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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 8 Percent From Last Year

On December 1, 2007, Arizona had 367,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 8 percent from a year ago, and up 7,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 37,000 head during November, 7,000 head more than a year ago. During November, 27,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 head from last year.

On December 1, 2007, California had 555,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 3 percent from last year but up 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 73,000 head during November, up 4,000 head from last year. During November, 61,000 head were marketed, up 6,000 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 12.1 million head on December 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent above

December 1, 2006 and 3 percent above December 1, 2005. This is the highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.12 million, 12 percent above 2006 and 3 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.06 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 685,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 361,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2006 but 2 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during November, 31 percent below 2006 and 37 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 During November			Number Marketed During November			Other Disappearance During November 2/			
	Dec 1, 2006	Nov 1, 2007	Dec 1, 2007			2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	
			Number	as % of 2006	as % of Nov										
	<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	341	360	367	108	102	30	37	123	29	27	93	2	3	150	
CA	540	545	555	103	102	69	73	106	55	61	111	4	2	50	
CO	1,120	1,030	1,070	96	104	145	190	131	145	145	100	10	5	50	
ID	270	235	240	89	102	43	48	112	56	42	75	2	1	50	
IA	500	550	570	114	104	82	96	117	70	75	107	2	1	50	
KS	2,550	2,420	2,500	98	103	405	450	111	385	355	92	20	15	75	
NE	2,510	2,400	2,520	100	105	460	485	105	380	355	93	10	10	100	
NM	137	134	131	96	98	14	22	157	16	23	144	2	2	100	
OK	350	335	345	99	103	50	62	124	57	50	88	3	2	67	
SD	210	205	215	102	105	56	50	89	35	38	109	1	2	200	
TX	2,900	3,000	3,010	104	100	435	510	117	500	490	98	25	10	40	
WA	185	166	168	91	101	31	31	100	26	27	104	1	2	200	
Other Sts	360	380	390	108	103	64	62	97	43	50	116	1	2	200	
US	11,973	11,760	12,081	101	103	1,884	2,116	112	1,797	1,738	97	83	57	69	

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.

Beef, Pork and Red Meat Production Set November Record Highs

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.30 billion pounds in November, up 4 percent from the 4.15 billion pounds produced in November 2006.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, down slightly from November 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,304 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 22 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 12 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.05 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.1 million head, up 7 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.1 million pounds, was up 5 percent from November 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,700 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, down 1 pound from November a year ago.

January to November 2007 commercial red meat production was 44.6 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

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

Class	November 2006	October 2007	November 2007	November 2007 as % of 2/	
				November 2006	October 2007
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
United States	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,226.6	*2,441.8	2,229.1	100	91
Veal	12.9	11.1	10.1	78	91
Pork	1,896.4	*2,144.8	2,045.4	108	95
Lamb and Mutton	15.4	16.4	16.1	105	99
Total Red Meat	4,151.4	*4,614.0	4,300.6	104	93

* 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 - November 2007 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - November			January - November		
	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
Hogs	464.5	643,060	1,388	31,613.9	40,042,748	1,271
	2.8	569	210	99,480.7	26,679,022	268

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

U.S. Hog Inventory Up 4 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007 was 65.1 million head. This was up 4 percent from December 1, 2006, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 6.16 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.0 million head, was up 5 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2007 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2006 and up 7 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.03 million head, up 3 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.24 for the September-November 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.98 million sows farrow during the December 2007-February 2008 quarter, up 2 percent from the

actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, and up 5 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for March-May 2008, at 3.04 million sows, are up slightly from 2007 and up 4 percent from 2006.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 38 percent last year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2006 through September 2007 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, adjustments of less than two percent were made to the June 2007 and September 2007 total inventory. An adjustment of less than three percent was made to the March-May 2007 pig crop while an adjustment of slightly more than one-half of one percent was made to the June-August 2007 pig crop.

November Milk Production Up 3.8 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 13.8 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from November 2006. October production, unrevised at 14.2 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from October 2006.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,654 pounds for November, 40 pounds above November 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.36 million head, 101,000 head more than November 2006, and 8,000 head more than October 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, November 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	185	1,750	1,830	306	339	10.8
CA	1,782	1,829	1,760	1,810	3,136	3,310	5.5
CO	113	120	1,870	1,885	211	226	7.1
FL	130	125	1,245	1,190	162	149	-8.0
ID	497	522	1,790	1,800	890	940	5.6
IL	103	103	1,510	1,470	156	151	-3.2
IN	166	166	1,610	1,650	267	274	2.6
IA	209	215	1,620	1,590	339	342	0.9
KS	112	109	1,660	1,695	186	185	-0.5
KY	95	87	1,060	1,120	101	97	-4.0
MI	323	342	1,810	1,820	585	622	6.3
MN	450	463	1,495	1,490	673	690	2.5
MO	115	109	1,250	1,190	144	130	-9.7
NM	360	337	1,650	1,780	594	600	1.0
NY	626	626	1,515	1,575	948	986	4.0
OH	274	277	1,440	1,470	395	407	3.0
OR	117	115	1,480	1,500	173	173	0.0
PA	550	550	1,560	1,580	858	869	1.3
TX	342	349	1,675	1,770	573	618	7.9
VT	140	140	1,445	1,465	202	205	1.5
VA	101	100	1,365	1,400	138	140	1.4
WA	235	243	1,815	1,850	427	450	5.4
WI	1,245	1,249	1,500	1,545	1,868	1,930	3.3
23-State Total	8,260	8,361	1,614	1,654	13,332	13,833	3.8

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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December Farm Prices Received Index Advanced 5 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 151 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (3.4 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 10 points (6.5 percent) but the Livestock Index is unchanged. The All Farm Index and All Crop Index are at record highs. Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Lower prices were received for oranges, turkeys, snap beans, and broilers. 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 wheat, milk, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, cattle, corn, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 31 points (26 percent) from December 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 158, increased 7 points (4.6 percent) from last month and increased 37 points (31 percent) from December 2006.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 162 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) from November and 13 points (8.7 percent) above December 2006. This is

a record high for the index. Higher prices in December for complete feeds, feed grains, nitrogen fertilizer, and feed concentrates offset lower prices for feeder cattle, diesel fuel, gasoline, and LP gas.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		December 2006 Entire Month	November 2007 Entire Month	December 2007 Mid-Month	December 2006 Entire Month	November 2007 Entire Month	December 2007 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	53.7	1/	1/	49.0	57.0	57.2
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	170.00	194.00	192.00	120.00	160.00	171.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	158.00	370.00	490.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	125.00	146.00	153.00	111.00	135.00	136.00
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	25.00	17.90	19.10	23.20	25.20	20.30
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	32.40	64.10	57.70	33.80	63.80	58.50
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	17.30	23.30	18.90	22.30	23.90	19.80
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	26.90	40.20	38.00	32.80	36.50	32.70
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	42.40	46.00	46.00	42.20	43.90	44.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	92.00	96.00	97.00	89.00	95.90	95.50
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	77.60	73.50	74.10	83.10	89.70	89.10
Calves	\$ Cwt	106.00	111.00	112.00	116.00	119.00	119.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	14.10	21.70	21.50	14.20	21.90	21.70

- 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/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs., Grapefruit 67 lbs.
- 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.
- 8/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2006		2007	
	November	December	November	December
Prices Received	119	120	146	151
Prices Paid	148	149	161	162
Ratio 1/	80	81	91	93

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