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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up Slightly From Last Year

On August 1, 2007, Arizona had 341,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 2,000 head from a year ago but down 2,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 32,000 head during July, 1,000 head more than a year ago. During July, 33,000 head were marketed, down 1,000 head from last year.

On August 1, 2007, California had 540,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 25,000 head from last year but down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 51,000 head during July, down 4,000 head from last year. During July, 54,000 head were marketed, down 13,000 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 10.3 million head on August 1, 2007. The inventory was 5 percent below August 1, 2006 but 2 percent above August 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.62 million, 17 percent below 2006 and 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.56 million. This is the lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000, 600-699 pounds were 312,000, 700-799 pounds were 445,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.0 million, 3 percent above 2006 and 4 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during July, 5 percent above 2006 but unchanged from 2005.

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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		
	Aug 1, 2006	July 1, 2007	Aug 1, 2007			During July			During July			During July 2/		
			Number	As % of 2006	as % of June	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	1,000 Head		Percent		Percent	1,000 Head	Percent		Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	
AZ	339	343	341	101	99	31	32	103	34	33	97	2	1	50
CA	515	545	540	105	99	55	51	93	67	54	81	3	2	67
CO	940	940	870	93	93	145	115	79	175	175	100	10	10	100
ID	225	220	205	91	93	36	35	97	40	49	123	1	1	100
IA	445	510	500	112	98	60	64	107	73	73	100	2	1	50
KS	2,360	2,140	2,100	89	98	590	430	73	495	450	91	15	20	133
NE	1,950	2,050	1,910	98	93	380	350	92	410	480	117	10	10	100
NM	144	132	129	90	98	23	12	52	18	14	78	1	1	100
OK	345	325	305	88	94	58	48	83	52	67	129	1	1	100
SD	165	197	175	106	89	24	22	92	38	42	111	1	2	200
TX	2,970	2,870	2,780	94	97	480	390	81	480	470	98	10	10	100
WA	154	150	144	94	96	33	27	82	26	32	123	1	1	100
Other Sts	270	315	300	111	95	43	46	107	42	60	143	1	1	100
US	10,822	10,737	10,299	95	96	1,958	1,622	83	1,950	1,999	103	58	61	105

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.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, July 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	173	181	1,775	1,875	307	339	10.4
CA	1,774	1,808	1,760	1,910	3,122	3,453	10.6
CO	112	119	1,980	1,980	222	236	6.3
FL	131	127	1,350	1,380	177	175	-1.1
ID	490	514	1,960	1,970	960	1,013	5.5
IL	103	103	1,600	1,550	165	160	-3.0
IN	166	166	1,670	1,685	277	280	1.1
IA	206	215	1,680	1,685	346	362	4.6
KS	113	108	1,720	1,760	194	190	-2.1
KY	97	89	1,060	1,150	103	102	-1.0
MI	322	336	1,895	1,945	610	654	7.2
MN	450	462	1,560	1,565	702	723	3.0
MO	115	110	1,270	1,220	146	134	-8.2
NM	362	335	1,880	1,850	681	620	-9.0
NY	638	626	1,605	1,645	1,024	1,030	0.6
OH	274	276	1,470	1,530	403	422	4.7
OR	118	114	1,640	1,660	194	189	-2.6
PA	555	550	1,600	1,610	888	886	-0.2
TX	335	348	1,760	1,720	590	599	1.5
VT	141	139	1,540	1,555	217	216	-0.5
VA	103	100	1,390	1,465	143	147	2.8
WA	237	234	1,960	2,005	465	469	0.9
WI	1,243	1,248	1,610	1,670	2,001	2,084	4.1
23-State Total	8,258	8,308	1,688	1,743	13,937	14,483	3.9

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

Class	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	July 2007 as % of	
				July 2006	June 2007
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
ARIZONA 2/ Total Red Meat	33,900	35,800	36,200	107	101
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
UNITED STATES					
Beef	2,213.6	2,348.7	2,255.7	102	96
Veal	11.2	11.2	10.7	95	95
Pork	1,552.6	*1,654.2	1,659.0	107	100
Lamb and Mutton	13.2	13.7	13.5	102	98
Total Red Meat	3,790.6	*4,027.8	3,938.9	104	98

* Revised

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 - July 2007 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - July			January - July		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
	289.5	398,674	1,381	19,885.6	24,929,491	1,258
Hogs	1.9	391	203	60,606.5	16,268,049	269

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

Hired Workers Up 1 Percent, Wage Rates Up 3 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,205,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2007, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 847,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 358,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.04 per hour during the July 2007 reference week, up 32 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.31 per hour, up 38 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.80 per hour compared with \$9.49 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.44 per hour, was up 37 cents from last year.

Range and Pasture Conditions Ranged From Poor to Excellent Condition

During July, Arizona's rangeland and pastures received some needed moisture. Rangeland conditions improved significantly since June. Conditions ranged from poor to excellent, depending on location. High elevation conditions were mostly good. Mid elevation conditions were poor to good. Low elevation conditions ranged from poor to excellent, depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was poor to excellent, regardless of elevation. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition was poor to good, depending on location. High elevation conditions were mostly good. Mid elevation conditions ranged from very poor to good. Low elevation conditions were poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions ranged from poor to mostly good, depending on location. High elevation conditions were mostly good. Mid elevation conditions were poor to mostly good. Low elevation conditions were mostly poor to good. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was light to moderate.

Pasture and Range Crop Condition by Percent, Week Ending August 26, 2007

State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>						<i>Percent</i>				
AL	47	30	20	3	0	NJ	0	0	40	60	0
AZ	15	24	39	19	3	NM	5	14	46	28	7
AR	11	35	31	21	2	NY	6	16	36	34	8
CA	77	20	3	0	0	NC	56	28	11	5	0
CO	4	9	38	37	12	ND	2	10	32	51	5
CT	0	33	33	34	0	OH	17	27	31	19	6
DE	32	13	23	31	1	OK	0	5	21	54	20
FL	1	15	55	25	4	OR	23	34	35	8	0
GA	30	33	24	11	2	PA	27	22	23	24	4
ID	15	52	30	3	0	RI	0	35	55	10	0
IL	21	24	26	26	3	SC	29	39	30	2	0
IN	42	27	22	8	1	SD	4	12	34	43	7
IA	2	8	29	47	14	TN	59	28	11	2	0
KS	4	11	38	41	6	TX	1	4	23	50	22
KY	40	31	22	7	0	UT	19	30	32	19	0
LA	7	18	35	35	5	VT	0	10	50	37	3
ME	0	14	37	35	14	VA	27	29	35	9	0
MD	22	36	28	12	2	WA	13	24	29	34	0
MA	0	0	14	86	0	WV	10	31	47	12	0
MI	19	25	37	16	3	WI	8	21	25	27	19
MN	22	24	32	19	3	WY	5	20	44	27	4
MS	6	17	42	33	2						
MO	23	30	34	12	1	48 States	17	19	28	28	8
MT	12	20	31	33	4						
NE	3	12	29	43	13	Prev. Week	18	20	27	27	8
NV	47	47	5	1	0	Prev. Year	25	25	27	20	3
NH	0	8	18	65	9						

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August Farm Prices Received Index Decreased 2 Points From LastMonth

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 139 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.4 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received lower prices for onions, corn, broilers, and eggs. Higher commodity prices were received for wheat, cattle, strawberries, and broccoli. 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, grapes, calves, and sweet corn offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and broilers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 20 points (17 percent) from August 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 142, decreased 1 point (0.7 percent) from last month but increased 19 points (15 percent) from August 2006.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The August 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 unchanged from July but 9 points (6.0 percent) above August 2006. Higher prices for complete feeds,

feed concentrates, feeder cattle, and feeder pigs offset lower prices in August for gasoline, feed grains, feed supplements, and mixed fertilizers.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, August 2006 and 2007 and July 2007

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		August 2006 Entire Month	July 2007 Entire Month	August 2007 Mid-Month	August 2006 Entire Month	July 2007 Entire Month	August 2007 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	45.80	46.50	44.90
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	136.30	218.30	232.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	123.00	151.00	146.00	109.00	137.00	137.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	45.90	53.00	52.00	46.80	51.40	51.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	110.00	93.00	95.00	91.50	93.10	94.40
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	92.70	83.80	85.10	87.20	89.20	90.50
Calves	\$ Cwt	133.00	124.00	124.00	136.00	127.00	129.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	12.20	22.20	22.30	12.00	21.70	21.70

- 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	
	July	August	July	August
Prices Received	117	119	141	139
Prices Paid	149	149	158	158
Ratio 1/	79	80	89	88

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