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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 5 Percent From Last Year

On November 1, 2007, Arizona had 360,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 18,000 head from a year ago and up 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 39,000 head during October, up 5,000 head from a year ago. During October, 27,000 head were marketed, unchanged from last year.

On November 1, 2007, California had 545,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 15,000 head from last year and up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 67,000 head during October, down 4,000 head from last year. During October, 60,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 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 11.8 million head on November 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below November 1, 2006 but 3 percent above November 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.72 million, 12 percent above 2006 but 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 2.67 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 855,000, 600-699 pounds were 745,000, 700-799 pounds were 556,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.88 million, 6 percent above 2006 and 8 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during October, 42 percent below 2006 and 19 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					
	Nov 1, 2006	Oct 1, 2007	Nov 1, 2007			During October			During October			During October 2/					
			Number	as % of 2006	as % of Oct	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>		
AZ	342	350	360	105	103	34	39	115	27	27	100	1	2	200			
CA	530	540	545	103	101	71	67	94	62	60	97	4	2	50			
CO	1,130	940	1,030	91	110	215	260	121	135	165	122	10	5	50			
ID	285	210	235	82	112	71	69	97	50	43	86	1	1	100			
IA	490	510	550	112	108	109	120	110	78	79	101	1	1	100			
KS	2,550	2,310	2,420	95	105	520	530	102	395	410	104	25	10	40			
NE	2,440	2,140	2,400	98	112	560	620	111	330	350	106	10	10	100			
NM	141	133	134	95	101	14	22	157	13	19	146	3	2	67			
OK	360	325	335	93	103	65	74	114	58	63	109	2	1	50			
SD	190	180	205	108	114	64	71	111	43	45	105	1	1	100			
TX	2,990	2,840	3,000	100	106	590	700	119	510	530	104	20	10	50			
WA	181	154	166	92	108	34	42	124	23	29	126	1	1	100			
Other Sts	340	335	380	112	113	83	102	123	41	56	137	2	1	50			
US	11,969	10,967	11,760	98	107	2,430	2,716	112	1,765	1,876	106	81	47	58			

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.

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Pork Production At Record High For October

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.61 billion pounds in October, up 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in October 2006.

Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 8 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, 16 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,200 head, up 3 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was down 59 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.14 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.7 million head, up 11 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.4 million pounds, was up 5 percent from October 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 248,000 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from October a year ago.

January to October 2007 commercial red meat production was 40.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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

Class	October 2006	September 2007	October 2007	October 2007 as % of 2/	
				October 2006	September 2007
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	30,800	34,800	36,100	117	104
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
<u>United States</u>	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,236.4	2,094.9	2,441.4	109	117
Veal	13.2	9.4	11.1	84	118
Pork	1,932.0	1,746.3	2,144.7	111	123
Lamb and Mutton	15.7	13.6	16.4	105	121
Total Red Meat	4,197.2	3,864.1	4,613.5	110	119

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - October 2007 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - October			January - October		
	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	421.6	582,937	1,386	28,782.1	36,364,838	1,268
Hogs	2.6	525	209	89,429.9	23,943,892	268

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

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates and Hours Worked By Selected Region, 2006-2007 1/

State	All Hired Wage Rates		Hours Worked	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>		<i>Hours per Week</i>	
Northern Plains 2/	9.95	10.36	40.6	42.9
Southern Plains 2/	9.33	9.53	38.9	39.0
Mountain I 2/	9.25	9.24	42.9	43.9
Mountain II 2/	9.36	10.03	44.3	42.3
Mountain III 2/	8.91	9.37	46.9	45.7
CA	10.09	10.51	44.2	45.2
US 3/	9.87	10.21	40.5	40.7

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Northern Plains includes KS, NE, ND, SD - Southern Plains includes OK, TX - Mountain I includes ID, MT, WY - Mountain II includes CO, NV, UT - Mountain III includes AZ, NM

3/ Excludes AK.

October Milk Production Up 4.1 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from October 2006. September revised production at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from September 2006. The September revision represented an increase of 10.0 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,699 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.35 million head, 98,000 head more than October 2006, and 13,000 head more than September 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, October 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	175	184	1,720	1,850	301	340	13.0
CA	1,778	1,826	1,815	1,870	3,227	3,415	5.8
CO	112	120	1,920	1,925	215	231	7.4
FL	129	126	1,185	1,200	153	151	-1.3
ID	497	522	1,870	1,890	929	987	6.2
IL	103	103	1,550	1,490	160	153	-4.4
IN	165	166	1,640	1,685	271	280	3.3
IA	208	215	1,640	1,630	341	350	2.6
KS	112	109	1,680	1,740	188	190	1.1
KY	95	87	1,050	1,090	100	95	-5.0
MI	321	341	1,840	1,865	591	636	7.6
MN	450	463	1,515	1,525	682	706	3.5
MO	115	109	1,240	1,190	143	130	-9.1
NM	360	336	1,675	1,820	603	612	1.5
NY	630	626	1,550	1,630	977	1,020	4.4
OH	274	277	1,440	1,460	395	404	2.3
OR	117	113	1,570	1,560	184	176	-4.3
PA	552	551	1,600	1,610	883	887	0.5
TX	340	348	1,650	1,700	561	592	5.5
VT	140	140	1,485	1,510	208	211	1.4
VA	102	100	1,370	1,400	140	140	
WA	236	242	1,910	1,930	451	467	3.5
WI	1,244	1,249	1,555	1,615	1,934	2,017	4.3
23-State Total	8,255	8,353	1,652	1,699	13,637	14,190	4.1

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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December 18.....Milk Production
December 21.....Cattle on Feed
December 21.....Livestock Slaughter
December 28.....Agricultural Prices

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November Farm Prices Received Index Increased 2 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 143 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.4 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.3 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for soybeans, eggs, corn, and broilers and lower prices were received for lettuce, hogs, cattle, 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 milk, cattle, cotton,

and cottonseed offset decreased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and lettuce.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 24 points (20 percent) from November 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 147, increased 2 points (1.4 percent) from last month and increased 27 points (23 percent) from November 2006.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 161 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) from October and 13 points (8.8 percent) above November 2006. Higher prices in

November for diesel fuel, complete feeds, and gasoline offset lower prices for feeder cattle, potash & phosphate materials, and hay & forages.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		November 2006 Entire Month	October 2007 Entire Month	November 2007 Mid-Month	November 2006 Entire Month	October 2007 Entire Month	November 2007 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	47.40	55.20	54.00
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	164.00	206.00	194.00	113.00	153.00	160.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	154.00	386.70	423.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	123.00	143.00	146.00	110.00	137.00	135.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	43.70	49.00	45.00	43.60	46.60	43.60
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	93.00	97.00	97.00	90.00	96.40	95.40
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	75.30	81.20	79.80	84.40	90.60	89.30
Calves	\$ Cwt	110.00	115.00	111.00	119.00	122.00	118.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	13.80	21.90	21.80	13.90	21.40	21.60

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
 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 and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2006		2007	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	115	119	141	143
Prices Paid	148	148	160	161
Ratio 1/	78	80	88	89

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