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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 3 Percent From Last Year

On February 1, 2007, Arizona had 334,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 12,000 head from a year ago, but unchanged from last month. Placements totaled 33,000 head during January, 6,000 head less than a year ago. During January, 32,000 head were marketed, up 6,000 head from last year.

On February 1, 2007, California had 540,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 10,000 head from last year, and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 64,000 head during January, down 7,000 head from last year. During January, 72,000 head were marketed, up 10,000 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 11.7 million head on February 1, 2007. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2006 but 3 percent above February 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.69 million, 23 percent below 2006 and 10 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.59 million. This is the second lowest placements for the month of January since the series began in 1996. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 390,000, 700-799 pounds were 545,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 435,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.84 million, up 2 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during January, 17 percent above 2006 and 33 percent above 2005.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2006-2007

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed During January			Number Marketed During January			Other Disappearance During January 2/			
	Feb 1, 2006	Jan 1, 2007	Feb 1, 2007			2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	
			Number	as % of 2006	as % of Jan										
	<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	346	334	334	97	100	39	33	85	26	32	123	1	1	100	
CA	550	550	540	98	98	71	64	90	62	72	116	9	2	22	
CO	1,110	1,100	1,040	94	95	225	155	69	185	200	108	10	15	150	
ID	265	260	255	96	98	46	43	93	51	47	92	5	1	20	
IA	520	520	530	102	102	81	76	94	69	64	93	2	2	100	
KS	2,580	2,540	2,430	94	96	570	365	64	465	445	96	25	30	120	
NE	2,490	2,540	2,540	102	100	425	420	99	355	405	114	10	15	150	
NM	146	136	135	92	99	18	8	44	13	8	62	2	1	50	
OK	375	350	350	93	100	65	50	77	57	48	84	3	2	67	
SD	210	225	230	110	102	38	50	132	32	42	131	1	3	300	
TX	3,030	2,870	2,800	92	98	540	340	63	420	390	93	10	20	200	
WA	153	184	177	116	96	33	27	82	31	33	106	1	1	100	
Other Sts	335	365	365	109	100	48	59	123	44	55	125	4	4	100	
US	12,110	11,974	11,726	97	98	2,199	1,690	77	1,810	1,841	102	83	97	117	

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.

January Milk Production Up 1.4 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from January 2006. December production, at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.8 percent from December 2005.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,719 pounds for January, 8 pounds above January 2006.

The number of cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 81,000 head more than January 2006, and 3,000 head more than December 2006.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, January 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	171	175	2,045	1,995	350	349	-0.3
CA	1,776	1,791	1,825	1,880	3,241	3,367	3.9
CO	106	115	1,935	1,840	205	212	3.4
FL	134	130	1,485	1,450	199	189	-5.0
ID	473	501	1,830	1,830	866	917	5.9
IL	104	103	1,630	1,645	170	169	-0.6
IN	161	165	1,720	1,720	277	284	2.5
IA	200	210	1,750	1,720	350	361	3.1
KS	111	110	1,790	1,690	199	186	-6.5
KY	101	93	1,150	1,200	116	112	-3.4
MI	314	325	1,890	1,925	593	626	5.6
MN	445	455	1,605	1,625	714	739	3.5
MO	114	115	1,440	1,300	164	150	-8.5
NM	342	358	1,845	1,690	631	605	-4.1
NY	647	628	1,595	1,610	1,032	1,011	-2.0
OH	273	275	1,490	1,520	407	418	2.7
OR	120	114	1,560	1,580	187	180	-3.7
PA	557	549	1,650	1,640	919	900	-2.1
TX	326	347	1,840	1,780	600	618	3.0
VT	143	140	1,580	1,560	226	218	-3.5
VA	103	100	1,510	1,550	156	155	-0.6
WA	237	235	1,940	1,895	460	445	-3.3
WI	1,240	1,245	1,585	1,620	1,965	2,017	2.6
23-State Total	8,198	8,279	1,711	1,719	14,027	14,228	1.4

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Honey Production Down 11 Percent

Honey production in 2006 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 155 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2005. There were 2.39 million colonies producing honey in 2006, down 1 percent from 2005. Yield per colony averaged 64.7 pounds, down 11 percent from the 72.4 pounds in 2005. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 60.5 million pounds on December 15, 2006, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Arizona honey production totaled 1.95 million pounds, 8 percent more than in 2005. Honey producing colonies, at 30,000, are down 6,000 from a year ago. Yield per colony was 65 pounds, compared to 50 pounds in 2005.

Honey Prices Up 14 Percent

Honey 2006 prices increased to 104.2 cents, up 14 percent from 91.8 cents in 2005. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op, and private channels. Honey prices for each color class are derived by weighting quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2006 were up from the previous year for all color class totals.

Arizona's average price per pound was 139 cents, up 34 cents from 2005. Value of production, at 2.71 million dollars, was up 43 percent from a year earlier.

Red Meat Production Sets Record High for January

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in January, up 5 percent from the 3.90 billion pounds produced in January 2006.

Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.80 million head, up 6 percent from January 2006. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Veal production totaled 14.3 million pounds, 21 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74,300 head, 34 percent above January 2006. The average live weight was down 31 pounds from last year, at 324 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, 4 percent above from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.37 million head, 5 percent above January 2006. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was 7 percent below January 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 216,700 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 5 pounds from January a year ago.

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

Class	January 2006	December 2006	January 2007	January 2007 as % of 2/	
				January 2006	December 2006
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	33,000	32,000	33,500	102	105
<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
<u>United States</u>	2,050	2,048	2,164	106	106
Beef	11.8	13.1	14.3	121	109
Veal	1,820	1,797	1,898	104	106
Pork	16.2	15.4	15.1	93	99
Lamb and Mutton					
Total Red Meat	3,899	3,874	4,092	105	106

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.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona, January 2007 and U.S., January 2007 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January			January		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head 41.6	1,000 Pounds 57,628	Pounds 1,388	1,000 Head 2,798.5	Million Pounds 3,596,162	Pounds 1,290
Hogs	0.3	39	154	9,365.5	2,535,125	271

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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February Farm Prices Received Index Increased 3 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (2.4 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 6 points (4.6 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for corn, broilers, soybeans, and hogs. Lower prices were received for broccoli, lettuce, eggs, and oranges. 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 dairy, cattle, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 14 points (12 percent) from February 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 127, increased 3 points (2.4 percent) from last month and increased 11 points (9.5 percent) from February 2006.

Prices Paid Index Increased 1 Point

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 153 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) from January and 6 points (4.1 percent) above February 2006. Higher prices in

February for complete feeds, feed grains, mixed fertilizers, and LP gas more than offset lower prices for feed concentrates, diesel fuel, herbicides, and tractors.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, January 2006 and 2007 and February 2007

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		February 2006 Entire Month	January 2007 Entire Month	February 2007 Mid-Month	February 2006 Entire Month	January 2007 Entire Month	February 2007 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	54.60	52.50	1/	48.90	49.70	48.90
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	127.00	162.00	173.00	99.00	120.00	125.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	111.30	156.70	165.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	130.00	127.00	135.00	98.40	115.00	117.00
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	16.10	21.10	32.50	18.70	23.10	33.30
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	23.80	31.50	48.10	28.60	31.70	52.80
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	24.10	32.50	32.90	26.60	33.90	32.60
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	21.90	19.80	17.80	25.20	21.20	18.90
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	47.30	43.00	44.30	49.50	44.40	46.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	107.00	93.50	93.00	97.60	89.80	90.70
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	92.70	76.80	76.90	92.40	84.30	85.80
Calves	\$ Cwt	129.00	107.00	110.00	143.00	115.00	115.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	13.30	14.50	14.30	13.50	14.50	14.70

- 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., Oranges 75 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, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2006		2007	
	January	February	January	February
Prices Received	113	113	124	127
Prices Paid	148	147	152	153
Ratio 1/	76	77	82	83

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