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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 6 Percent From Last Year

On March 1, 2007, Arizona had 329,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 22,000 head from a year ago, and down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 24,000 head during February, 7,000 head less than a year ago. During February, 28,000 head were marketed, up 4,000 head from last year.

On March 1, 2007, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 20,000 head from last year, and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 60,000 head during February, down 3,000 head from last year. During February, 67,000 head were marketed, up 11,000 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 11.6 million head on March 1, 2007. The inventory was 4 percent below March 1, 2006 but 4 percent above March 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 4 percent above 2006 and 9 percent above 2005. Net placements were 1.58 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 325,000, 600-699 pounds were 334,000, 700-799 pounds were 505,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 495,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.71 million, 7 percent above 2006 and 5 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during February, 3 percent above 2006 but 3 percent below 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			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	Mar 1, 2006	Feb 1, 2007	Mar 1, 2007			During February			During February			During February 2/		
			Number	as % of 2006	as % of Jan	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		
AZ	351	334	329	94	99	31	24	77	24	28	117	2	1	50
CA	550	540	530	96	98	63	60	95	56	67	120	7	3	43
CO	1,090	1,040	1,010	93	97	140	140	100	155	160	103	5	10	200
ID	255	255	250	98	98	32	39	122	38	43	113	4	1	25
IA	520	530	530	102	100	60	64	107	58	63	109	2	1	50
KS	2,610	2,430	2,420	93	100	410	395	96	360	380	106	20	25	125
NE	2,450	2,540	2,510	102	99	330	360	109	360	380	106	10	10	100
NM	143	135	130	91	96	13	14	108	14	18	129	2	1	50
OK	365	350	350	96	100	49	59	120	56	58	104	3	1	33
SD	210	230	230	110	100	33	43	130	29	41	141	4	2	50
TX	3,010	2,800	2,790	93	100	360	390	108	370	385	104	10	15	150
WA	154	177	170	110	96	25	25	100	22	31	141	2	1	50
Other Sts	315	365	350	111	96	42	46	110	60	57	95	2	4	200
US	12,023	11,726	11,599	96	99	1,588	1,659	104	1,602	1,711	107	73	75	103

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.

February Milk Production Up 0.9 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.1 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from February 2006. January revised production, at 14.3 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2006. The January revision represented an increase of 48 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,586 pounds for February, no change from February 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 71,000 head more than February 2006, but 3,000 head less than January 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, February 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	1,940	1,845	332	323	-2.7
CA	1,779	1,793	1,710	1,755	3,042	3,147	3.5
CO	106	115	1,775	1,660	188	191	1.6
FL	134	131	1,425	1,410	191	185	-3.1
ID	473	503	1,670	1,680	790	845	7.0
IL	104	103	1,540	1,460	160	150	-6.3
IN	162	165	1,575	1,580	255	261	2.4
IA	201	210	1,610	1,610	324	338	4.3
KS	111	110	1,650	1,565	183	172	-6.0
KY	101	93	1,080	1,140	109	106	-2.8
MI	314	325	1,725	1,745	542	567	4.6
MN	450	455	1,460	1,475	657	671	2.1
MO	114	115	1,320	1,180	150	136	-9.3
NM	344	353	1,700	1,535	585	542	-7.4
NY	645	628	1,475	1,485	951	933	-1.9
OH	273	275	1,390	1,410	379	388	2.4
OR	119	112	1,450	1,520	173	170	-1.7
PA	555	548	1,550	1,500	860	822	-4.4
TX	328	347	1,735	1,640	569	569	
VT	143	140	1,450	1,385	207	194	-6.3
VA	103	100	1,410	1,380	145	138	-4.8
WA	236	235	1,790	1,805	422	424	0.5
WI	1,240	1,246	1,455	1,490	1,804	1,857	2.9
23-State Total	8,206	8,277	1,586	1,586	13,018	13,129	0.9

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight Per Fleece, Production, Price, and Value, Selected States and United States 2005-2006

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn		Weight per Fleece		Production		Price per Pound		Value of Production 1/	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
AZ	95.0	100.0	5.9	6.0	560	600	0.30	0.35	168	210
CA	500.0	490.0	7.0	7.1	3,500	3,500	0.70	0.72	2,450	2,520
CO	420.0	380.0	6.3	6.8	2,650	2,600	0.63	0.75	1,670	1,950
ID	210.0	215.0	9.0	9.2	1,890	1,980	0.75	0.71	1,418	1,406
MT	260.0	255.0	9.6	9.2	2,490	2,350	0.98	0.91	2,440	2,139
NV	54.0	56.0	9.3	9.3	500	520	0.87	0.81	435	421
NM	155.0	125.0	7.4	7.5	1,150	940	1.20	0.90	1,380	846
TX	800.0	700.0	6.9	7.0	5,550	4,900	0.96	0.91	5,328	4,459
UT	235.0	260.0	9.3	9.0	2,180	2,350	0.71	0.71	1,548	1,669
WA	40.0	41.0	8.1	7.3	324	300	0.68	0.43	220	129
WY	380.0	370.0	9.3	9.6	3,530	3,550	1.00	0.92	3,530	3,266
US	5,072.0	4,852.0	7.3	7.4	37,232	36,019	0.71	0.68	26,272	24,414

1/ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of State values.

U.S. Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent From Last Year

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2007 was 61.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2006, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

Pork Production At Record High For February

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.62 billion pounds in February, up 4 percent from the 3.49 billion pounds produced in February 2006.

Beef production, at 1.95 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.56 million head, up 9 percent from February 2006. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,274 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, 7 percent above February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 66,900 head, up 27 percent from February 2006. The average live weight was down 50 pounds from last year, at 307 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.12 million head, down slightly February 2006. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.4 million pounds, was down 2 percent from February 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,400 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, down 4 pounds from February a year ago.

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

Class	February 2007	January 2007	February 2007	February 2007 as % of 2/	
				February 2006	January 2007
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>				<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	27,700	33,500	31,100	112	93
<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Percent</i>	
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	1,826.9	2,164.4	1,952.8	107	90
Veal	11.3	14.3	12.2	107	85
Pork	1,637.0	1,898.4	1,636.2	100	86
Lamb and Mutton	14.7	15.1	14.4	98	95
Total Red Meat	3,489.9	4,092.3	3,615.6	104	88

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 - February 2007 and U.S., January - February 2007 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - February			January - February		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	80.1	111,226	1,393	5,360.2	6,846,812	1,282
Hogs	0.5	73	171	17,482.5	4,718,816	270

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

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March Farm Prices Received Index Increased 5 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 133 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (3.9 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 6 points (4.3 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (4.2 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, lettuce, oranges, and broilers. Lower prices were received for strawberries, celery, corn, 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 strawberries, broilers, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, oranges, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 20 points (18 percent) from March 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 134, increased 6 points (4.7 percent) from last month and increased 19 points (17 percent) from March 2006.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 155 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 2 points (1.3 percent) from February and 8 points (5.4 percent) above March 2006. Higher

prices in March for feed concentrates, feeder cattle, diesel fuel, and complete feeds more than offset lower prices for feed grains, trucks, tractors, and autos.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		March 2006 Entire Month	February 2007 Entire Month	March 2007 Mid-Month	March 2006 Entire Month	February 2007 Entire Month	March 2007 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	50.30	1/	50.00	48.00	47.20
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	113.00	172.00	177.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	128.00	135.00	140.00	100.00	117.00	120.00
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	12.00	32.50	1/	18.80	33.30	32.60
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	17.60	17.80	1/	23.80	18.90	19.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	48.10	45.00	46.50	49.50	47.00	46.90
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	103.00	94.00	97.00	92.80	91.50	97.20
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	88.20	75.90	78.30	87.90	86.60	91.40
Calves	\$ Cwt	127.00	114.00	119.00	139.00	117.00	123.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	12.40	14.40	14.70	12.60	14.90	15.50

- 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	2006		2007	
	February	March	February	March
Prices Received	113	113	128	133
Prices Paid	147	147	153	155
Ratio 1/	77	77	84	86

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