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### Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 8 Percent From Last Year

On April 1, 2006, Arizona had 351,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 8 percent from a year ago and unchanged from last month. Placements totaled 30,000 head, 3,000 head more than a year ago. During March, 28,000 head were marketed, up 4,000 head from last March.

On April 1, 2006, California had 535,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 7 percent from last year, but down 15,000 from last month. Placements totaled 59,000 head, down 6,000 head from last year. During March, 68,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 head from last March.

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 April 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005 and 10 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.74 million steers and steer calves, up 11 percent from the previous

year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.0 million head, up 5 percent from 2005.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million, 5 percent above 2005 and 1 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.75 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 342,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 550,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million, down slightly from 2005 and slightly below 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during March, 32 percent above 2005 and 34 percent above 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		
	April 1, 2005	Mar 1, 2006	April 1, 2006			During March			During March			During March 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
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		
AZ	326	351	351	108	100	27	30	111	24	28	117	1	2	200
CA	500	550	535	107	97	65	59	91	70	68	97	10	6	60
CO	1,020	1,090	1,070	105	98	165	155	94	175	165	94	10	10	100
ID	240	255	250	104	98	44	42	95	53	45	85	1	2	200
IA	455	520	500	110	96	55	55	100	64	73	114	1	2	200
KS	2,340	2,610	2,590	111	99	445	480	108	460	470	102	15	30	200
NE	2,260	2,450	2,400	106	98	300	335	112	350	370	106	10	15	150
NM	113	143	139	123	97	13	21	162	23	23	100	2	2	100
OK	325	365	360	111	99	61	68	111	73	72	99	3	1	33
SD	205	210	210	102	100	31	36	116	34	35	103	2	1	50
TX	2,620	3,010	2,940	112	98	480	485	101	540	540	100	10	15	150
WA	159	154	152	96	99	22	26	118	47	27	57	1	1	100
Other Sts	310	315	315	102	100	42	45	107	50	42	84	2	3	150
US	10,873	12,023	11,812	109	98	1,750	1,837	105	1,963	1,958	100	68	90	132

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.

## March Milk Production Up 5.5 Percent

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during March totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 5.5 percent from March 2005. February revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 5.9 percent from February 2005. The February revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,773 pounds for March, 66 pounds above March 2005.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.22 million head, 124,000 head more than March 2005, and 17,000 head more than February 2006.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, March 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>
<b>AZ</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>5.6</b>
CA	1,744	1,785	1,850	1,920	3,226	3,427	6.2
CO	102	107	1,925	1,980	196	212	8.2
FL	139	133	1,640	1,600	228	213	-6.6
ID	441	475	1,880	1,880	829	893	7.7
IL	105	104	1,670	1,720	175	179	2.3
IN	156	163	1,700	1,775	265	289	9.1
IA	191	200	1,795	1,810	343	362	5.5
KS	110	111	1,810	1,840	199	204	2.5
KY	107	101	1,140	1,220	122	123	0.8
MI	309	315	1,825	1,900	564	599	6.2
MN	455	450	1,570	1,630	714	734	2.8
MO	119	115	1,400	1,500	167	173	3.6
NM	322	347	1,790	1,910	576	663	15.1
NY	648	649	1,570	1,630	1,017	1,058	4.0
OH	268	273	1,520	1,550	407	423	3.9
OR	121	121	1,640	1,610	198	195	-1.5
PA	560	555	1,600	1,700	896	944	5.4
TX	318	328	1,795	2,000	571	656	14.9
VT	143	143	1,595	1,610	228	230	0.9
VA	105	103	1,495	1,560	157	161	2.5
WA	239	238	2,020	1,980	483	471	-2.5
WI	1,233	1,241	1,560	1,620	1,923	2,010	4.5
<b>23-State Total</b>	<b>8,099</b>	<b>8,223</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>13,825</b>	<b>14,579</b>	<b>5.5</b>

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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## Red Meat Production At Record High For March

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.11 billion pounds in March, up 6 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in March 2005.

Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, up 5 percent from March 2005. The average live weight was up 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.3 million pounds, slightly above March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59,200 head, down 13 percent from March 2005. The average live weight was 42 pounds above last year, at 370 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.23 million head, 3 percent above March 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18.2 million pounds, was down 6 percent from March 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 249,700 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 145 pounds, up 6 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2006 commercial red meat production was 11.5 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

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

Class	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	March 2006 as % of 2/	
				March 2005	February 2006
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
<b>Arizona 3/</b>					
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>27,600</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>128</b>
<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,042	1,825	2,209	108	121
Veal	13.3	11.7	13.3	100	114
Pork	1,804	1,633	1,871	104	115
Lamb and Mutton	19.5	14.7	18.2	94	124
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,878</b>	<b>3,484</b>	<b>4,112</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>118</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.

### Arizona and United States Milk Production, Disposition, and Income

The average number of milk cows maintained by Arizona's dairy operations in 2005 increased 3,000 head from a year ago to 163,000 head. As of January 1, 2006, the number of milk cows totaled 165,000. Milk production per cow during 2005 was 22,957 pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

In Arizona milk production totaled 3.74 billion pounds in 2005, an increase of 3 percent from 2004. Value of milk produced, at \$558 million dollars, was a 3 percent decrease from the 2004 value. The average return per 100 pounds of milk in 2005 was \$14.90, down 80 cents from 2004.

United States milk production increased 3.5 percent in 2005 to 177 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 19,576 pounds, was 609 pounds above 2004. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.04 million head, up 29,000 head from 2004. Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2005 totaled \$26.7 billion, 2.4 percent lower than 2004. Producer returns averaged \$15.20 per hundredweight, 5.8 percent below 2004. Marketings totaled 176 billion pounds, 3.6 percent above 2004. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 1.08 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 2.4 percent less than 2004. Calves were fed 87 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

### Arizona and United States Cattle Production, Disposition, and Income

**Cattle and Calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of Arizona cattle and calves increased from \$735 million in 2004 to \$774 million in 2005, a 5 percent increase. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 809 million pounds in 2005, up 7 percent from 2004. The Arizona annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$93.40, a decrease of \$2.70 from 2004. For calves, the annual average price per 100 pounds increased \$6.00 to \$126.00.

For the United States, cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased from \$47.5 billion in 2004 to \$49.2 in 2005, a 4 percent increase. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 53.1 billion pounds in 2005, down 2 percent from 2004. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$89.70, an increase of \$3.90 from 2004. For calves, the annual average price increased from \$119.00 to \$135.00.

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### April Farm Prices Received Index Increased 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 115, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from March. The Crop Index is up 11 points (9.3 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 6 points (5.5 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, onions and strawberries. Lower prices were received for broilers, cattle, eggs, and hogs. 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 strawberries, cattle, sweet corn, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and hogs.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 6 points (5.0 percent) from April 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 117, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from last month but decreased 8 points (6.4 percent) from April 2005.

### Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 147 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) from March and 7 points (5.0 percent) above April 2005. Higher prices in April

for field crop seeds, hay & forages, feeder cattle, legume & grass seed, and feed grains more than offset lower prices for feeder pigs, milk cows, insecticides, diesel fuel, and trucks.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, April 2005 and 2006 and March 2006

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		April 2005 Entire Month	March 2006 Entire Month	April 2006 Mid-Month	April 2005 Entire Month	March 2006 Entire Month	April 2006 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	41.4	50.4	54.3
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	121.00	113.00	114.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	115.00	128.00	135.00	105.00	100.00	110.00
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	9.55	16.10	18.60	19.80	19.50	19.70
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	22.30	15.10	25.30	30.10	23.20	23.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	56.50	46.10	47.80	57.00	49.50	48.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	114.00	103.00	103.00	98.10	93.00	89.70
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	103.00	87.10	87.50	93.70	88.10	85.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	137.00	127.00	128.00	141.00	138.00	136.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	14.70	12.40	11.80	15.20	12.60	12.10

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs., Grapefruit 67 lbs.

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

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

7/ 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	
	March	April	March	April
Prices Received	119	121	114	115
Prices Paid	139	140	146	147
Ratio 1/	86	86	78	78

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