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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 1 Percent From Last Year

On January 1, 2006, Arizona had 334,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 1 percent from a year ago and up 6,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 35,000 head, 2,000 head more than a year ago. During December, 27,000 head were marketed, 3,000 less than last December.

On January 1, 2006, California had 550,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 3 percent from last year, but the same as last month. Placements totaled 69,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year. During December, 60,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 head from last December.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on January 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above January 1, 2005 and 5 percent above January 1, 2004. The inventory included 7.57 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory.

Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.15 million head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.88 million, 3 percent above 2004 and 8 percent above 2003. This is the highest placements for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.79 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 575,000, 600-699 pounds were 554,000, 700-799 pounds were 30,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 325,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.72 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 1 percent below 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during December, 1 percent below 2004 but 1 percent above 2003.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2004-2006

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed During December			Number Marketed During December			Other Disappearance During December 2/			
	Jan 1, 2005	Dec 1, 2005	Jan 1, 2006			2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	
			Number	as % of 2005	as % of Dec										
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>			<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>			<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		
AZ	331	328	334	101	102	33	35	106	30	27	90	1	2	200	
CA	535	550	550	103	100	72	69	96	62	60	97	5	9	180	
CO	1,080	1,070	1,080	100	101	135	155	115	145	140	97	10	5	50	
ID	295	280	275	93	98	55	48	87	62	50	81	3	3	100	
IA	450	500	510	113	102	71	65	92	55	53	96	1	2	200	
KS	2,410	2,470	2,500	104	101	490	495	101	450	435	97	20	30	150	
NE	2,300	2,400	2,430	106	101	390	350	90	380	305	80	10	15	150	
NM	126	137	143	113	104	14	20	143	15	13	87	2	1	50	
OK	350	365	370	106	101	53	64	121	52	57	110	6	2	33	
SD	192	190	205	107	108	42	46	110	34	28	82	2	3	150	
TX	2,700	2,940	2,920	108	99	405	465	115	420	470	112	25	15	60	
WA	190	161	152	80	94	39	26	67	32	34	106	2	1	50	
Other Sts	340	335	335	99	100	35	46	131	40	43	108	5	3	60	
US	11,299	11,726	11,804	104	101	1,834	1,884	103	1,777	1,715	97	92	91	99	

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.

Arizona Cattle Inventory Up 3 Percent

Arizona's all cattle inventory as of January 1, 2006, is estimated at 940,000 head, 3 percent higher than last January's inventory. The beef cow inventory increased by 15,000 head to 190,000 head, but the milk cow inventory held steady from a year ago at 165,000 head. Other classes of cattle inventory include steers at 340,000 head, up 10,000; milk replacement heifers at 44,000 head, up 2,000; beef replacement heifers at 30,000 head, up 2,000; and calves at 130,000 head, up 5,000 from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, 2 percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.3 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005. Beef cows, at 33.3 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2006, and the change from January 1, 2005, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.0 million, up 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.90 million, up 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.28 million, up 4 percent. Other heifers, 9.80 million, up slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.9 million, up 3 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.26 million, up 2 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 15.6 million, up 2 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.1 million, up 3 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 28.2 million, up 2 percent.

The 2005 calf crop was estimated at 37.8 million head, up 1 percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2004.

Cattle and Calves: Number By Class, Arizona and United States, January 1, 2005-2006

Class	Arizona			United States				
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
All Cattle and Calves	910	940	103	95,438	97,102	102		
All Cows That Have Calved	340	355	104	41,920	42,311	101		
Beef Cows	175	190	109	32,915	33,253	101		
Milk Cows	165	165	100	9,005	9,058	101		
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	92	93	101	19,573	19,978	102		
For Beef Cow Replacement	28	30	107	5,691	5,905	104		
For Milk Cow Replacement	42	44	105	4,118	4,278	104		
Other Heifers	22	19	86	9,763	9,795	100		
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	330	340	103	16,476	16,923	103		
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	23	22	96	2,219	2,263	102		
Calves Under 500 Pounds	125	130	104	15,250	15,626	102		

Calf Crop and Lamb Crop: Arizona and United States, 2004-2005

Class	Arizona			United States				
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Calf Crop	275.0	285.0	104	37,505	37,780	101		
Lamb Crop	40.0	42.0	105	4,096.0	4,125.0	101		

All Sheep and Lambs: Number By Class, Arizona and United States, January 1, 2005-2006

Class	Arizona			United States				
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
All Sheep and Lambs	100.0	105.0	105	6135.0	6230.0	102		
Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs	60.0	70.0	117	4533.0	4639.0	102		
Ewes	50.0	57.0	114	3572.5	3657.0	102		
Rams	3.0	4.0	133	190.0	196.0	103		
Replacement Lambs	7.0	9.0	129	770.5	786.0	102		
Total Market Sheep and Lambs	40.0	35.0	88	1602.0	1591.0	99		
Sheep	2.0	2.0	100	74.1	76.0	103		
Lambs	38.0	33.0	87	1527.9	1515.0	99		
Under 65 Pounds	15.0	14.0	93	413.2	416.3	101		
65 to 84 Pounds	6.0	4.0	67	214.7	210.4	98		
85 to 105 Pounds	9.0	9.0	100	381.9	362.4	95		
over 105 Pounds	8.0	6.0	75	518.1	525.9	102		

Commercial Red Meat Production: Arizona and United States 1/

Class	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	December 2005 as % of 2/		
				December 2004	November 2005	
		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	29,400	33,600	34,100	116	101	
		<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<u>United States</u>						
Beef	2,042	2,071	2,057	101	99	
Veal	14.9	12.4	13.5	91	109	
Pork	1,857	1,843	1,866	100	101	
Lamb and Mutton	17.0	15.8	16.5	97	104	
Total Red Meat	3,930	3,942	3,953	101	100	

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

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

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

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

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2004	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005		
		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	166	163	1,905	1,940	316	316		
CA	1,741	1,770	1,775	1,795	3,090	3,177	2.8	
CO	102	105	1,845	1,890	188	198	5.3	
FL	138	135	1,450	1,415	200	191	-4.5	
ID	435	472	1,800	1,840	783	868	10.9	
IL	106	104	1,540	1,570	163	163		
IN	155	158	1,600	1,715	248	271	9.3	
IA	188	187	1,700	1,700	320	318	-0.6	
KS	111	111	1,680	1,730	186	192	3.2	
KY	110	102	1,055	1,100	116	112	-3.4	
MI	307	312	1,730	1,810	531	565	6.4	
MN	460	445	1,475	1,560	679	694	2.2	
MO	119	114	1,270	1,300	151	148	-2.0	
NM	321	339	1,650	1,780	530	603	13.8	
NY	650	649	1,485	1,545	965	1,003	3.9	
OH	266	273	1,450	1,450	386	396	2.6	
OR	120	121	1,570	1,550	188	188		
PA	565	557	1,490	1,580	842	880	4.5	
TX	319	324	1,555	1,720	496	557	12.3	
VT	143	143	1,515	1,535	217	220	1.4	
VA	104	104	1,420	1,460	148	152	2.7	
WA	235	237	1,925	1,910	452	453	0.2	
WI	1,236	1,239	1,490	1,555	1,842	1,927	4.6	
23-State Total	8,097	8,164	1,610	1,665	13,037	13,592	4.3	

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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January Farm Prices Received Index Decreased 3 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 112, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 3 points (2.6 percent) from December. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.7 percent) and the Livestock Index also decreased 3 points (2.5 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, turkeys, eggs, and hogs. Higher prices were received for cattle, oranges, corn, and cotton. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of cattle,

commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of soybeans, corn, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of grapes, tomatoes, dairy, and cotton.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 1 point (0.9 percent) from January 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 118, decreased 4 points (3.3 percent) from last month but increased 2 points (1.7 percent) from January 2005.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The January Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 145 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index increased 2 points (1.4 percent) from December and 8 points (5.8 percent) above January 2005. Higher

prices in January for gasoline, LP gas, complete feeds, and feed supplements more than offset lower prices for feeder cattle, feed concentrates, milk cows, and potash & phosphate materials.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, January 2005 and 2006 and December 2005

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		January 2005 Entire Month	December 2005 Entire Month	January 2006 Mid-Month	January 2005 Entire Month	December 2005 Entire Month	January 2006 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	44.40	52.90	1/	38.50	47.90	49.60
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	161.00	125.00	136.00	114.00	95.10	102.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	121.33	113.00	108.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	103.00	120.00	125.00	94.50	97.70	95.60
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	19.40	19.40	17.80	19.20	19.50	19.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	29.90	26.40	24.50	31.10	27.10	25.20
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	26.00	29.40	29.80	29.80	29.20	30.70
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	21.50	22.80	24.50	30.60	25.30	26.20
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	54.40	47.60	48.50	50.50	47.20	46.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	106.00	103.00	103.00	94.40	99.90	101.00
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	105.00	102.00	102.00	89.40	93.60	94.40
Calves	\$ Cwt	125.00	123.00	125.00	125.00	134.00	137.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	15.70	14.40	14.30	15.90	14.80	14.50

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
 2/ Marketing year August – February.
 3/ Not available for Arizona.
 4/ Mid-month.
 5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs., Grapefruit 67 lbs.
 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
 7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.
 8/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2004		2005		2006	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
Prices Received	111	111	111	115	112	112
Prices Paid	134	137	143	145	145	145
Ratio 1/	83	81	80	77	77	77

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