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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 3 Percent From Last Year

On April 1, 2007, Arizona had 340,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 11,000 head from a year ago, but up 11,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 46,000 head during March, 16,000 head more than a year ago. During March, 33,000 head were marketed, up 5,000 head from last year.

On April 1, 2007, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5,000 head from last year, but unchanged from last month. Placements totaled 68,000 head during March, up 9,000 head from last year. During March, 65,000 head were marketed, down 3,000 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 April 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent below April 1, 2006 but 7 percent above April 1, 2005. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.43 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from

the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.14 million head, up 4 percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.97 million, 7 percent above 2006 and 12 percent above 2005. Net placements were 1.89 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 640,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.85 million, down 6 percent from 2006 and 6 percent below 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during March, 20 percent below 2006 but 6 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 | | | Number Marketed | | | Other Disappearance | | |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| | April 1, 2006 | Mar 1, 2007 | April 1, 2007 | | | During March | | | During March | | | During March 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 | 329 | 340 | 97 | 103 | 30 | 46 | 153 | 28 | 33 | 118 | 2 | 2 | 100 |
| CA | 535 | 530 | 530 | 99 | 100 | 59 | 68 | 115 | 68 | 65 | 96 | 6 | 3 | 50 |
| CO | 1,070 | 1,010 | 1,020 | 95 | 101 | 155 | 165 | 106 | 165 | 145 | 88 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| ID | 250 | 250 | 245 | 98 | 98 | 42 | 38 | 90 | 45 | 42 | 93 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| IA | 500 | 530 | 530 | 106 | 100 | 55 | 72 | 131 | 73 | 70 | 96 | 2 | 2 | 100 |
| KS | 2,590 | 2,420 | 2,480 | 96 | 102 | 480 | 510 | 106 | 470 | 430 | 91 | 30 | 20 | 67 |
| NE | 2,400 | 2,510 | 2,480 | 103 | 99 | 335 | 350 | 104 | 370 | 370 | 100 | 15 | 10 | 67 |
| NM | 139 | 130 | 131 | 94 | 101 | 21 | 19 | 90 | 23 | 17 | 74 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| OK | 360 | 350 | 350 | 97 | 100 | 68 | 68 | 100 | 72 | 67 | 93 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| SD | 210 | 230 | 230 | 110 | 100 | 36 | 40 | 111 | 35 | 37 | 106 | 1 | 3 | 300 |
| TX | 2,940 | 2,790 | 2,800 | 95 | 100 | 485 | 520 | 107 | 540 | 495 | 92 | 15 | 15 | 100 |
| WA | 152 | 170 | 163 | 107 | 96 | 26 | 26 | 100 | 27 | 32 | 119 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Other Sts | 315 | 350 | 345 | 110 | 99 | 45 | 43 | 96 | 42 | 45 | 107 | 3 | 3 | 100 |
| US | 11,812 | 11,599 | 11,644 | 99 | 100 | 1,837 | 1,965 | 107 | 1,958 | 1,848 | 94 | 90 | 72 | 80 |

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.

March Milk Production Up 1.1 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from March 2006. February revised production, at 13.1 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from February 2006. The February revision represented a decrease of 31 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for March, 7 pounds above March 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 58,000 head more than March 2006, and 5,000 head more than February 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, March 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 | 172 | 175 | 2,190 | 2,200 | 377 | 385 | 2.1 |
| CA | 1,781 | 1,796 | 1,925 | 1,975 | 3,428 | 3,547 | 3.5 |
| CO | 107 | 115 | 1,980 | 1,890 | 212 | 217 | 2.4 |
| FL | 133 | 130 | 1,640 | 1,640 | 218 | 213 | -2.3 |
| ID | 476 | 504 | 1,880 | 1,890 | 895 | 953 | 6.5 |
| IL | 104 | 103 | 1,720 | 1,655 | 179 | 170 | -5.0 |
| IN | 163 | 167 | 1,775 | 1,770 | 289 | 296 | 2.4 |
| IA | 201 | 211 | 1,780 | 1,770 | 358 | 373 | 4.2 |
| KS | 111 | 110 | 1,840 | 1,775 | 204 | 195 | -4.4 |
| KY | 100 | 94 | 1,260 | 1,240 | 126 | 117 | -7.1 |
| MI | 316 | 326 | 1,905 | 1,940 | 602 | 632 | 5.0 |
| MN | 450 | 455 | 1,625 | 1,650 | 731 | 751 | 2.7 |
| MO | 115 | 115 | 1,500 | 1,370 | 173 | 158 | -8.7 |
| NM | 347 | 349 | 1,910 | 1,790 | 663 | 625 | -5.7 |
| NY | 645 | 628 | 1,630 | 1,630 | 1,051 | 1,024 | -2.6 |
| OH | 273 | 275 | 1,560 | 1,540 | 426 | 424 | -0.5 |
| OR | 118 | 111 | 1,650 | 1,730 | 195 | 192 | -1.5 |
| PA | 555 | 550 | 1,700 | 1,710 | 944 | 941 | -0.3 |
| TX | 332 | 347 | 1,975 | 1,920 | 656 | 666 | 1.5 |
| VT | 143 | 140 | 1,610 | 1,535 | 230 | 215 | -6.5 |
| VA | 103 | 100 | 1,560 | 1,540 | 161 | 154 | -4.3 |
| WA | 238 | 235 | 1,980 | 1,995 | 471 | 469 | -0.4 |
| WI | 1,241 | 1,246 | 1,620 | 1,640 | 2,010 | 2,043 | 1.6 |
| 23-State Total | 8,224 | 8,282 | 1,775 | 1,782 | 14,599 | 14,760 | 1.1 |

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Red Meat Production Up From Previous March

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.01 billion pounds in March, down 2 percent from the 4.11 billion pounds produced in March 2006.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 2 percent from March 2006. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,259 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.5 million pounds, 7 percent above March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70,800 head, up 20 percent from March 2006. The average live weight was down 38 pounds from last year, at 321 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.86 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.20 million head, down slightly from March 2006. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.6 million pounds, was up 7 percent from March 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 278,600 head, 12 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, down 5 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2007 commercial red meat production was 11.7 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was up 11 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

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

| Class | March 2006 | February 2007 | March 2007 | March 2007 as % of 2/ | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | | | | March 2006 | February 2007 |
| Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat | 35,400 | 31,100 | 33,700 | 95 | 108 |
| United States | <i>Million Pounds</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> | |
| Beef | 2,203.7 | 1,952.8 | 2,117.9 | 96 | 108 |
| Veal | 12.7 | 12.2 | 13.5 | 107 | 111 |
| Pork | 1,877.5 | 1,636.2 | 1,860.9 | 99 | 114 |
| Lamb and Mutton | 18.3 | 14.4 | 19.6 | 107 | 136 |
| Total Red Meat | 4,112.1 | 3,615.6 | 4,011.9 | 98 | 111 |

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

| Species | Arizona | | | United States | | |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | January - March | | | January - March | | |
| | 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 | 122.0 | 169,245 | 1,391 | 8,152.8 | 10,351,441 | 1,274 |
| Hogs | 0.7 | 117 | 183 | 26,685.6 | 7,204,042 | 270 |

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

Arizona Milk Production, Disposition, and Income

The average number of milk cows maintained by Arizona's dairy operations in 2006 increased 8,000 head from a year ago to 173,000 head. As of January 1, 2007, the number of milk cows totaled 173,000. Milk production per cow during 2006 was 22,855 pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

In Arizona milk production totaled 3.95 billion pounds in 2006, an increase of 6 percent from 2005. Value of milk produced, at \$506 million dollars, was a 9 percent decrease from the 2005 value. The average return per 100 pounds of milk in 2006 was \$12.80, down \$2.10 from 2005.

Arizona and United States Cattle Production, Disposition, and Income

Cattle and Calves: Cash receipts from marketings of Arizona cattle and calves decreased from \$774 million in 2005 to \$737 million in 2006, a 5 percent decrease. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 812 million pounds in 2006, up marginally from 2005. The Arizona annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$88.30, a decrease of \$5.10 from 2005. For calves, the annual average price per 100 pounds decreased \$1.00 to \$125.00.

For the United States, cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves decreased from \$49.3 billion in 2005 to \$49.1 in 2006, a marginal decrease. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 54.7 billion pounds in 2006, up 3 percent from 2005. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$87.20, a decrease of \$2.50 from 2005. For calves, the annual average price decreased from \$135.00 to \$133.00.

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April Farm Prices Received Index Increased 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 135 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from March. The Crop Index is down 1 point (0.7 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.4 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for onions, milk, cattle, and tomatoes. Lower prices were received for lettuce, corn, strawberries, and eggs. 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, oranges, strawberries, and milk offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and hogs.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 24 points (22 percent) from April 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 137, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from last month and 25 points (22 percent) from April 2006.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 157 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 2 points (1.3 percent) from March and 9 points (6.1 percent) above April 2006. Higher prices in April

for field crop seeds, feeder cattle, diesel fuel, and gasoline more than offset lower prices for feed grains, feeder pigs, complete feeds, and feed supplements.

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

| Commodity | Unit | Arizona | | | United States | | |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | April 2006 Entire Month | March 2007 Entire Month | April 2007 Mid-Month | April 2006 Entire Month | March 2007 Entire Month | April 2007 Mid-Month |
| Upland Cotton | ¢ Lb | 1/ | 48.90 | 1/ | 48.50 | 47.40 | 47.60 |
| Durum Wheat 2/ | \$ Ton | --- | --- | --- | 113.70 | 177.70 | 179.70 |
| Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/ | \$ Ton | 135.00 | 140.00 | 143.00 | 108.00 | 120.00 | 128.00 |
| Cows 4/ | \$ Cwt | 46.40 | 47.00 | 48.50 | 48.40 | 47.20 | 48.80 |
| Steers and Heifers | \$ Cwt | 103.00 | 98.00 | 101.00 | 89.20 | 97.70 | 100.00 |
| Beef Cattle 5/ | \$ Cwt | 90.00 | 79.10 | 81.60 | 84.80 | 92.00 | 94.60 |
| Calves | \$ Cwt | 126.00 | 118.00 | 119.00 | 137.00 | 124.00 | 126.00 |
| All Milk 6/ | \$ Cwt | 11.80 | 15.20 | 16.30 | 12.10 | 15.60 | 16.40 |

- 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 | 2006 | | 2007 | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | March | April | March | April |
| Prices Received | 113 | 111 | 134 | 135 |
| Prices Paid | 147 | 148 | 155 | 157 |
| Ratio 1/ | 77 | 75 | 86 | 86 |

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