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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 3 Percent From Last Year

On June 1, 2006, Arizona had 341,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 3 percent from a year ago but down 4,000 from last month. Placements totaled 29,000 head, 3,000 head less than a year ago. During May, 27,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 head from last May.

On June 1, 2006, California had 535,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 4 percent from last year and up 5,000 from last month. Placements totaled 80,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year. During May, 70,000 head were marketed, up 8,000 head from last May.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on June 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1,

2005 and 5 percent above June 1, 2004. This is the second highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.91 million, 14 percent below 2005 and 19 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.80 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 370,000, 700-799 pounds were 503,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 2005 and 7 percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 115,000 during May, 20 percent above 2005 and 46 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 During May			Number Marketed During May			Other Disappearance During May 2/		
	June 1, 2005	May 1, 2006	June 1, 2006			2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
			Number	as % of 2005	as % of May									
	1,000 Head		Percent		Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		
AZ	331	*345	341	103	99	32	29	91	29	27	93	2	6	300
CA	515	530	535	104	101	82	80	98	62	70	113	5	5	100
CO	970	1,060	1,030	106	97	165	175	106	150	185	123	15	20	133
ID	245	245	230	94	94	61	37	61	54	47	87	2	5	250
IA	435	495	470	108	95	55	51	93	73	74	101	2	2	100
KS	2,280	2,530	2,400	105	95	510	415	81	465	520	112	25	25	100
NE	2,050	2,320	2,120	103	91	360	340	94	480	520	108	20	20	100
NM	127	132	135	106	102	30	25	83	16	21	131	1	1	100
OK	325	340	345	106	101	86	76	88	64	70	109	2	1	50
SD	186	200	195	105	98	28	33	118	38	34	89	4	4	100
TX	2,890	2,910	2,960	102	102	750	590	79	480	520	108	10	20	200
WA	137	152	141	103	93	26	20	77	34	30	88	2	1	50
Other Sts	280	300	285	102	95	38	42	111	52	52	100	6	5	83
US	10,771	11,559	11,187	104	97	2,223	1,913	86	1,997	2,170	109	96	115	120

* 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.

May Milk Production Up 2.8 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from May 2005. April revised production, at 14.2 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from April 2005. The April revision represented a decrease of 2 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for May, 22 pounds above May 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.26 million head, 128,000 head more than May 2005, and 19,000 head more than April 2006.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, May 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	163	173	2,085	2,145	340	371	9.1
CA	1,751	1,785	1,880	1,890	3,292	3,374	2.5
CO	104	109	1,950	2,000	203	218	7.4
FL	138	133	1,580	1,600	218	213	-2.3
ID	445	485	1,930	1,930	859	936	9.0
IL	104	103	1,660	1,690	173	174	0.6
IN	157	166	1,800	1,750	283	291	2.8
IA	193	200	1,845	1,790	356	358	0.6
KS	112	113	1,815	1,870	203	211	3.9
KY	107	99	1,195	1,260	128	125	-2.3
MI	312	319	1,915	1,910	597	609	2.0
MN	455	450	1,610	1,635	733	736	0.4
MO	119	116	1,490	1,470	177	171	-3.4
NM	323	356	1,880	1,980	607	705	16.1
NY	646	648	1,665	1,660	1,076	1,076	
OH	270	273	1,595	1,600	431	437	1.4
OR	121	121	1,660	1,550	201	188	-6.5
PA	565	556	1,675	1,700	946	945	-0.1
TX	320	330	1,830	1,970	586	650	10.9
VT	144	142	1,650	1,630	238	231	-2.9
VA	105	103	1,535	1,545	161	159	-1.2
WA	243	237	2,025	2,025	492	480	-2.4
WI	1,234	1,242	1,630	1,655	2,011	2,056	2.2
23-State Total	8,131	8,259	1,760	1,782	14,311	14,714	2.8

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 May

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in May, up 9 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in May 2005.

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.04 million head, up 9 percent from May 2005. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,241 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.1 million pounds, 1 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 57,500 head, up 9 percent from May 2005. The average live weight was 2 pounds above last year, at 378 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.54 million head, 6 percent above May 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was up 10 percent from May 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 225,800 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 144 pounds, up 1 pound from May a year ago.

January to May 2006 commercial red meat production was 19.1 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.

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

Class	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	May 2006 as % of 2/	
				May 2005	April 2006
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	28,700	28,700	33,000	115	115
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,074	1,973	2,297	111	116
Veal	13.2	10.9	13.1	99	120
Pork	1,611	1,613	1,722	107	107
Lamb and Mutton	14.8	17.0	16.3	110	96
Total Red Meat	3,713	3,614	4,049	109	112

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.

U.S. Hog Inventory Up Slightly

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2006 was 60.9 million head. This was up slightly from June 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from March 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.06 million head, was up 1 percent from both last year and from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.9 million head, was up slightly from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2006 pig crop, at 26.3 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 3 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, up 1 percent from both 2005 and 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.08 for the March-May 2006 period, compared to 9.02 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the June-August 2006 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings in 2005, but up 1 percent from 2004. Intended farrowings for September-November 2006, at 2.92 million sows, are up one percent from both 2005 and 2004.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 38 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, down from 40 percent last year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2005 through March 2006 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than one-half of one percent were made to the December 2005 total inventory, March 2006 total inventory and to the September-November 2005 pig crop.

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June Farm Prices Received Index Increased 3 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 118, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from May. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.6 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 6 points (5.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for broilers, sweet corn, hogs, and broccoli. Lower prices were received for lettuce, cantaloupe, corn, and strawberries. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of

commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupe offset decreased marketings of oranges, tomatoes, strawberries, and sweet corn.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 1 point (0.8 percent) from June 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 119, increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from last month but decreased 2 points (1.7 percent) from June 2005.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The June 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 unchanged from May but 6 points (4.3 percent) above June 2005. Lower prices in June for nitrogen

fertilizers, hay and forages, complete feeds, and feed grains, were offset by higher prices for LP gas, feeder cattle, self-propelled machinery, and herbicides.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, June 2005 and 2006 and May 2006

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		June 2005 Entire Month	May 2006 Entire Month	June 2006 Mid-Month	June 2005 Entire Month	May 2006 Entire Month	June 2006 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	41.9	46.8	46.9
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	122.30	131.30	131.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	130.00	135.00	135.00	112.00	118.00	115.00
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	---	21.60	23.40	30.10	26.20	25.90
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	5.60	18.00	18.20	19.10	20.70	24.10
Potatoes	\$ Cwt	7.75	14.00	14.00	6.29	8.05	8.50
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	57.10	43.50	40.70	56.80	47.50	46.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	103.00	106.00	105.00	91.50	86.50	88.40
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	92.90	88.50	87.00	88.00	82.20	84.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	123.00	126.00	125.00	140.00	132.00	132.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	14.20	11.70	11.70	14.40	12.00	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	
	May	June	May	June
Prices Received	119	119	115	118
Prices Paid	140	141	147	147
Ratio 1/	85	84	78	80

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