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## Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 10 Percent From Last Year

On April 1, 2008, Arizona had 374,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 34,000 head from a year ago but down 3,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 30,000 head during March, 16,000 head less than a year ago. During March, 31,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 head from last year.

On April 1, 2008, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, unchanged from last year but down 15,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 55,000 head during March, down 13,000 head from last year. During March, 65,000 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 11.7 million head on April 1, 2008. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2007 but 1 percent below April 1, 2006. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.35 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from

the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.28 million head, up 3 percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.74 million, 11 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.67 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of March since the series began in 1996. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 335,000, 600-699 pounds were 330,000, 700-799 pounds were 561,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 510,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.84 million, slightly below 2007 and 6 percent below 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during March, 12 percent below 2007 and 30 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		
	April 1, 2007	Mar 1, 2008	April 1, 2008			During March			During March			During March 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
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	
AZ	340	377	374	110	99	46	30	65	33	31	94	2	2	100
CA	530	545	530	100	97	68	55	81	65	65	100	3	5	167
CO	1,020	1,050	1,020	100	97	160	135	84	140	160	114	10	5	50
ID	245	235	230	94	98	38	37	97	42	39	93	1	3	300
IA	530	560	550	104	98	72	59	82	70	68	97	2	1	50
KS	2,480	2,410	2,420	98	100	510	440	86	430	415	97	20	15	75
NE	2,480	2,490	2,450	99	98	350	360	103	370	390	105	10	10	100
NM	131	160	158	121	99	19	10	53	17	11	65	1	1	100
OK	350	350	340	97	97	68	50	74	67	58	87	1	2	200
SD	230	235	225	98	96	40	32	80	37	37	100	3	5	167
TX	2,800	2,920	2,880	103	99	520	450	87	495	480	97	15	10	67
WA	163	151	152	93	101	26	30	115	32	28	88	1	1	100
Other Sts	345	370	355	103	96	43	48	112	45	60	133	3	3	100
US	11,644	11,853	11,684	100	99	1,960	1,736	89	1,843	1,842	100	72	63	88

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.

## March Milk Production Up 2.4 Percent

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2007. February revised production at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 6.2 percent from February 2007. The February revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,795 pounds for March, 12 pounds above March 2007.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 141,000 head more than March 2007, and 9,000 head more than February 2008.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, March 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>
<b>AZ</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>3.6</b>
CA	1,799	1,846	1,975	1,970	3,553	3,637	2.4
CO	115	126	1,910	1,945	220	245	11.4
FL	130	123	1,610	1,650	209	203	-2.9
ID	504	540	1,880	1,900	948	1,026	8.2
IL	103	102	1,655	1,640	170	167	-1.8
IN	167	167	1,770	1,730	296	289	-2.4
IA	211	216	1,750	1,730	369	374	1.4
KS	110	109	1,720	1,835	189	200	5.8
KY	93	91	1,260	1,260	117	115	-1.7
MI	329	344	1,955	1,860	643	640	-0.5
MN	455	463	1,650	1,625	751	752	0.1
MO	115	110	1,370	1,300	158	143	-9.5
NM	349	340	1,790	1,990	625	677	8.3
NY	628	626	1,630	1,680	1,024	1,052	2.7
OH	275	280	1,560	1,550	429	434	1.2
OR	115	114	1,750	1,595	201	182	-9.5
PA	550	549	1,710	1,680	941	922	-2.0
TX	347	370	1,920	1,980	666	733	10.1
VT	140	140	1,535	1,590	215	223	3.7
VA	100	98	1,570	1,610	157	158	0.6
WA	235	245	2,000	1,990	470	488	3.8
WI	1,246	1,251	1,640	1,660	2,043	2,077	1.7
<b>23-State Total</b>	<b>8,295</b>	<b>8,436</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>14,787</b>	<b>15,144</b>	<b>2.4</b>

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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## Lamb and Mutton Production at Record Low for March

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in March, up 2 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in March 2007.

Beef production, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, down 2 percent from March 2007. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 17 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70,800 head, up slightly from March 2007. The average live weight was down 48 pounds from last year, at 273 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.96 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.66 million head, up 5 percent from March 2007. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.0 million pounds, was down 18 percent from March 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 230,900 head, 17 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 1 pound from March a year ago.

January to March 2008 commercial red meat production was 12.5 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 12 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

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

Class	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	March 2008 as % of 2/	
				March 2007	February 2008
<b>Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat</b>	<b>33,700</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>33,100</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>United States</b>	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,118.2	*2,038.9	2,102.7	99	103
Veal	13.5	11.0	11.2	83	102
Pork	1,861.0	1,902.6	1,962.9	105	103
Lamb and Mutton	19.6	15.0	16.0	82	107
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>4,012.4</b>	<b>*3,967.6</b>	<b>4,092.9</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>103</b>

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 - March 2008 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - March			January - March		
	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	129.7	182,322	1,412	8,272.5	10,584,765	1,284
Hogs	0.6	111	200	29,596.8	8,027,018	272

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

### Arizona Milk Production, Disposition, and Income

The average number of milk cows maintained by Arizona's dairy operations in 2007 increased 8,000 head from a year ago to 181,000 head. As of January 1, 2008, the number of milk cows totaled 185,000. Milk production per cow during 2007 was 23,260 pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

In Arizona milk production totaled 4.21 billion pounds in 2007, an increase of 6 percent from 2006. Value of milk produced, at \$804 million dollars, was an increase of 59 percent from the 2006 value. The average return per 100 pounds of milk in 2007 was \$19.10, up \$6.30 from 2006.

### Arizona and United States Cattle Production, Disposition, and Income

**Cattle and Calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of Arizona cattle and calves decreased from \$737 million in 2006 to \$677 million in 2007, an 8 percent decrease. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 823 million pounds in 2007, up 1 percent from 2006. The Arizona annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$79.90, a decrease of \$8.40 from 2006. For calves, the annual average price per 100 pounds decreased \$9.00 to \$116.00.

For the United States, cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 2 percent from \$49.0 billion in 2006 to \$49.7 in 2007. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 54.8 billion pounds in 2007, up slightly from 2006. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$89.90, an increase of \$2.70 from 2006. For calves, the annual average price decreased from \$133.00 to \$119.00.

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### April Farm Prices Received Index Declines 2 Points From March

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 144 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from March. The Crop Index is unchanged but the Livestock Index decreased 4 points (3.1 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for eggs, strawberries, cattle, and wheat. Higher prices were received for corn, lettuce, onions, and soybeans. In addition to prices, 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 cattle, strawberries, milk, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (8.3 percent) from April 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 140, decreased 5 points (3.4 percent) from last month but increased 5 points (3.7 percent) from April 2007.

### Prices Paid Index Up 3 Points

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 181 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 3 points (1.7 percent) from March and 21 points (13 percent) above April 2007. Higher prices in April

for field crop seeds, diesel fuel, feed grains, and hay & forages more than offset lower prices for feeder pigs, feeder cattle, feed supplements, and complete feeds.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		April 2007 Entire Month	March 2008 Entire Month	April 2008 Mid-Month	April 2007 Entire Month	March 2008 Entire Month	April 2008 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	46.30	60.50	60.00
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	182.00	513.30	420.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	143.00	172.00	178.00	127.00	143.00	157.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	49.00	53.00	51.00	49.20	51.20	49.90
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	100.00	94.00	91.00	99.80	92.70	90.10
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	83.20	77.60	75.00	93.70	87.70	85.10
Calves	\$ Cwt	119.00	114.00	109.00	125.00	119.00	115.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	16.50	17.00	17.20	16.60	18.10	18.00

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.  
 2/ Not available for Arizona.  
 3/ Mid-month.  
 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.  
 5/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.  
 6/ 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	
	March	April	March	April
Prices Received	131	133	146	144
Prices Paid	159	160	178	181
Ratio 1/	82	83	82	80

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