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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up Slightly Percent From Last Year

On October 1, 2007, Arizona had 350,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 14,000 head from a year ago and up 2,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 28,000 head during September, unchanged from a year ago. During September, 24,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 head from last year.

On October 1, 2007, California had 540,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 15,000 head from last year and up 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 60,000 head during September, down 12,000 head from last year. During September, 47,000 head were marketed, down 17,000 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 11.0 million head on October 1, 2007. The inventory was 4 percent below October 1, 2006 but 5 percent above October 1, 2005. The inventory included 6.83 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.07 million head, down 1 percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.43 million, 9 percent above 2006 and 3 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.37 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 610,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 570,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 740,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.71 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 21 percent below 2006 and 5 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		
	Oct 1, 2006	Sep 1, 2007	Oct 1, 2007			During September			During September			During September 2/		
			Number	as % of 2006	as % of Sep	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>			<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	336	348	350	104	101	28	28	100	26	24	92	2	2	100
CA	525	530	540	103	102	72	60	83	64	47	73	3	3	100
CO	1,060	850	940	89	111	240	265	110	135	170	126	5	5	100
ID	265	205	210	79	102	72	48	67	41	41	100	1	2	200
IA	460	490	510	111	104	81	100	123	73	79	108	3	1	33
KS	2,450	2,140	2,310	94	108	500	540	108	420	355	85	20	15	75
NE	2,220	1,930	2,140	96	111	500	540	108	320	320	100	10	10	100
NM	143	131	133	93	102	21	17	81	16	13	81	4	2	50
OK	355	310	325	92	105	71	72	101	59	56	95	2	1	50
SD	170	175	180	106	103	50	43	86	34	37	109	1	1	100
TX	2,930	2,740	2,840	97	104	495	590	119	510	480	94	15	10	67
WA	171	148	154	90	104	37	36	97	23	29	126	1	1	100
Other Sts	300	305	335	112	110	60	86	143	39	55	141	1	1	100
US	11,385	10,302	10,967	96	106	2,227	2,425	109	1,760	1,706	97	68	54	79

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.

Happy Thanksgiving

Veal Production Sets All Time Record Low

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in September 2006.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down 4 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.4 million pounds, 22 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,000 head, down 3 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was down 68 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.77 million head, down 1 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from September 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 210,600 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from September a year ago.

January to September 2007 commercial red meat production was 35.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Every U.S. farmer and rancher has the responsibility to stand up and be counted in the 2007 Census of Agriculture. Your input can help influence decisions about community development, funding availability, farm policy and other key issues. No matter how large or small your operation – and no matter what, where or how you farm – your response matters.

Look for the Census in your mailbox in early January 2008, and please make your response a top priority. Complete and return your form by February 4. This is your chance to help ensure a better future for your operation, your family and your community.



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

Class	September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	September 2007 as % of 2/	
				September 2006	August 2007
Arizona 3/	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Total Red Meat	31,500	35,600	34,800	111	98
United States	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,169.9	*2,450.6	2,094.9	97	85
Veal	12.1	10.3	9.4	78	91
Pork	1,753.7	1,849.9	1,746.3	100	94
Lamb & Mutton	14.3	14.7	13.6	95	92
Total Red Meat	3,949.9	*4,325.6	3,864.1	98	89

* 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 - September 2007 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - September			January - September		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head 376.4	1,000 Pounds 519,185	Pounds 1,383	1,000 Head 25,682.5	1,000 Pounds 32,349,710	Pounds 1,264
Hogs	2.3	473	210	78,775.5	21,073,784	268

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

September Milk Production Up 3.1 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.7 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from September 2006. August production, unrevised at 14.3 billion pounds, was up 3.6 percent from August 2006.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,644 pounds for September, 31 pounds above September 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.34 million head, 91,000 head more than September 2006, and 12,000 head more than August 2007.

July-September Milk Production Up 3.1 Percent

Milk production in the U.S. during the July - September quarter totaled 46.1 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S.

during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 44,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, September 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	174	182	1,620	1,705	282	310	9.9
CA	1,773	1,822	1,775	1,785	3,147	3,252	3.3
CO	112	120	1,910	1,900	214	228	6.5
FL	129	125	1,110	1,160	143	145	1.4
ID	497	521	1,860	1,880	924	979	6.0
IL	103	103	1,485	1,440	153	148	-3.3
IN	165	166	1,595	1,635	263	271	3.0
IA	208	215	1,560	1,590	324	342	5.6
KS	113	108	1,630	1,665	184	180	-2.2
KY	96	88	1,010	1,020	97	90	-7.2
MI	320	340	1,800	1,830	576	622	8.0
MN	450	463	1,470	1,470	662	681	2.9
MO	115	109	1,180	1,140	136	124	-8.8
NM	360	336	1,650	1,800	594	605	1.9
NY	631	626	1,515	1,570	956	983	2.8
OH	274	277	1,430	1,440	392	399	1.8
OR	117	115	1,580	1,565	185	180	-2.7
PA	553	550	1,560	1,550	863	853	-1.2
TX	338	348	1,585	1,640	536	571	6.5
VT	140	140	1,460	1,465	204	205	0.5
VA	102	100	1,320	1,365	135	137	1.5
WA	237	240	1,880	1,905	446	457	2.5
WI	1,244	1,248	1,520	1,565	1,891	1,953	3.3
23-State Total	8,251	8,342	1,613	1,644	13,307	13,715	3.1

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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October Farm Prices Received Index Advances 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 142 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 7 points (4.9 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 7 points (5.0 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, wheat, soybeans, and tomatoes and lower prices were received for broilers, hogs, cattle, 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 soybeans, corn, cotton, and grain sorghum offset decreased marketings of milk, wheat, grapes, and broilers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 27 points (23 percent) from October 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 145, increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from last month and increased 29 points (25 percent) from October 2006.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 159 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from September but 11 points (7.4 percent) above October 2006. Higher prices in October

for diesel fuel, LP gas, feed supplements, and complete feeds offset lower prices for nitrogen fertilizers, feeder cattle, feeder pigs, and herbicides.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, October 2006 and 2007 and September 2007

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		October 2006 Entire Month	September 2007 Entire Month	October 2007 Mid-Month	October 2006 Entire Month	September 2007 Entire Month	October 2007 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	45.90	52.00	53.20
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	172.00	---	206.00	97.80	137.00	153.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	151.70	298.30	450.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	123.00	143.00	143.00	113.00	135.00	137.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	45.70	51.00	48.00	46.00	49.10	46.80
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	101.00	97.00	98.00	93.70	98.10	96.70
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	82.80	81.80	81.50	88.20	92.90	90.80
Calves	\$ Cwt	123.00	120.00	117.00	128.00	127.00	125.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	13.50	22.30	21.90	13.60	21.70	21.20

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Marketing year August – February.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

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	
	September	October	September	October
Prices Received	119	115	141	142
Prices Paid	149	148	159	159
Ratio 1/	80	78	89	89

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