,690	184	189	2.7
KY	110	106	1,045	1,030	115	109	-5.2
MI	303	313	1,755	1,815	532	568	6.8
MN	465	455	1,440	1,505	670	685	2.2
MO	121	115	1,210	1,170	146	135	-7.5
NM	327	331	1,740	1,825	569	604	6.2
NY	654	647	1,500	1,600	981	1,035	5.5
OH	266	270	1,430	1,460	380	394	3.7
OR	120	121	1,615	1,590	194	192	-1.0
PA	560	562	1,475	1,575	826	885	7.1
TX	320	320	1,465	1,625	469	520	10.9
VT	145	143	1,495	1,550	217	222	2.3
VA	104	105	1,335	1,370	139	144	3.6
WA	236	242	1,910	1,990	451	482	6.9
WI	1,240	1,236	1,510	1,585	1,872	1,959	4.6
23-State Total	8,102	8,154	1,601	1,665	12,970	13,573	4.6

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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U.S. Hog Inventory Up Slightly

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2005 was 61.5 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2004, and up 1 percent from June 1, 2005.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was up less than 1 percent from last year but down less than 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.6 million head, was virtually unchanged from last year but up 2 percent from last quarter.

The June - August 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 26.3 million head, was up slightly from 2004 and up 1 percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down slightly from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.07 for the June-August 2005 period, compared to 9.01 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Pork Production at Record High for August

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in August, up 6 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in August 2004.

Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.99 million head, up 6 percent from August 2004. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,267 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.7 million pounds, 2 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,600 head, down 10 percent from August 2004. The average live weight was 25 pounds above last year, at 347 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.98 million head, 3 percent above August 2004. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.4 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,300 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2005 commercial red meat production was 30.0 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: Arizona and U.S., August 2004 and 2005 and July 2005 1/

Class	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	August 2005 as % of 2/	
				August 2004	July 2005
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
ARIZONA					
Total Red Meat	29,500	29,300	33,800	115	115
	Million Pounds			Percent	
UNITED STATES					
Beef	2,151	2,085	2,319	108	111
Veal	14.0	12.4	13.7	98	110
Pork	1,699	1,505	1,751	103	116
Lamb and Mutton	15.2	13.5	15.4	101	114
Total Red Meat	3,880	3,616	4,099	106	113

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

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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September Farm Prices Received Index Decreased 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 116, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (0.9 percent) from August. The Crop Index is down 5 points (4.3 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.4 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for corn, soybeans, hogs, onions, and potatoes. Higher prices were received for cattle, eggs, broilers, sweet corn, and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Decreased average

marketings of cattle, broilers, grapes, wheat, and dairy offset increased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, corn, and apples.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is unchanged from September 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month and 2 points (1.7 percent) from September 2004.

Prices Paid Index Up

The September Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 142 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index increased 1 point from August and is 7 points (5.2 percent) above

September 2004. Higher prices for diesel fuel, feeder cattle, gasoline, and LP gas more than offset lower prices in September for feed concentrates, feed grains, feed supplements, and nitrogen fertilizers.

Prices Received By Farmers: Arizona and U.S., September 2004 and 2005 and August 2005

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		September 2004 Entire Month	August 2005 Entire Month	September 2005 Mid-Month	September 2004 Entire Month	August 2005 Entire Month	September 2005 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	49.3	42.1	47.4
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	129.67	113.00	111.33
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	90.00	123.00	120.00	97.50	109.00	107.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	35.20	---	28.10	34.60	32.40	28.80
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	52.90	54.30	54.30	53.10	51.30	50.40
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	107.00	103.00	103.00	89.50	87.80	91.30
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	106.00	103.00	103.00	85.90	84.50	87.50
Calves	\$ Cwt	128.00	124.00	126.00	128.00	131.00	133.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	15.30	14.90	15.10	15.50	14.80	15.10

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

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

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

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. September 2004 is preliminary

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2004		2005	
	August	September	August	September
Prices Received	120	116	117	116
Prices Paid	135	135	141	142
Ratio 1/	89	86	83	82

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