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### Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 5 Percent From Last Year

On February 1, 2006, Arizona had 346,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 5 percent from a year ago and up 12,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 39,000 head, 9,000 head more than a year ago. During January, 26,000 head were marketed, 5,000 less than last January.

On February 1, 2006, California had 550,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 5 percent from last year, but the same as last month. Placements totaled 71,000 head, up 12,000 head from last year. During January, 62,000 head were marketed, down 1,000 head from last January.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on February 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above February 1, 2005 and 9 percent above February 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.20 million, 16 percent above 2005 and 25 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.12 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 530,000, 600-699 pounds were 447,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 520,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.81 million, up 2 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during January, 14 percent above 2005 but 12 percent below 2004.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2005-2006

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	Feb 1, 2005	Jan 1, 2006	Feb 1, 2006			During January			During January			During January 2/		
			Number	as % of 2005	as % of Jan	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	<b>*328</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>*30</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>*31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>*2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>
CA	525	550	550	105	100	59	71	120	63	62	98	6	9	150
CO	1,060	1,080	1,110	105	103	175	225	129	185	185	100	10	10	100
ID	270	275	265	98	96	37	46	124	61	51	84	1	5	500
IA	465	510	520	112	102	77	81	105	60	69	115	2	2	100
KS	2,420	2,500	2,580	107	103	475	570	120	450	465	103	15	25	167
NE	2,350	2,430	2,490	106	102	425	425	100	360	355	99	15	10	67
NM	129	143	146	113	102	18	18	100	13	13	100	2	2	100
OK	350	370	375	107	101	55	65	118	52	57	110	3	3	100
SD	205	205	210	102	102	41	38	93	26	32	123	2	1	50
TX	2,720	2,920	3,030	111	104	425	540	127	395	420	106	10	10	100
WA	190	152	153	81	101	30	33	110	29	31	107	1	1	100
Other Sts	330	335	335	102	100	41	48	117	47	44	94	4	4	100
US	<b>*11,342</b>	<b>11,804</b>	<b>12,110</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>*1,888</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>*1,772</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>*73</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>114</b>

\* 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 5.4 Percent

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from January 2005. December production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from December 2004.

**Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,711 pounds for January, 68 pounds above January 2005.

**The number of cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.19 million head, 103,000 head more than January 2005, and 11,000 head more than December 2005.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, January 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	165	165	1,975	2,060	326	340	4.3
CA	1,739	1,772	1,770	1,825	3,078	3,234	5.1
CO	100	105	1,860	1,885	186	198	6.5
FL	138	134	1,520	1,515	210	203	-3.3
ID	436	473	1,830	1,860	798	880	10.3
IL	105	104	1,620	1,630	170	170	
IN	155	161	1,640	1,720	254	277	9.1
IA	190	200	1,750	1,765	333	353	6.0
KS	109	111	1,730	1,780	189	198	4.8
KY	110	101	1,090	1,160	120	117	-2.5
MI	306	313	1,785	1,875	546	587	7.5
MN	460	445	1,510	1,605	695	714	2.7
MO	118	114	1,330	1,440	157	164	4.5
NM	319	342	1,710	1,845	545	631	15.8
NY	650	651	1,535	1,595	998	1,038	4.0
OH	267	273	1,460	1,460	390	399	2.3
OR	120	121	1,570	1,510	188	183	-2.7
PA	564	557	1,540	1,650	869	919	5.8
TX	318	325	1,655	1,845	526	600	14.1
VT	143	143	1,560	1,580	223	226	1.3
VA	105	103	1,465	1,495	154	154	
WA	235	237	1,960	1,945	461	461	
WI	1,235	1,240	1,515	1,585	1,871	1,965	5.0
23-State Total	8,087	8,190	1,643	1,711	13,287	14,011	5.4

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## Hired Workers Up 3 Percent, Wage Rates Up 3 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 796,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 8-14, 2006, up 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 616,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 180,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.11 per hour during the January 2006 reference week, up 33 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.15 per hour, up

44 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$9.25 per hour compared with \$9.20 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.19 per hour, was up 29 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 38.2 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

## United States Honey Production Down 5 Percent

U.S. honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 175 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2004. There were 2.41 million colonies producing honey in 2005, down 6 percent from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, up 1 percent from the 71.8 pounds in 2004. Producer honey stocks were 62.4 million pounds on December 15, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

**Arizona** honey production totaled 1.80 million pounds, 2 percent more than in 2004. Honey producing colonies, at 36,000, are up 4,000 from a year ago. Yield per colony was 50 pounds, compared to 55 pounds in 2004.

## Honey Prices Down 15 Percent

U.S. honey prices decreased during 2005 to 90.4 cents, down 15 percent from 106.9 cents in 2004. 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. Honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2005 were lower than the previous year for all color class totals.

**Arizona's** average price per pound was 97.0 cents, down 14 cents from 2004. Value of production, at 1.75 million dollars, was down 11 percent from a year earlier.

## Pork Production At Record High For January

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.89 billion pounds in January, up 7 percent from the 3.65 billion pounds produced in January 2005.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, up 5 percent from January 2005. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,281 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.5 million pounds, 6 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 55,700 head, down 18 percent from January 2005. The average live weight was 39 pounds above last year, at 368 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.92 million head, 5 percent above January 2005. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.2 million pounds, was up 12 percent from January 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,700 head, 7 percent above last year. The average live weight was 144 pounds, up 6 pounds from January a year ago.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	January 2006 as % of 2/	
				January 2005	December 2005
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<b>Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>97</b>
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	1,915	2,057	2,044	107	99
Veal	13.3	13.5	12.5	94	93
Pork	1,705	1,866	1,817	107	97
Lamb and Mutton	14.4	16.5	16.2	112	98
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,648</b>	<b>3,953</b>	<b>3,890</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>98</b>

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.

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### January Farm Prices Received Index Unchanged From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 113, based on 1990-92=100, is unchanged from January. The Crop Index is up 5 points (4.6 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 4 points (3.4 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for oranges, wheat, hay, and hogs. Lower prices were received for cattle, tomatoes, milk, and eggs. 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, milk, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 1 point (0.9 percent) from February 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 116, decreased 2 points (1.7 percent) from last month and decreased 2 points (1.7 percent) from February 2005.

### Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 146 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from January but 9 points (6.6 percent) above February 2005. Lower prices in February for

feeder cattle, feeder pigs, LP gas, and herbicides offset higher prices for complete feeds, hay & forages, self-propelled machinery, and feed supplements.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		February 2005 Entire Month	January 2006 Entire Month	February 2006 Mid-Month	February 2005 Entire Month	January 2006 Entire Month	February 2006 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	47.1	54.2	1/	38.3	48.6	48.3
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	166.00	136.00	127.00	111.00	102.00	98.20
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	124.00	109.70	111.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	110.00	125.00	130.00	94.00	95.60	99.20
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	18.20	17.80	16.90	18.60	19.00	19.70
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	28.10	24.50	24.10	30.30	25.20	25.80
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	26.10	29.80	24.80	28.50	30.70	26.50
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	15.20	24.50	21.30	29.90	26.20	25.60
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	56.40	46.30	46.30	52.50	47.30	48.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	106.00	108.00	108.00	93.10	102.00	98.10
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	97.10	89.50	89.50	88.80	95.10	92.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	131.00	128.00	130.00	129.00	141.00	142.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	15.00	14.10	13.40	15.50	14.50	13.80

- 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, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2005		2006	
	January	February	January	February
Prices Received	111	114	113	113
Prices Paid	137	137	146	146
Ratio 1/	81	83	77	77

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