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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 8 Percent From Last Year

On August 1, 2006, Arizona had 339,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 8 percent from a year ago but down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 31,000 head, 2,000 head more than a year ago. During July, 34,000 head were marketed, down 3,000 head from last July.

On August 1, 2006, California had 515,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 3 percent from last year, and down 15,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 55,000 head, down 17,000 head from last year. During July, 67,000 head were marketed, up 8,000 head from last July.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on August 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above a year

ago and 10 percent above August 1, 2004. This is the second highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.96 million, 17 percent above 2005 and 14 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.91 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 570,000, 600-699 pounds were 403,000, 700-799 pounds were 490,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 500,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.96 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 2 percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during July, 5 percent below 2005 but unchanged from 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		
	Aug 1, 2005	July 1, 2006	Aug 1, 2006			During July			During July			During July 2/		
			Number	As % of 2005	as % of June	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	314	344	339	108	99	29	31	107	37	34	92	2	2	100
CA	530	530	515	97	97	72	55	76	59	67	114	3	3	100
CO	820	980	940	115	96	125	150	120	200	180	90	5	10	200
ID	250	230	225	90	98	36	36	100	45	40	89	1	1	100
IA	400	460	445	111	97	49	60	122	63	73	116	1	2	200
KS	2,190	2,280	2,360	108	104	480	590	123	470	495	105	20	15	75
NE	1,730	1,990	1,950	113	98	325	380	117	405	410	101	10	10	100
NM	134	140	144	107	103	23	23	100	18	18	100	3	1	33
OK	320	340	345	108	101	62	58	94	61	52	85	1	1	100
SD	143	180	165	115	92	15	24	160	30	38	127	3	1	33
TX	2,890	2,980	2,970	103	100	400	480	120	450	480	107	10	10	100
WA	137	148	154	112	104	26	33	127	30	26	87	1	1	100
Other Sts	235	270	270	115	100	36	43	119	50	42	84	1	1	100
US	10,093	10,872	10,822	107	100	1,678	1,963	117	1,918	1,955	102	61	58	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.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, July 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	162	170	1,865	1,805	302	307	1.7
CA	1,756	1,771	1,780	1,760	3,126	3,117	-0.3
CO	105	112	1,960	1,960	206	220	6.8
FL	136	131	1,315	1,330	179	174	-2.8
ID	460	490	1,960	1,960	902	960	6.4
IL	104	103	1,580	1,600	164	165	0.6
IN	156	166	1,700	1,670	265	277	4.5
IA	193	200	1,720	1,690	332	338	1.8
KS	112	113	1,695	1,650	190	186	-2.1
KY	106	97	1,065	1,060	113	103	-8.8
MI	313	321	1,850	1,875	579	602	4.0
MN	455	450	1,510	1,565	687	704	2.5
MO	117	115	1,360	1,270	159	146	-8.2
NM	328	362	1,845	1,880	605	681	12.6
NY	647	647	1,600	1,605	1,035	1,038	0.3
OH	270	274	1,480	1,510	400	414	3.5
OR	121	121	1,640	1,580	198	191	-3.5
PA	561	555	1,590	1,600	892	888	-0.4
TX	320	335	1,710	1,760	547	590	7.9
VT	143	141	1,565	1,540	224	217	-3.1
VA	105	103	1,390	1,415	146	146	0.0
WA	245	237	1,985	1,960	486	465	-4.3
WI	1,236	1,244	1,600	1,600	1,978	1,990	0.6
23-State Total	8,151	8,258	1,683	1,686	13,715	13,919	1.5

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Red Meat Production Down From Previous Month

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.78 billion pounds in July, up 5 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in July 2005.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from July 2005. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from the previous year, at 1,272 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.0 million pounds, 4 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 57,900 head, down 1 percent from July 2005. The average live weight was 10 pounds below last year, at 340 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.88 million head, 3 percent above July 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 265 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.2 million pounds, was down 1 percent from July 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,100 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 3 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2006 commercial red meat production was 27.1 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

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

Class	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	July 2006 as % of	
				July 2005	June 2006
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
ARIZONA 2/					
Total Red Meat	29,300	31,700	33,900	116	107
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
UNITED STATES					
Beef	2,083	2,429	2,204	106	91
Veal	12.4	13.0	12.0	96	92
Pork	1,505	1,663	1,553	103	93
Lamb and Mutton	13.4	*14.5	13.2	99	91
Total Red Meat	3,614	4,120	3,782	105	92

* Revised

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.

Hired Workers Down 11 Percent, Wage Rates Up 4 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,202,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 9-15, 2006, down 11 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 875,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 327,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.74 per hour during the July 2006 reference week, up 36 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.95 per hour, up 34 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.56 per hour compared with \$9.26 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.10 per hour, was up 32 cents from last year.

Range and Pasture Conditions Remained in Mostly Fair to Good Condition

During July, Arizona's rangeland and pastures continued to be very dry even though some rain had fallen throughout the State. Grazing conditions were mostly poor to fair depending on location. High elevation pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Mid and low elevation conditions were mostly poor to fair. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair but some areas were in good to excellent condition. Rains were intermittent and scattered, helping to replenish stock tanks. High and low elevation pasture conditions were mostly fair with some areas, however, in good to excellent condition. Mid elevation conditions were mostly poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, overall grazing condition was mostly poor, but a substantial amount was in fair to good condition. High elevation pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Mid elevation conditions ranged from very poor to fair. Low elevation pastures were in poor condition. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture were short throughout the region. Insect damage was light to moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pastures were in mostly poor to good condition. Various amounts of rain were recorded in July with some areas receiving too much too fast and causing some flood damage. Conditions of pastureland varied from poor to good at high and mid elevation pastures. Lower elevation range and pasture condition was mostly poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water and soil moisture supplies were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was light.

Pasture and Range Crop Condition by Percent, Week Ending August 27, 2006

State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>						<i>Percent</i>					
AL	34	34	23	8	1	NJ	0	15	40	35	10
AZ	41	28	19	9	3	NM	4	16	30	35	15
AR	20	37	30	12	1	NY	0	7	33	41	19
CA	27	33	26	14	0	NC	2	12	41	41	4
CO	17	29	37	16	1	ND	32	31	24	13	0
CT	0	6	23	67	4	OH	4	13	36	40	7
DE	16	17	38	28	1	OK	45	36	14	4	1
FL	5	10	40	40	5	OR	16	23	32	24	5
GA	14	34	34	17	1	PA	12	31	28	22	7
ID	1	3	50	42	4	RI	0	0	10	60	30
IL	7	17	23	45	8	SC	6	15	32	43	4
IN	3	11	30	51	5	SD	31	33	24	11	1
IA	3	15	37	36	9	TN	15	23	35	25	2
KS	21	31	35	13	0	TX	57	24	14	4	1
KY	2	10	38	44	6	UT	3	12	35	45	5
LA	14	23	34	28	1	VT	0	0	40	60	0
ME	0	1	16	46	37	VA	22	33	27	15	3
MD	14	37	38	11	0	WA	6	7	42	45	0
MA	0	0	11	79	10	WV	6	20	36	36	2
MI	8	21	37	27	7	WI	5	14	35	41	5
MN	18	23	31	27	1	WY	44	28	23	5	0
MS	36	34	24	6	0						
MO	34	31	23	11	1	48 States	25	25	27	20	3
MT	17	35	31	13	4						
NE	35	31	26	8	0	Prev. Week	25	26	27	19	3
NV	24	36	29	11	0	Prev. Year	11	20	34	31	4
NH	0	1	28	63	8						

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August Farm Prices Received Index Up 3 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 120 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 3 points (2.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (4.5 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, broilers, tomatoes, and eggs. Lower prices were received for corn, soybeans, sorghum grain, and potatoes. 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 cattle, grapes,

calves, and sweet corn offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, broilers, and cantaloupe.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 4 points (3.4 percent) from August 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 124, increased 6 points (5.1 percent) from last month and increased 5 points (4.2 percent) from August 2005.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The August Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 148 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from July but 7 points (5.0 percent) above August 2005. Higher prices for diesel fuel, LP gas,

complete feeds, and feed supplements offset lower prices in August for nitrogen fertilizers, feed grains, self-propelled machinery, and feed concentrates.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, August 2005 and 2006 and July 2006

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		August 2005 Entire Month	July 2006 Entire Month	August 2006 Mid-Month	August 2005 Entire Month	July 2006 Entire Month	August 2006 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	42.10	47.10	47.20
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	111.70	127.70	131.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	123.00	128.00	123.00	108.00	113.00	110.00
Potatoes	\$ Cwt	14.30	11.50	1/	7.02	11.02	9.03
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	54.30	45.00	47.00	51.40	46.60	46.90
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	103.00	106.00	109.00	87.70	90.40	91.80
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	91.30	88.90	91.60	84.40	86.10	87.70
Calves	\$ Cwt	124.00	135.00	130.00	133.00	136.00	134.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	14.90	11.90	11.80	14.80	11.80	11.90

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

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

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

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

6/ 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	
	July	August	July	August
Prices Received	116	116	117	120
Prices Paid	141	141	148	148
Ratio 1/	82	82	79	81

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