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## Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory up 7 Percent from Last Year

On September 1, 2006, Arizona had 336,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 7 percent from a year ago but down 3,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 30,000 head during August, 5,000 head less than a year ago. During August, 31,000 head were marketed, down 3,000 head from last year.

On September 1, 2006, California had 520,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 2 percent from last year but up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 66,000 head during August, up 4,000 head from last year. During August, 59,000 head were marketed, up 2,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on September 1, 2006. The inventory was 10 percent above September 1, 2005 and 10 percent above September 1, 2004. This is the highest September 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.30 million, 15 percent above 2005 and 9 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.24 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 435,000, 700-799 pounds were 535,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 8 percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during August, 11 percent above 2005 and 5 percent above 2004.

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2006

State	Number on Feed 1/					Placements During August			Marketings During August			Other Disappearance During August 2/			
	Sep 1, 2005	Aug 1, 2006	Sep 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 Aug										
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>			<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	314	339	336	107	99	35	30	86	34	31	91	1	2	200	
CA	530	515	520	98	101	62	66	106	57	59	104	5	2	40	
CO	770	940	960	125	102	155	210	135	200	185	93	5	5	100	
ID	250	225	235	94	104	51	55	108	50	44	88	1	1	100	
IA	395	445	455	115	102	69	80	116	72	69	96	2	1	50	
KS	2,210	2,360	2,390	108	101	520	590	113	490	540	110	10	20	200	
NE	1,770	1,950	2,050	116	105	415	470	113	365	360	99	10	10	100	
NM	135	144	142	105	99	28	26	93	24	26	108	3	2	67	
OK	320	345	345	108	100	70	77	110	68	76	112	2	1	50	
SD	132	165	155	117	94	24	30	125	34	37	109	1	3	300	
TX	2,800	2,970	2,960	106	100	480	570	119	560	570	102	10	10	100	
WA	139	154	158	114	103	30	35	117	27	30	111	1	1	100	
Other Sts	235	270	280	119	104	54	61	113	52	50	96	2	1	50	
US	10,000	10,822	10,986	110	102	1,993	2,300	115	2,033	2,077	102	53	59	111	

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.

## August Milk Production Up 1.6 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from August 2005. July revised production, at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from July 2005. The July revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,680 pounds for August, 9 pounds above August 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 88,000 head more than August 2005, but 9,000 head less than July 2006.

### Milk Cows and Production: by State, August 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		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>161</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>0.4</b>
CA	1,759	1,768	1,795	1,860	3,157	3,288	4.1
CO	105	112	1,970	1,990	207	223	7.7
FL	135	130	1,230	1,255	166	163	-1.8
ID	468	495	1,940	1,960	908	970	6.8
IL	104	103	1,515	1,550	158	160	1.3
IN	157	165	1,660	1,625	261	268	2.7
IA	196	200	1,740	1,645	341	329	-3.5
KS	112	113	1,690	1,730	189	195	3.2
KY	106	97	1,030	1,020	109	99	-9.2
MI	314	319	1,830	1,830	575	584	1.6
MN	450	450	1,510	1,525	680	686	0.9
MO	115	115	1,300	1,185	150	136	-9.3
NM	331	362	1,825	1,780	604	644	6.6
NY	647	643	1,600	1,605	1,035	1,032	-0.3
OH	270	274	1,460	1,480	394	406	3.0
OR	121	121	1,630	1,570	197	190	-3.6
PA	562	554	1,575	1,580	885	875	-1.1
TX	320	337	1,625	1,655	520	558	7.3
VT	143	141	1,550	1,510	222	213	-4.1
VA	105	103	1,360	1,360	143	140	-2.1
WA	245	237	1,970	1,955	483	463	-4.1
WI	1,236	1,244	1,595	1,570	1,971	1,953	-0.9
23-State Total	8,162	8,250	1,671	1,680	13,640	13,861	1.6

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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## U.S. Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2006 was 62.7 million head. This was up 1 percent from September 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from June 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was up 2 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.6 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2006 pig crop, at 26.7 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.92 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.14 for the June-August 2006 period, compared to 9.06 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

## Red Meat and Pork Production at Record High for August

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.24 billion pounds in August, up 4 percent from the 4.10 billion pounds produced in August 2005.

Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, up 5 percent from August 2005. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,275 pounds.

Veal production totaled 14.2 million pounds, 4 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 66,700 head, up 2 percent from August 2005. The average live weight was unchanged last year, at 347 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.09 million head, 1 percent above August 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from August 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 227,000 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down 5 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2006 commercial red meat production was 31.3 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: Arizona and U.S., August 2005 and 2006 and July 2006 1/

Class	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	August 2006 as % of 2/	
				August 2005	July 2006
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
<b>ARIZONA 2/</b>					
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>33,800</b>	<b>33,900</b>	<b>34,700</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>102</b>
	Million Pounds			Percent	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
Beef	2,319	2,204	2,442	105	111
Veal	13.7	12.0	14.2	104	118
Pork	1,752	1,553	1,774	101	114
Lamb and Mutton	15.4	13.2	14.6	95	110
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>3,782</b>	<b>4,245</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>112</b>

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

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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### September Farm Prices Received Index Down 2 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 118 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.7 percent) from August. The Crop Index is down 7 points (5.6 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, potatoes, hogs, and broccoli. Higher prices were received for cattle, milk, tomatoes, and turkeys. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Decreased average marketings of cattle,

broilers, wheat, and grapes offset increased marketings of soybeans, apples, corn, and potatoes.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 2 points (1.7 percent) from September 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, decreased 2 points (1.6 percent) from last month and is unchanged from September 2005.

### Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The September 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 down 1 point (0.7 percent) from August but 5 points (3.5 percent) above September 2005. Lower

prices in September for diesel fuel, gasoline, nitrogen fertilizers, and feed concentrates offset higher prices for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, hay & forages, and mixed fertilizers.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		September 2005 Entire Month	August 2006 Entire Month	September 2006 Mid-Month	September 2005 Entire Month	August 2006 Entire Month	September 2006 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	44.30	45.80	46.20
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	112.70	136.30	139.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	120.00	123.00	120.00	106.00	110.00	112.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	29.10	1/	50.20	28.60	42.50	46.80
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	51.10	48.90	45.60	49.80	47.00	47.30
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	102.00	110.00	109.00	92.10	91.90	95.20
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	89.30	92.90	91.20	88.00	87.70	90.30
Calves	\$ Cwt	123.00	133.00	133.00	135.00	134.00	135.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	15.10	12.20	12.60	15.30	12.00	12.60

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

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	
	August	September	August	September
Prices Received	116	116	120	118
Prices Paid	141	142	148	147
Ratio 1/	82	82	81	80

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