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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 6 Percent From Last Year

On November 1, 2006, Arizona had 342,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 6 percent from a year ago and up 6,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 34,000 head during October, 1,000 head more than a year ago. During October, 27,000 head were marketed, unchanged from last year.

On November 1, 2006, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 3 percent from last year but up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 71,000 head during October, up 7,000 head from last year. During October, 62,000 head were marketed, up 12,000 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 12.0 million head on November 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above November 1, 2005 and 6 percent above November 1, 2004. This is the highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.43 million, 13 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004. Net placements were 2.34 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 840,000, 600-699 pounds were 645,000, 700-799 pounds were 485,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 455,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2005 but 2 percent below 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 81,000 during October, 40 percent above 2005 and 23 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 | | |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| | Nov 1, 2005 | Oct 1, 2006 | Nov 1, 2006 | | | During October | | | During October | | | During October 2/ | | |
| | | | Number | as % of 2005 | as % of Oct | 2005 | 2006 | 2006 as % of 2005 | 2005 | 2006 | 2006 as % of 2005 | 2005 | 2006 | 2006 as % of 2005 |
| | <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 | 323 | 336 | 342 | 106 | 102 | 33 | 34 | 103 | 27 | 27 | 100 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| CA | 545 | 525 | 530 | 97 | 101 | 64 | 71 | 111 | 50 | 62 | 124 | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| CO | 1,030 | 1,060 | 1,120 | 109 | 106 | 285 | 210 | 74 | 150 | 140 | 93 | 5 | 10 | 200 |
| ID | 290 | 265 | 285 | 98 | 108 | 76 | 71 | 93 | 55 | 50 | 91 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| IA | 475 | 460 | 490 | 103 | 107 | 131 | 109 | 83 | 65 | 78 | 120 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| KS | 2,410 | 2,450 | 2,550 | 106 | 104 | 580 | 520 | 90 | 400 | 395 | 99 | 20 | 25 | 125 |
| NE | 2,280 | 2,220 | 2,440 | 107 | 110 | 660 | 560 | 85 | 310 | 330 | 106 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| NM | 141 | 143 | 141 | 100 | 99 | 22 | 14 | 64 | 16 | 13 | 81 | 1 | 3 | 300 |
| OK | 360 | 355 | 360 | 100 | 101 | 79 | 65 | 82 | 53 | 58 | 109 | 1 | 2 | 200 |
| SD | 161 | 170 | 190 | 118 | 112 | 68 | 64 | 94 | 35 | 43 | 123 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| TX | 2,970 | 2,930 | 2,990 | 101 | 102 | 670 | 590 | 88 | 520 | 510 | 98 | 10 | 20 | 200 |
| WA | 163 | 171 | 181 | 111 | 106 | 34 | 34 | 100 | 23 | 23 | 100 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Other Sts | 325 | 300 | 340 | 105 | 113 | 86 | 83 | 97 | 35 | 41 | 117 | 1 | 2 | 200 |
| US | 11,473 | 11,385 | 11,959 | 104 | 105 | 2,788 | 2,425 | 87 | 1,739 | 1,770 | 102 | 58 | 81 | 140 |

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.

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and a Wonderful New Year*

Pork Production At Record High For October

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.18 billion pounds in October, up 7 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in October 2005.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, up 7 percent from October 2005. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,288 pounds.

Veal production totaled 14.1 million pounds, 12 percent above October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 63,500 head, up 13 percent from October 2005. The average live weight was 8 pounds below last year, at 362 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.92 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.64 million head, 6 percent above

October 2005. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.6 million pounds, was down 1 percent from October 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,000 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 6 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2006 commercial red meat production was 39.4 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

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

| Class | October 2005 | September 2006 | October 2006 | October 2006 as % of 2/ | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| | | | | October 2005 | September 2006 |
| <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> | | |
| Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat | 27,900 | 31,600 | 30,800 | 110 | 97 |
| <i>Million Pounds</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> | | |
| <u>United States</u> | | | | | |
| Beef | 2,081 | 2,162 | 2,228 | 107 | 103 |
| Veal | 12.6 | 12.8 | 14.1 | 112 | 110 |
| Pork | 1,816 | 1,744 | 1,924 | 106 | 110 |
| Lamb and Mutton | 15.8 | 14.2 | 15.6 | 99 | 110 |
| Total Red Meat | 3,925 | 3,933 | 4,182 | 107 | 106 |

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

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates By Selected State, 2005-2006 1/ 2/

| State | All Hired | | Field | | Field & Livestock | |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 |
| AZ | 8.50 | 9.02 | 7.70 | 7.86 | 7.86 | 8.27 |
| CA | 9.77 | 10.09 | 8.81 | 9.00 | 9.01 | 9.20 |
| NV | 8.62 | 9.17 | 7.54 | 8.38 | 8.12 | 8.34 |
| NM | 8.78 | 8.68 | 7.53 | 7.44 | 8.23 | 8.28 |
| TX | 8.80 | 9.24 | 7.84 | 8.09 | 8.04 | 8.69 |
| UT | 9.30 | 9.08 | 8.17 | 8.13 | 8.57 | 8.39 |
| US /3 | 9.51 | 9.87 | 8.70 | 9.06 | 8.84 | 9.15 |

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average for all States, Regions, and the U.S. is based on data collection for January, April, July, and October.

3/ Excludes AK.

October Milk Production Up 2.1 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 13.7 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from October 2005. September revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 2.0 percent from September 2005. The September revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,656 pounds for October, 19 pounds above October 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 78,000 head more than October 2005, and 2,000 head more than September 2006.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, October 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 | 161 | 166 | 1,840 | 1,815 | 296 | 301 | 1.7 |
| CA | 1,765 | 1,776 | 1,785 | 1,815 | 3,151 | 3,223 | 2.3 |
| CO | 106 | 112 | 1,870 | 1,920 | 198 | 215 | 8.6 |
| FL | 135 | 129 | 1,135 | 1,145 | 153 | 148 | -3.3 |
| ID | 470 | 497 | 1,870 | 1,880 | 879 | 934 | 6.3 |
| IL | 104 | 103 | 1,510 | 1,550 | 157 | 160 | 1.9 |
| IN | 155 | 165 | 1,685 | 1,640 | 261 | 271 | 3.8 |
| IA | 198 | 200 | 1,690 | 1,670 | 335 | 334 | -0.3 |
| KS | 112 | 112 | 1,680 | 1,680 | 188 | 188 | |
| KY | 103 | 95 | 1,040 | 1,090 | 107 | 104 | -2.8 |
| MI | 313 | 321 | 1,790 | 1,850 | 560 | 594 | 6.1 |
| MN | 450 | 450 | 1,475 | 1,510 | 664 | 680 | 2.4 |
| MO | 114 | 115 | 1,280 | 1,240 | 146 | 143 | -2.1 |
| NM | 335 | 360 | 1,760 | 1,675 | 590 | 603 | 2.2 |
| NY | 650 | 638 | 1,550 | 1,575 | 1,008 | 1,005 | -0.3 |
| OH | 270 | 274 | 1,430 | 1,470 | 386 | 403 | 4.4 |
| OR | 121 | 117 | 1,560 | 1,580 | 189 | 185 | -2.1 |
| PA | 558 | 552 | 1,550 | 1,600 | 865 | 883 | 2.1 |
| TX | 320 | 338 | 1,605 | 1,660 | 514 | 561 | 9.1 |
| VT | 142 | 140 | 1,505 | 1,485 | 214 | 208 | -2.8 |
| VA | 105 | 103 | 1,370 | 1,350 | 144 | 139 | -3.5 |
| WA | 243 | 237 | 1,925 | 1,930 | 468 | 457 | -2.4 |
| WI | 1,238 | 1,246 | 1,535 | 1,535 | 1,900 | 1,913 | 0.7 |
| 23-State Total | 8,168 | 8,246 | 1,637 | 1,656 | 13,373 | 13,652 | 2.1 |

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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November Farm Prices Received Index Up 5 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 121 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (4.3 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 10 points (8.7 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and milk. Lower prices were received for cattle, tomatoes, oranges, and hogs. 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 milk, cattle, cotton,

and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and lettuce.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 9 points (8.0 percent) from November 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, increased 4 points (3.4 percent) from last month and 2 points (1.7 percent) from November 2005.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The November 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 October but 4 points above (2.8 percent) November 2005. Higher prices for feed grains,

feed supplements, feed concentrates, and complete feeds offset lower prices in November for feeder cattle, mixed fertilizers, LP gas, and herbicides.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, November 2005 and 2006 and October 2006

| Commodity | Unit | Arizona | | | United States | | |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | November 2005 Entire Month | October 2006 Entire Month | November 2006 Mid-Month | November 2005 Entire Month | October 2006 Entire Month | November 2006 Mid-Month |
| Upland Cotton | ¢ Lb | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ | 48.50 | 46.10 | 46.60 |
| Cottonseed 2/ | \$ Ton | 134.00 | 172.00 | 164.00 | 95.60 | 97.70 | 108.00 |
| Durum Wheat 3/ | \$ Ton | --- | --- | --- | 109.30 | 151.70 | 160.00 |
| Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/ | \$ Ton | 120.00 | 123.00 | 123.00 | 98.30 | 112.00 | 109.00 |
| Lemons 5/ | \$ Box | 28.00 | 49.60 | 43.20 | 27.50 | 49.50 | 42.00 |
| Tangerines 5/ | \$ Box | 32.20 | --- | 35.60 | 33.20 | 20.00 | 33.30 |
| Grapefruit 5/ | \$ Box | 23.20 | --- | 24.10 | 25.30 | 30.00 | 25.00 |
| Cows 6/ | \$ Cwt | 44.00 | 45.70 | 43.70 | 45.90 | 45.90 | 43.70 |
| Steers and Heifers | \$ Cwt | 103.00 | 101.00 | 93.00 | 97.10 | 94.00 | 90.00 |
| Beef Cattle 7/ | \$ Cwt | 87.10 | 85.50 | 79.20 | 90.80 | 88.50 | 84.40 |
| Calves | \$ Cwt | 120.00 | 123.00 | 115.00 | 137.00 | 127.00 | 119.00 |
| All Milk 8/ | \$ Cwt | 15.00 | 13.50 | 13.60 | 15.10 | 13.50 | 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., 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 and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. October 2005 Fat test percent: all milk 3.71.

United States Price Index Summary Table

| Index 1990-92 = 100 | 2005 | | 2006 | |
|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| | October | November | October | November |
| Prices Received | 111 | 112 | 116 | 121 |
| Prices Paid | 144 | 142 | 146 | 146 |
| Ratio 1/ | 77 | 19 | 79 | 83 |

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