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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 15 Percent From Last Year

On March 1, 2008, Arizona had 377,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 48,000 head from a year ago and up 4,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 36,000 head during February, 12,000 head more than a year ago. During February, 30,000 head were marketed, up 2,000 head from last year.

On March 1, 2008, California had 545,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 15,000 head from last year but down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 60,000 head during February, unchanged from last year. During February, 63,000 head were marketed, down 4,000 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 11.9 million head on March 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2007 but 1 percent below March 1, 2006. This is the second highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.72 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 9 percent above 2006. Net placements were 1.66 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 533,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 475,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.78 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 11 percent above 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 20 percent below 2007 and 18 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		
	Mar 1, 2007	Feb 1, 2008	Mar 1, 2008			During February			During February			During February 2/		
			Number	as % of 2007	as % of Feb	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent		
AZ	329	373	377	115	101	24	36	150	28	30	107	1	2	200
CA	530	555	545	103	98	60	60	100	67	63	94	3	7	233
CO	1,010	1,090	1,050	104	96	140	155	111	160	190	119	10	5	50
ID	250	235	235	94	100	39	39	100	43	38	88	1	1	100
IA	530	570	560	106	98	64	62	97	63	69	110	1	3	300
KS	2,420	2,430	2,410	100	99	395	390	99	380	400	105	25	10	40
NE	2,510	2,510	2,490	99	99	360	350	97	380	360	95	10	10	100
NM	130	160	160	123	100	14	15	107	18	14	78	1	1	100
OK	350	355	350	100	99	59	45	76	58	48	83	1	2	200
SD	230	230	235	102	102	43	47	109	41	40	98	2	2	100
TX	2,790	2,930	2,920	105	100	390	440	113	385	440	114	15	10	67
WA	170	153	151	89	99	25	30	120	31	30	97	1	2	200
Other Sts	350	375	370	106	99	46	54	117	57	54	95	4	5	125
US	11,599	11,966	11,853	102	99	1,659	1,723	104	1,711	1,776	104	75	60	80

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.

February Milk Production Up 6.0 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 6.0 percent from February 2007. January revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from January 2007. The January revision represented an increase of 40 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,653 pounds for February, 69 pounds above February 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.42 million head, 136,000 head more than February 2007, and 9,000 head more than January 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, February 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	1,930	1,960	338	363	7.4
CA	1,795	1,841	1,755	1,805	3,150	3,323	5.5
CO	115	125	1,670	1,815	192	227	18.2
FL	130	124	1,415	1,490	184	185	0.5
ID	504	534	1,680	1,760	847	940	11.0
IL	103	102	1,460	1,515	150	155	3.3
IN	165	167	1,580	1,600	261	267	2.3
IA	211	216	1,620	1,600	342	346	1.2
KS	110	109	1,510	1,660	166	181	9.0
KY	93	91	1,100	1,110	102	101	-1.0
MI	328	344	1,750	1,760	574	605	5.4
MN	455	463	1,485	1,525	676	706	4.4
MO	115	110	1,180	1,170	136	129	-5.1
NM	353	339	1,535	1,790	542	607	12.0
NY	628	626	1,480	1,590	929	995	7.1
OH	275	279	1,380	1,440	380	402	5.8
OR	115	114	1,590	1,475	183	168	-8.2
PA	548	551	1,500	1,530	822	843	2.6
TX	347	370	1,640	1,785	569	660	16.0
VT	140	140	1,385	1,500	194	210	8.2
VA	100	98	1,380	1,450	138	142	2.9
WA	235	244	1,780	1,850	418	451	7.9
WI	1,246	1,250	1,470	1,530	1,832	1,913	4.4
23-State Total	8,286	8,422	1,584	1,653	13,125	13,919	6.0

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight Per Fleece, Production, Price, and Value, Selected States and United States 2006-2007

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn		Weight per Fleece		Production		Price per Pound		Value of Production 1/	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
AZ	100.0	105.0	6.0	5.9	600	620	0.35	0.34	210	211
CA	490.0	460.0	7.1	6.7	3,500	3,100	0.72	0.85	2,520	2,635
CO	380.0	400.0	6.8	6.8	2,600	2,700	0.75	1.00	1,950	2,700
ID	215.0	200.0	9.2	9.4	1,980	1,880	0.71	0.94	1,406	1,767
MT	255.0	255.0	9.2	9.2	2,350	2,350	0.91	1.30	2,139	3,055
NV	56.0	51.0	9.3	9.7	520	495	0.81	1.10	421	545
NM	125.0	120.0	7.5	7.5	940	900	0.90	1.40	846	1,260
TX	700.0	600.0	7.0	7.3	4,900	4,400	0.91	1.21	4,459	5,324
UT	260.0	255.0	9.0	8.5	2,350	2,180	0.71	0.90	1,669	1,962
WA	41.0	37.0	7.3	7.6	300	280	0.75	1.10	225	308
WY	370.0	360.0	9.6	9.2	3,550	3,325	0.92	1.26	3,266	4,190
US	4,852.0	4,705.0	7.4	7.3	36,019	34,533	0.68	0.88	24,510	30,258

1/ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of State values.

U.S. Hog Inventory Up 7 Percent From Last Year

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2008 was 65.9 million head. This was up 7 percent from March 1, 2007, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.14 million head, was up less than 1 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.8 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

Total Red Meat Production Down From Previous Month

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.97 billion pounds in February, up 10 percent from the 3.62 billion pounds produced in February 2007.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, up 3 percent from February 2007. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,285 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.0 million pounds, 9 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 69,100 head, up 4 percent from February 2007. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 272 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, up 16 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.38 million head, up 16 percent from February 2007. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.0 million pounds, was up 4 percent from February 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 211,400 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 3 pounds from February a year ago.

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

Class	February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	February 2008 as % of 2/	
				February 2007	January 2008
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	31,100	34,000	35,400	114	104
<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
United States					
Beef	1,952.5	2,232.0	2,039.0	104	91
Veal	12.1	11.3	11.0	91	98
Pork	1,636.3	2,157.8	1,902.6	116	88
Lamb and Mutton	14.4	14.8	15.0	104	102
Total Red Meat	3,615.4	4,415.9	3,967.6	110	90

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 - February 2008 and U.S., January - February 2008 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - February			January - February		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head 88.0	1,000 Pounds 123,324	Pounds 1,408	1,000 Head 5,541.7	1,000 Pounds 7,111,753	Pounds 1,288
Hogs	0.4	71	192	19,935.2	5,410,234	272

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

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March Farm Prices Received Index Up 3 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 150 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (2.0 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 8 points (4.9 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher commodity prices for wheat, corn, lettuce, and eggs and lower prices for milk, snap beans, strawberries, and hogs. In addition to prices, the overall index is affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell.

Increased monthly marketings of strawberries, soybeans, milk, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and oranges.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 17 points (13 percent) from March 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 149, increased 3 points (2.1 percent) from last month and increased 15 points (11 percent) from March 2007.

Prices Paid Index Up 3 Points

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 176 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 3 points (1.7 percent) from February and 17 points (11 percent) above March 2007. Higher

prices in March for diesel fuel, nitrogen fertilizers, complete feeds, and feed supplements more than offset lower prices for potash & phosphate materials, feeder cattle, trucks, and autos.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		March 2007 Entire Month	February 2008 Entire Month	March 2008 Mid-Month	March 2007 Entire Month	February 2008 Entire Month	March 2008 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	48.60	60.30	1/	46.40	61.90	61.40
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	177.30	450.00	483.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	140.00	165.00	172.00	121.00	138.00	143.00
Tangerines 4/	\$ Box	1/	35.50	32.50	32.00	33.10	32.70
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	47.00	52.00	54.00	47.20	51.40	52.20
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	98.00	95.00	95.00	97.70	94.20	93.80
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	79.10	77.80	78.60	91.60	89.00	88.70
Calves	\$ Cwt	118.00	114.00	112.00	122.00	120.00	120.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	15.20	18.30	17.20	15.60	19.10	18.30

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
 2/ Not available for Arizona.
 3/ Mid-month.
 4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weight: Tangerines 75 lbs.
 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	2007		2008	
	February	March	February	March
Prices Received	128	133	147	150
Prices Paid	156	159	173	176
Ratio 1/	82	84	85	85

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