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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 12 Percent From Last Year

On February 1, 2008, Arizona had 373,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 39,000 head from a year ago and up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 35,000 head during January, 2,000 head more than a year ago. During January, 29,000 head were marketed, down 3,000 head from last year.

On February 1, 2008, California had 555,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 15,000 head from last year but down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 76,000 head during January, up 12,000 head from last year. During January, 72,000 head were marketed, unchanged 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 12.0 million head on February 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above

February 1, 2007 but 1 percent below February 1, 2006. This is the second highest February 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million, 6 percent above 2007 but 19 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 467,000, 700-799 pounds were 525,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 395,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.86 million, 1 percent above 2007 and 3 percent above 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during January, 38 percent below 2007 and 28 percent below 2006.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2007-2008

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	Feb 1, 2007	Jan 1, 2008	Feb 1, 2008			During January			During January			During January 2/		
			Number	as % of 2007	as % of Jan	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<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	334	368	373	112	101	33	35	106	32	29	91	1	1	100
CA	540	560	555	103	99	64	76	119	72	72	100	2	9	450
CO	1,040	1,100	1,090	105	99	155	180	116	200	185	93	15	5	33
ID	255	235	235	92	100	43	43	100	47	42	89	1	1	100
IA	530	570	570	108	100	76	72	95	64	69	108	2	3	150
KS	2,430	2,480	2,430	100	98	365	405	111	445	445	100	30	10	33
NE	2,540	2,530	2,510	99	99	420	380	90	405	390	96	15	10	67
NM	135	160	160	119	100	8	16	200	8	15	188	1	1	100
OK	350	350	355	101	101	50	54	108	48	47	98	2	2	100
SD	230	230	230	100	100	50	45	90	42	43	102	3	2	67
TX	2,800	2,960	2,930	105	99	340	400	118	390	420	108	20	10	50
WA	177	164	153	86	93	27	27	100	33	36	109	1	2	200
Other Sts	365	390	375	103	96	59	54	92	55	65	118	4	4	100
US	11,726	12,097	11,966	102	99	1,690	1,787	106	1,841	1,858	101	97	60	62

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.

January Milk Production Up 2.4 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from January 2007. December production, unrevised at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 2.8 percent from December 2006.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for January, 17 pounds above January 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 120,000 head more than January 2007, and 15,000 head more than December 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, January 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	175	185	2,030	2,020	355	374	5.4
CA	1,792	1,837	1,880	1,900	3,369	3,490	3.6
CO	115	120	1,855	1,940	213	233	9.4
FL	130	124	1,470	1,450	191	180	-5.8
ID	502	533	1,850	1,870	929	997	7.3
IL	103	103	1,645	1,615	169	166	-1.8
IN	165	167	1,720	1,710	284	286	0.7
IA	210	216	1,730	1,680	363	363	
KS	110	109	1,670	1,695	184	185	0.5
KY	93	91	1,220	1,180	113	107	-5.3
MI	328	344	1,945	1,910	638	657	3.0
MN	455	463	1,635	1,610	744	745	0.1
MO	115	110	1,300	1,225	150	135	-10.0
NM	357	340	1,690	1,880	603	639	6.0
NY	628	626	1,610	1,650	1,011	1,033	2.2
OH	275	278	1,530	1,530	421	425	1.0
OR	115	115	1,670	1,530	192	176	-8.3
PA	549	552	1,640	1,630	900	900	
TX	347	360	1,780	1,825	618	657	6.3
VT	140	140	1,560	1,570	218	220	0.9
VA	100	98	1,540	1,570	154	154	
WA	235	243	1,930	1,960	454	476	4.8
WI	1,245	1,250	1,630	1,640	2,029	2,050	1.0
23-State Total	8,284	8,404	1,726	1,743	14,302	14,648	2.4

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Honey Production Down 4 Percent

Honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. There were 2.44 million colonies producing honey in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Yield per colony averaged 60.8 pounds, down 6 percent from the 64.7 pounds in 2006. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 52.5 million pounds on December 15, 2007, down 13 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Arizona honey production totaled 1.92 million pounds, 2 percent less than in 2006. Honey producing colonies, at 30,000, are unchanged from a year ago. Yield per colony was 64 pounds, compared to 65 pounds in 2006.

Honey Price Down Slightly

The 2007 all honey price was 103.2 cents, down slightly from 103.6 cents in 2006. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2006 crop reflect honey sold in 2006 and 2007.

Arizona's average price per pound was 118 cents, up 25 cents from 2006. Value of production, at 2.27 million dollars, was up 25 percent from a year earlier.

Pork and Total Red Meat Production Sets Record High for January

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.42 billion pounds in January, up 8 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in January 2007.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 4 percent from January 2007. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,291 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 21 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,500 head, 4 percent below January 2007. The average live weight was down 55 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.16 billion pounds, 14 percent above the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.6 million head, 13 percent above January 2007. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.8 million pounds, was 2 percent below January 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 213,400 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, unchanged from January a year ago.

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

Class	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	January 2008 as % of 2/	
				January 2007	December 2007
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>				<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	33,500	31,500	34,000	102	108
<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Percent</i>	
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,164.6	*2,061.4	2,232.0	103	108
Veal	14.3	10.4	11.3	79	108
Pork	1,898.4	*1,972.7	2,157.8	114	109
Lamb and Mutton	15.1	15.4	14.8	98	96
Total Red Meat	4,092.5	*4,059.9	4,415.9	108	109

* 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, January 2008 and U.S., January 2008 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January			January		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight	Average Live Weight
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	Million Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	43.1	60,173	1,403	2,898.6	3,728,434	1,291
Hogs	0.3	44	154	10,557.1	2,875,461	273

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

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February Farm Prices Received Index Unchanged From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 145 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from January. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for wheat, soybeans, corn, and hogs and lower prices were received for milk, lettuce, broccoli, and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell.

Increased monthly marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and eggs offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 17 points (13 percent) from February 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 145, decreased 1 point (0.7 percent) from last month but increased 17 points (13 percent) from February 2007.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 172 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 2 points (1.2 percent) from January and 16 points (10 percent) above February 2007. Higher prices in

February for complete feeds, feeder cattle, potash & phosphate materials, and feed concentrates offset lower prices for LP gas, self-propelled machinery, gasoline, and other machinery.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, January 2007 and 2008 and February 2008

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		February 2007 Entire Month	January 2008 Entire Month	February 2008 Mid-Month	February 2007 Entire Month	January 2008 Entire Month	February 2008 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	50.30	1/	1/	47.40	60.70	60.70
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	173.00	206.00	1/	130.00	171.00	162.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	172.00	440.00	546.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	135.00	160.00	165.00	115.00	135.00	138.00
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	32.90	38.30	35.50	32.40	35.80	33.10
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	45.00	48.00	50.00	47.00	46.30	49.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	94.00	96.00	95.00	91.40	93.40	93.20
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	75.90	76.80	77.00	86.10	87.30	87.80
Calves	\$ Cwt	114.00	110.00	112.00	114.00	117.00	118.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	14.40	20.10	18.60	14.90	20.50	19.30

- 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, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2007		2008	
	January	February	January	February
Prices Received	123	128	145	145
Prices Paid	155	156	170	172
Ratio 1/	79	82	85	84

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