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## Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 5 Percent From Last Year

On August 1, 2008, Arizona had 357,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 16,000 head from a year ago and up 1,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 37,000 head during July, 5,000 head more than a year ago. During July, 35,000 head were marketed, an increase of 2,000 head from last year.

On August 1, 2008, California had 515,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 25,000 head from last year and a decrease of 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 45,000 head during July, 6,000 head less than last year. During July, 48,000 head were marketed, down 6,000 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 9.87 million head on August 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below August 1, 2007 and 9 percent below August 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.66 million, 2 percent above 2007 but 15 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.62 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 476,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.04 million, 2 percent above 2007 and 5 percent above 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 45,000 during July, 26 percent below 2007 and 22 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		
	Aug 1, 2007	July 1, 2008	Aug 1, 2008			During July			During July			During July 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
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		
AZ	341	356	357	105	100	32	37	116	33	35	106	1	1	100
CA	540	520	515	95	99	51	45	88	54	48	89	2	2	100
CO	870	820	750	86	91	115	105	91	175	170	97	10	5	50
ID	205	200	180	88	90	35	29	83	49	48	98	1	1	100
IA	500	500	475	95	95	64	51	80	73	75	103	1	1	100
KS	2,100	2,080	2,010	96	97	430	440	102	450	500	111	20	10	50
NE	1,910	2,050	1,920	101	94	350	320	91	480	440	92	10	10	100
NM	129	154	164	127	106	12	32	267	14	21	150	1	1	100
OK	305	300	290	95	97	48	46	96	67	55	82	1	1	100
SD	175	185	170	97	92	22	21	95	42	35	83	2	1	50
TX	2,780	2,660	2,590	93	97	390	460	118	470	520	111	10	10	100
WA	144	140	133	92	95	27	32	119	32	38	119	1	1	100
Other Sts	300	330	315	105	95	46	43	93	60	57	95	1	1	100
US	10,299	10,295	9,869	96	96	1,622	1,661	102	1,999	2,042	102	61	45	74

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.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, July 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	181	185	1,875	1,815	339	336	-0.9
CA	1,816	1,846	1,900	1,850	3,450	3,415	-1.0
CO	119	129	2,005	1,950	239	252	5.4
FL	127	122	1,380	1,370	175	167	-4.6
ID	516	556	1,970	1,970	1,017	1,095	7.7
IL	103	102	1,550	1,520	160	155	-3.1
IN	167	166	1,700	1,650	284	274	-3.5
IA	215	215	1,700	1,670	366	359	-1.9
KS	108	111	1,660	1,730	179	192	7.3
KY	89	90	1,150	1,060	102	95	-6.9
MI	336	348	1,940	1,870	652	651	-0.2
MN	463	463	1,575	1,590	729	736	1.0
MO	110	111	1,220	1,170	134	130	-3.0
NM	335	338	1,850	2,000	620	676	9.0
NY	626	626	1,650	1,690	1,033	1,058	2.4
OH	276	282	1,530	1,540	422	434	2.8
OR	114	113	1,675	1,595	191	180	-5.8
PA	550	546	1,610	1,630	886	890	0.5
TX	348	383	1,720	1,850	599	709	18.4
VT	139	140	1,555	1,585	216	222	2.8
VA	100	97	1,450	1,425	145	138	-4.8
WA	236	244	2,000	2,005	472	489	3.6
WI	1,248	1,252	1,675	1,675	2,090	2,097	0.3
23-State Total	8,322	8,465	1,742	1,742	14,500	14,750	1.7

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	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	July 2008 as % of	
				July 2007	June 2008
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<b>ARIZONA 2/</b>	<b>36,200</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>34,900</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Total Red Meat</b>					
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
UNITED STATES					
Beef	2,256.7	*2,262.7	2,372.7	105	105
Veal	10.7	11.7	12.3	116	105
Pork	1,659.5	1,762.1	1,852.9	112	105
Lamb and Mutton	13.5	13.1	13.7	101	104
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,940.4</b>	<b>4,049.6</b>	<b>4,251.6</b>	<b>108</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 - July 2008 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - July			January - July		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
	309.5	430,578	1,396	20,388.4	25,821,151	1,271
Hogs	1.7	342	215	67,004.4	17,982,491	269

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

## Hired Workers Down 3 Percent, Wage Rates Up 4 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,173,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 6-12, 2008, down 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 828,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 345,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.34 per hour during the July 2008 reference week, up 35 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.66 per hour, up 42 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.98 per hour compared with \$9.73 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.74 per hour, was up 37 cents from last year.

## Range and Pasture Conditions Ranged From Poor to Good Condition

The month of July brought much needed rains and moisture to rangeland and pastures across Arizona. Most areas of the state had been hit with seasonal rains. The State's rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to good, depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly poor to fair, depending on location. High and low elevation conditions were poor to fair. Mid elevation conditions varied from poor to good. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to good. High elevation conditions were good. Mid elevation conditions were mostly fair to good, depending on location. Low elevation conditions were poor. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was light.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from fair to excellent, depending on elevation. High and mid elevation pastures were in mostly good condition. Low elevation rangeland varied from fair to excellent condition. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short to adequate. Insect damage was light.

## Pasture and Range Crop Condition by Percent, Week Ending August 24, 2008

State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>						<i>Percent</i>					
AL	9	20	35	30	6	NJ	0	5	65	30	0
AZ	8	32	32	22	6	NM	5	12	35	36	12
AR	0	6	35	49	10	NY	1	3	15	58	23
CA	80	20	0	0	0	NC	19	32	28	18	3
CO	15	28	38	17	2	ND	19	31	29	19	2
CT	2	3	19	56	20	OH	8	19	37	33	3
DE	16	56	22	5	1	OK	3	12	37	40	8
FL	5	5	25	55	10	OR	20	24	38	18	0
GA	11	22	36	27	4	PA	7	12	38	37	6
ID	3	19	41	34	3	RI	0	15	30	35	20
IL	1	5	33	56	5	SC	18	23	36	22	1
IN	8	16	33	34	9	SD	0	5	26	54	15
IA	3	9	31	48	9	TN	23	31	28	17	1
KS	5	10	25	51	9	TX	12	24	38	22	4
KY	14	26	37	22	1	UT	6	15	24	48	7
LA	2	15	41	37	5	VT	0	15	31	43	11
ME	1	2	11	85	1	VA	23	28	36	12	1
MD	12	19	38	25	6	WA	5	48	21	25	1
MA	0	0	66	34	0	WV	0	14	43	42	1
MI	20	28	27	17	8	WI	13	25	27	32	3
MN	12	19	36	31	2	WY	1	15	42	34	8
MS	3	13	30	42	12	48 States	12	18	31	33	6
MO	2	9	32	47	10	Prev. Week	12	17	31	34	6
MT	9	28	36	20	7	Prev. Year	17	19	28	28	8
NE	2	12	29	49	8						
NV	7	20	50	21	2						
NH	0	1	27	51	21						

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### August Farm Prices Received Index Declined 4 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 155 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 4 points (2.5 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 7 points (3.8 percent) and the Livestock Index declined 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received lower prices for corn, broilers, soybeans, and milk. Higher prices were realized for wheat, hogs, eggs, and strawberries. 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, grapes, sweet corn, and potatoes offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and broilers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 16 points (12 percent) from August 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 153, decreased 3 points (1.9 percent) from last month but increased 11 points (7.7 percent) from August 2007.

### Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The August Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 194 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) from July and 32 points above (20 percent) August 2007. Higher prices in

August for complete feeds, nitrogen fertilizer, mixed fertilizer and potash & phosphate materials more than offset lower prices for diesel fuel, feed grains, LP gas, and gasoline.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		August 2007 Entire Month	July 2008 Entire Month	August 2008 Mid-Month	August 2007 Entire Month	July 2008 Entire Month	August 2008 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	44.90	59.30	59.40
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	233.30	393.30	410.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	146.00	190.00	187.00	135.00	177.00	180.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	53.00	58.00	60.00	51.50	56.40	57.60
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	95.00	101.00	99.00	95.70	99.60	100.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	83.20	83.80	83.40	91.40	95.10	96.10
Calves	\$ Cwt	124.00	101.00	110.00	127.00	115.00	114.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	22.30	19.30	18.50	21.60	19.40	18.50

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	
	July	August	July	August
Prices Received	139	139	159	155
Prices Paid	162	162	192	194
Ratio 1/	86	86	83	80

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