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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 4 Percent From Last Year

On July 1, 2008, Arizona had 356,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 13,000 head from a year ago, but down 9,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 32,000 head during June, 7,000 head less than a year ago. During June, 40,000 head were marketed, up 5,000 head from last year.

On July 1, 2008, California had 520,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 25,000 head from last year, and down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 52,000 head during June, down 1,000 head from last year. During June, 55,000 head were marketed, down 5,000 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 10.3 million head on July 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below July 1, 2007 and 5 percent below July 1, 2006. The inventory included 6.43 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous

year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.82 million head, down 3 percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.51 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.45 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 325,000, 700-799 pounds were 383,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 440,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.97 million, 8 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during June, 15 percent above 2007, but 5 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		
	July 1, 2007	June 1, 2008	July 1, 2008			During June			During June			During June 2/		
			Number	as % of 2007	as % of June	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	343	365	356	104	98	39	32	82	35	40	114	1	1	100
CA	545	525	520	95	99	53	52	98	60	55	92	3	2	67
CO	940	920	820	87	89	120	80	67	190	170	89	10	10	100
ID	220	215	200	91	93	37	33	89	46	47	102	1	1	100
IA	510	520	500	98	96	52	41	79	61	60	98	1	1	100
KS	2,140	2,190	2,080	97	95	375	330	88	515	430	83	10	10	100
NE	2,050	2,250	2,050	100	91	330	290	88	560	475	85	10	15	150
NM	132	*150	154	117	103	22	32	145	17	27	159	1	1	100
OK	325	305	300	92	98	52	57	110	66	61	92	1	1	100
SD	197	205	185	94	90	24	21	88	39	38	97	3	3	100
TX	2,870	2,690	2,660	93	99	485	460	95	475	480	101	10	10	100
WA	150	145	140	93	97	31	28	90	30	32	107	0	1	100
Other Sts	315	335	330	105	99	37	57	154	46	58	126	1	4	400
US	10,737	*10,815	10,295	96	95	1,657	1,513	91	2,140	1,973	92	52	60	115

* Revised.

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.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2006-2008

Class	2006	2007	2008	2008	
				as % of 2007	
	1,000 Head			Percent	
Cattle and Calves	105,200	104,800	104,300	100	
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,600	42,500	42,400	100	
Beef Cows	33,450	33,350	33,150	99	
Milk Cows	9,150	9,150	9,250	101	
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,600	16,600	16,500	99	
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,000	4,700	4,600	98	
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,800	3,900	3,900	100	
Other Heifers	7,800	8,000	8,000	100	
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	15,000	14,900	14,700	99	
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100	
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,900	28,700	28,600	100	
Calf Crop	37,519	37,361	37,250	100	
Cattle on Feed	12,500	12,300	11,700	95	

Milk Cows and Production: By State, June 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	182	186	1,965	1,950	358	363	1.4
CA	1,811	1,848	1,845	1,850	3,341	3,419	2.3
CO	118	128	1,960	1,940	231	248	7.4
FL	126	122	1,465	1,490	185	182	-1.6
ID	508	550	1,910	1,910	970	1,051	8.4
IL	103	102	1,550	1,565	160	160	
IN	167	166	1,675	1,650	280	274	-2.1
IA	214	216	1,675	1,650	358	356	-0.6
KS	109	111	1,650	1,760	180	195	8.3
KY	90	92	1,170	1,110	105	102	-2.9
MI	334	348	1,905	1,840	636	640	0.6
MN	460	463	1,565	1,590	720	736	2.2
MO	112	110	1,240	1,240	139	136	-2.2
NM	335	340	1,815	1,970	608	670	10.2
NY	626	626	1,620	1,680	1,014	1,052	3.7
OH	276	282	1,550	1,580	428	446	4.2
OR	114	113	1,650	1,575	188	178	-5.3
PA	549	546	1,590	1,630	873	890	1.9
TX	348	377	1,740	1,870	606	705	16.3
VT	139	140	1,510	1,550	210	217	3.3
VA	100	98	1,440	1,450	144	142	-1.4
WA	234	244	1,975	1,975	462	482	4.3
WI	1,247	1,252	1,620	1,640	2,020	2,053	1.6
23-State Total	8,302	8,460	1,712	1,737	14,216	14,697	3.4

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

Class	June 2007	May 2008	June 2008	June 2008 as % of 2/	
				June 2007	May 2008
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona 3/					
Total Red Meat	35,800	36,600	34,000	95	93
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,348.5	*2,380.2	2,262.6	96	95
Veal	11.2	11.5	11.7	105	102
Pork	1,654.1	1,815.6	1,762.1	107	97
Lamb and Mutton	13.7	15.0	13.1	96	88
Total Red Meat	4,027.5	4,222.3	4,049.6	101	96

* 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 - June 2008 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - June			January - June		
	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	264.3	368,897	1,401	17,324.4	21,933,001	1,270
Hogs	1.5	314	220	57,539.1	15,502,411	270

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

All Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 3 Percent, Goat Inventory Up 4 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2008 totaled 7.35 million head, down 3 percent from July 1, 2007, and 5 percent below July 1, 2006. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.42 million head on July 1, 2008 was down 3 percent from July 1, 2007. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 2.93 million head, were down 4 percent from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.62 million ewes one year old and older, 180,000 rams one year old and older, and 620,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 2.86 million head was comprised of 1.67 million lambs under 65 pounds, 595,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 340,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 250,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 75,000 head.

The 2008 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 3.97 million head, down 2 percent from the 2007 lamb crop of 4.05 million

head. Lambs born during January through June 2008 totaled 3.48 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 490,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2008.

All goat inventory on July 1, 2008 totaled 3.73 million head, up 4 percent from the previous July number. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.81 million head, up 4 percent from July 2007. All market goats and kids totaled 925,000 head, up 2 percent from the previous July. On July 1, 2008 meat and all other goats totaled 3.15 million head, up 5 percent from July 2007. Milk goat inventory was up 4 percent increasing to 350,000 head while angora goat numbers fell 12 percent to 230,000 head. The 2008 kid crop is expected to total 2.03 million head, up 5 percent from the 2007 kid crop of 1.94 million head.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop, United States, July 1, 2006-2008

Class	2006	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
		1,000 Head		Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	7,770	7,600	7,350	97
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,635	4,540	4,420	97
Replacement Lambs Under One Year Old	670	645	620	96
Ewes – One Year Old and Older	3,780	3,710	3,620	98
Rams – One Year Old and Older	185	185	180	97
Market Sheep and Lambs	3,135	3,060	2,930	96
Market Lambs	3,055	2,995	2,855	95
Market Sheep	80	65	75	115

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July Farm Prices Received Index Up 3 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 161 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (1.9 percent) from June. The Crop Index is up 3 points (1.6 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, soybeans, broilers, and sweet corn, and lower prices for eggs, wheat, tomatoes, and cucumbers. 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 wheat, grapes, hay,

and tomatoes, offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloups, potatoes, and apples.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 22 points (16 percent) from July 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 157, increased 2 points (1.3 percent) from last month and increased 17 points (12 percent) from July 2007.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 191 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 2 points (1.1 percent) from June and 29 points (18 percent) above July 2007. Higher prices in July for potash

& phosphate materials, nitrogen fertilizers, mixed fertilizers, and diesel fuel more than offset lower prices for feed concentrates, feeder pigs, trucks, and other machinery.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, July 2007 and 2008 and June 2008

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		July 2007 Entire Month	June 2008 Entire Month	July 2008 Mid-Month	July 2007 Entire Month	June 2008 Entire Month	July 2008 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	45.20	60.40	60.30
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	223.00	280.30	360.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	151.00	190.00	190.00	137.00	172.00	177.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	53.00	55.00	58.00	51.50	54.30	56.40
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	93.00	97.00	99.00	93.00	96.40	100.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	83.80	82.30	84.70	89.00	92.00	95.70
Calves	\$ Cwt	124.00	102.00	102.00	126.00	118.00	115.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	22.20	18.70	19.20	21.60	19.30	19.40

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	
	June	July	June	July
Prices Received	137	139	158	161
Prices Paid	161	162	189	191
Ratio 1/	85	86	84	84

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