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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 1 Percent From Last Year

On May 1, 2007, Arizona had 340,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5,000 head from a year ago, but unchanged from last month. Placements totaled 31,000 head during April, 4,000 head more than a year ago. During April, 30,000 head were marketed, up 6,000 head from last year.

On May 1, 2007, California had 550,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5,000 head from last year, but up 20,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 85,000 head during April, up 25,000 head from last year. During April, 61,000 head were marketed, up 1,000 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 11.3 million head on May 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1,

2006 but 6 percent above May 1, 2005. This is the second highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.57 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 5 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.47 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375,000, 600-699 pounds were 263,000, 700-799 pounds were 430,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, 2 percent above 2006 and 1 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 99,000 during April, 14 percent above 2006 and 9 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		
	May 1, 2006	April 1, 2007	May 1, 2007			During April			During April			During April 2/		
			Number	as % of 2006	as % of April	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		Percent
AZ	345	340	340	99	100	27	31	115	24	30	125	9	1	11
CA	530	530	550	104	104	60	85	142	60	61	102	5	4	80
CO	1,060	1,020	1,020	96	100	130	155	119	130	135	104	10	20	200
ID	245	245	235	96	96	31	35	113	34	40	118	2	5	250
IA	495	530	530	107	100	64	61	95	66	59	89	3	2	67
KS	2,530	2,480	2,350	93	95	375	355	95	410	445	109	25	40	160
NE	2,320	2,480	2,420	104	98	320	290	91	390	340	87	10	10	100
NM	132	131	118	89	90	18	12	67	24	24	100	1	1	100
OK	340	350	335	99	96	48	54	113	66	68	103	2	1	50
SD	200	230	230	115	100	28	36	129	35	34	97	3	2	67
TX	2,910	2,800	2,680	92	96	455	380	84	470	490	104	15	10	67
WA	152	163	154	101	94	23	22	96	22	30	136	1	1	100
Other Sts	300	345	335	112	97	40	57	143	54	65	120	1	2	200
US	11,559	11,644	11,297	98	97	1,619	1,573	97	1,785	1,821	102	87	99	114

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.

April Milk Production Up 1.6 Percent

U.S. milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from April 2006. March revised production, at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from March 2006. The March revision represented an increase of 11 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,745 pounds for April, 19 pounds above April 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 39,000 head more than April 2006, but 6,000 head less than March 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, April 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	182	2,145	2,100	369	382	3.5
CA	1,784	1,797	1,855	1,920	3,309	3,450	4.3
CO	108	115	1,910	1,870	206	215	4.4
FL	133	129	1,540	1,550	205	200	-2.4
ID	478	503	1,850	1,850	884	931	5.3
IL	103	103	1,650	1,645	170	169	-0.6
IN	165	168	1,715	1,725	283	290	2.5
IA	203	211	1,735	1,730	352	365	3.7
KS	112	110	1,810	1,745	203	192	-5.4
KY	99	91	1,230	1,260	122	115	-5.7
MI	318	328	1,850	1,895	588	622	5.8
MN	450	455	1,575	1,600	709	728	2.7
MO	116	114	1,500	1,395	174	159	-8.6
NM	350	345	1,870	1,740	655	600	-8.4
NY	644	627	1,590	1,605	1,024	1,006	-1.8
OH	273	275	1,530	1,540	418	424	1.4
OR	118	110	1,630	1,730	192	190	-1.0
PA	557	550	1,650	1,690	919	930	1.2
TX	333	347	1,905	1,860	634	645	1.7
VT	143	140	1,560	1,495	223	209	-6.3
VA	103	100	1,555	1,530	160	153	-4.4
WA	237	233	1,950	1,955	462	456	-1.3
WI	1,241	1,246	1,580	1,615	1,961	2,012	2.6
23-State Total	8,240	8,279	1,726	1,745	14,222	14,443	1.6

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

Class	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	April 2007 as % of 2/	
				April 2006	March 2007
Arizona 3/	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Total Red Meat	28,800	33,700	30,400	106	90
United States	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	1,969.2	2,117.9	2,015.2	102	95
Veal	10.4	13.5	11.8	114	87
Pork	1,618.3	1,860.9	1,710.9	106	92
Lamb and Mutton	16.9	19.6	15.1	89	77
Total Red Meat	3,614.8	4,011.9	3,753.0	104	94

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 - April 2007 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - April			January - April		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head 159.8	1,000 Pounds 221,128	Pounds 1,388	1,000 Head 10,854.4	1,000 Pounds 13,675,701	Pounds 1,265
Hogs	1.2	233	200	35,150.9	9,488,060	270

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

Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers by Region and United States, April 8-14, 2007 1/

U.S. and Region	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined	
	Dollars per Hour			
Northeast I	10.10	9.59	9.90	10.77
Northeast II	10.34	8.56	9.80	10.55
Appalachian I	8.46	9.22	8.75	9.32
Appalachian II	8.64	9.07	8.81	9.77
Southeast	8.00	9.04	8.20	8.83
FL	9.20	9.00	9.17	10.01
Lake	10.11	9.99	10.05	11.08
Cornbelt I	9.86	9.16	9.45	10.17
Cornbelt II	9.60	10.46	10.00	10.63
Delta	8.54	8.00	8.40	8.80
Northern Plains	10.04	9.75	9.91	10.63
Southern Plains	8.35	9.41	8.80	9.22
Mountain I	8.79	9.01	8.90	9.35
Mountain II	9.16	9.75	9.45	9.97
Mountain III 2/	8.25	8.88	8.51	9.28
Pacific	9.39	9.70	9.45	10.24
CA	9.62	10.90	9.80	10.63
HI 4/	10.60		10.77	12.85
US 3/	9.35	9.55	9.41	10.17

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ AZ and NM.

3/ Excludes AK.

4/ Insufficient data for livestock.

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May Farm Prices Received Index Up 4 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 138 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 4 points (3.0 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 3 points (2.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (3.9 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, hogs, hay, and broilers. Lower prices were received for lettuce, cattle, broccoli, and cauliflower. 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 sweet corn, broilers, peaches, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, oranges, and apples.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 27 points (24 percent) from May 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 139, increased 4 points (3.0 percent) from last month and increased 28 points (25 percent) from May 2006.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 158 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) from April and 9 points (6.0 percent) above May 2006. Higher prices in May for

hay & forages, gasoline, mixed fertilizers, and nitrogen fertilizers more than offset lower prices for feed supplements, complete feeds, diesel fuel, and feeder cattle.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		May 2006 Entire Month	April 2007 Entire Month	May 2007 Mid-Month	May 2006 Entire Month	April 2007 Entire Month	May 2007 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	47.00	47.00	46.40	47.30	45.20
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	131.30	181.70	176.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	135.00	143.00	149.00	117.00	128.00	144.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	44.50	49.00	51.00	47.40	49.20	51.60
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	106.00	100.00	99.00	86.30	99.90	98.60
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	92.50	83.20	83.20	82.20	94.30	93.50
Calves	\$ Cwt	126.00	119.00	115.00	134.00	127.00	126.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	11.70	16.50	17.80	11.90	16.60	17.80

- 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	
	April	May	April	May
Prices Received	111	111	134	138
Prices Paid	148	149	157	158
Ratio 1/	75	74	85	87

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