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## Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 9 Percent From Last Year

On May 1, 2008, Arizona had 370,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 30,000 head from a year ago but down 4,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 34,000 head during April, 3,000 head more than a year ago. During April, 37,000 head were marketed, up 7,000 head from last year.

On May 1, 2008, California had 520,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 30,000 head from last year and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 64,000 head during April, down 21,000 head from last year. During April, 70,000 head were marketed, up 9,000 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 11.1 million head on May 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2007 and 4 percent below May 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.54 million, 2 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315,000, 600-699 pounds were 278,000, 700-799 pounds were 428,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 515,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 2.01 million, 11 percent above 2007 and 13 percent above 2006. This is the highest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during April, 24 percent below 2007 and 14 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		
	May 1, 2007	April 1, 2008	May 1, 2008			During April			During April			During April 2/		
			Number	as % of 2007	as % of April	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		
<b>AZ</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>
CA	550	530	520	95	98	85	64	75	61	70	115	4	4	100
CO	1,020	1,020	950	93	93	150	115	77	130	165	127	20	20	100
ID	235	230	225	96	98	35	28	80	40	32	80	5	1	20
IA	530	550	530	100	96	61	59	97	59	77	131	2	2	100
KS	2,350	2,420	2,290	97	95	355	360	101	445	470	106	40	20	50
NE	2,420	2,450	2,380	98	97	290	340	117	340	400	118	10	10	100
NM	118	158	150	127	95	12	9	75	24	16	67	1	1	100
OK	335	340	305	91	90	54	40	74	68	74	109	1	1	100
SD	230	225	220	96	98	36	33	92	34	37	109	2	1	50
TX	2,680	2,880	2,690	100	93	380	360	95	490	540	110	10	10	100
WA	154	152	155	101	102	22	33	150	30	29	97	1	1	100
Other Sts	335	355	350	104	99	57	61	107	65	63	97	2	3	150
<b>US</b>	<b>11,297</b>	<b>11,684</b>	<b>11,135</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>76</b>

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.

## April Milk Production Up 2.5 Percent

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from April 2007. March revised production at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from March 2007. The March revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for April, 12 pounds above April 2007.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 152,000 head more than April 2007, and 8,000 head more than March 2008.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, April 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>182</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>4.7</b>
CA	1,801	1,848	1,915	1,900	3,449	3,511	1.8
CO	115	127	1,900	1,910	219	243	11.0
FL	129	123	1,580	1,575	204	194	-4.9
ID	503	540	1,860	1,840	936	994	6.2
IL	103	102	1,645	1,615	169	165	-2.4
IN	168	168	1,725	1,690	290	284	-2.1
IA	211	216	1,710	1,670	361	361	
KS	110	110	1,680	1,820	185	200	8.1
KY	92	92	1,270	1,230	117	113	-3.4
MI	331	345	1,915	1,825	634	630	-0.6
MN	455	463	1,610	1,570	733	727	-0.8
MO	114	111	1,395	1,325	159	147	-7.5
NM	345	342	1,740	1,990	600	681	13.5
NY	627	626	1,605	1,670	1,006	1,045	3.9
OH	275	280	1,550	1,540	426	431	1.2
OR	115	113	1,670	1,565	192	177	-7.8
PA	550	549	1,690	1,670	930	917	-1.4
TX	347	370	1,860	1,965	645	727	12.7
VT	140	140	1,495	1,560	209	218	4.3
VA	100	98	1,550	1,580	155	155	
WA	233	244	1,970	1,950	459	476	3.7
WI	1,246	1,251	1,615	1,630	2,012	2,039	1.3
<b>23-State Total</b>	<b>8,292</b>	<b>8,444</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>14,470</b>	<b>14,833</b>	<b>2.5</b>

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

Class	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007 as % of 2/	
				April 2007	March 2008
<b>Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat</b>	<b>30,400</b>	<b>33,100</b>	<b>36,800</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>111</b>
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
<u>United States</u>	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,015.0	*2,100.4	2,254.5	112	107
Veal	11.9	*11.3	11.9	101	105
Pork	1,711.5	1,962.9	2,015.3	118	103
Lamb and Mutton	15.0	16.0	15.3	102	96
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,753.4</b>	<b>*4,090.6</b>	<b>4,297.0</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>105</b>

\* 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 - April 2008 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - April			January - April		
	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	<b>175.9</b>	<b>247,030</b>	<b>1,410</b>	11,229.2	14,299,197	1,278
Hogs	<b>1.1</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>209</b>	39,591.5	10,717,049	271

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

### Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers by Region and United States, April 6-12, 2008 1/

U.S. and Region	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined	
	Dollars per Hour			
Northeast I	10.19	9.97	10.10	11.00
Northeast II	9.71	8.77	9.42	10.00
Appalachian I	9.34	9.54	9.40	9.98
Appalachian II	8.87	10.07	9.44	10.05
Southeast	8.93	8.81	8.90	9.66
FL	9.32	9.59	9.35	10.25
Lake	10.57	10.78	10.70	11.25
Cornbelt I	10.32	10.73	10.45	11.43
Cornbelt II	10.65	12.20	11.50	11.88
Delta	8.77	8.84	8.80	9.45
Northern Plains	10.73	10.20	10.40	11.00
Southern Plains	8.51	9.74	9.05	9.72
Mountain I	9.46	9.09	9.25	9.50
Mountain II	9.33	9.81	9.55	10.05
Mountain III 2/	9.38	10.69	9.97	10.55
Pacific	9.14	11.34	9.41	10.00
CA	10.00	11.50	10.26	11.14
HI 4/	10.80		10.91	13.28
<b>US 3/</b>	<b>9.65</b>	<b>10.32</b>	<b>9.87</b>	<b>10.60</b>

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ AZ and NM.

3/ Excludes AK.

4/ Insufficient data for livestock.

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### May Farm Prices Received Index Jumped 5 Points From April

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 150 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (3.4 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 4 points (2.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (3.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for hogs, cattle, onions, and broilers and lower prices for eggs, lettuce, wheat, and broccoli. 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 cantaloups, grapes, sweet corn, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, corn, and apples.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 14 points (10 percent) from May 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 147, increased 5 points (3.5 percent) from last month and increased 11 points (8.1 percent) from May 2007.

### Prices Paid Index Up 3 Points

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 184 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 3 points (1.7 percent) from April and 23 points (14 percent) above May 2007. Higher prices in May

for diesel fuel, mixed fertilizers, feeder cattle, and potash & phosphate more than offset lower prices for feed concentrates, feed supplements, tractors, and feed grains.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		May 2007 Entire Month	April 2008 Entire Month	May 2008 Mid-Month	May 2007 Entire Month	April 2008 Entire Month	May 2008 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	56.80	1/	44.00	62.10	60.70
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	179.70	460.00	403.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	149.00	178.00	185.00	145.00	157.00	177.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	51.00	51.00	54.50	51.70	50.50	53.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	99.00	92.00	94.00	98.10	91.60	95.40
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	84.60	75.60	78.20	92.80	86.60	90.50
Calves	\$ Cwt	114.00	105.00	105.00	124.00	116.00	116.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	18.10	17.30	17.10	18.00	18.00	18.20

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	
	April	May	April	May
Prices Received	133	136	145	150
Prices Paid	160	161	181	184
Ratio 1/	83	84	80	82

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