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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory up 4 Percent from Last Year

On September 1, 2008, Arizona had 362,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 14,000 head from a year ago and up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 33,000 head during August, 3,000 head less than a year ago. During August, 27,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 1,000 head from last year.

On September 1, 2008, California had 505,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 25,000 head from last year and a decrease of 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 37,000 head during August, 17,000 head less than last year. During August, 45,000 head were marketed, down 17,000 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 10.0 million head on September 1, 2008. The inventory was 3 percent below September 1, 2007 and 9 percent below September 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.06 million, 3 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. Net placements were 2.01 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 410,000, 700-799 pounds were 566,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.88 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 9 percent below 2006. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 49,000 during August, 2 percent below 2007 and 17 percent below 2006.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	Number on Feed 1/					Placements During August			Marketings During August			Other Disappearance During August 2/			
	Sep 1, 2007	Aug 1, 2008	Sep 1, 2008			2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	
			Number	as % of 2007	as % of Aug										
	<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	348	357	362	104	101	36	33	92	28	27	96	1	1	100	
CA	530	515	505	95	98	54	37	69	62	45	73	2	2	100	
CO	850	750	770	91	103	170	190	112	185	165	89	5	5	100	
ID	205	180	180	88	100	48	45	94	47	44	94	1	1	100	
IA	490	475	470	96	99	71	72	101	80	75	94	1	2	200	
KS	2,140	2,010	2,090	98	104	520	520	100	465	430	92	15	10	67	
NE	1,930	1,920	1,960	102	102	465	445	96	435	395	91	10	10	100	
NM	131	164	167	127	102	22	27	123	19	23	121	1	1	100	
OK	310	290	305	98	105	75	70	93	69	54	78	1	1	100	
SD	175	170	165	94	97	37	28	76	36	32	89	1	1	100	
TX	2,740	2,590	2,580	94	100	520	510	98	550	510	93	10	10	100	
WA	148	133	138	93	104	35	36	103	30	30	100	1	1	100	
Other Sts	305	315	305	100	97	66	48	73	60	54	90	1	4	400	
US	10,302	9,869	9,997	97	101	2,119	2,061	97	2,066	1,884	91	50	49	98	

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.

August Milk Production Up 1.5 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from August 2007. July revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from July 2007. The July revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,717 pounds for August, 2 pounds below August 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 137,000 head more than August 2007, but 3,000 head less than July 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: by State, August 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		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	184	1,760	1,765	319	325	1.9
CA	1,819	1,843	1,900	1,840	3,456	3,391	-1.9
CO	119	130	1,975	1,930	235	251	6.8
FL	126	120	1,215	1,265	153	152	-0.7
ID	520	555	1,970	1,960	1,024	1,088	6.3
IL	103	102	1,480	1,455	152	148	-2.6
IN	166	166	1,670	1,605	277	266	-4.0
IA	215	215	1,640	1,660	353	357	1.1
KS	108	113	1,600	1,770	173	200	15.6
KY	88	88	1,035	1,000	91	88	-3.3
MI	338	348	1,915	1,840	647	640	-1.1
MN	463	465	1,555	1,560	720	725	0.7
MO	109	112	1,170	1,110	128	124	-3.1
NM	335	337	1,855	1,935	621	652	5.0
NY	625	626	1,640	1,690	1,025	1,058	3.2
OH	276	282	1,470	1,500	406	423	4.2
OR	114	114	1,665	1,685	190	192	1.1
PA	550	548	1,610	1,590	886	871	-1.7
TX	348	385	1,670	1,770	581	681	17.2
VT	139	140	1,540	1,535	214	215	0.5
VA	100	97	1,390	1,380	139	134	-3.6
WA	240	245	2,000	1,985	480	486	1.3
WI	1,248	1,252	1,645	1,655	2,053	2,072	0.9
23-State Total	8,330	8,467	1,719	1,717	14,323	14,539	1.5

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Release Dates For Upcoming National Reports

October 17.....Milk Production
October 17.....Cattle on Feed
October 24.....Livestock Slaughter
October 31.....Agricultural Prices

U.S. Hog Inventory Up 2 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2008 was 68.7 million head. This was up 2 percent from September 1, 2007 and up 1 percent from June 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 62.6 million head, was up 3 percent from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2008 pig crop, at 29.3 million head, was up 1 percent from 2007 and up 10 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.08 million head, down 2 percent from 2007 but up 6 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.51 for the June-August 2008 period, compared to 9.29 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

August Total Red Meat Production Below Previous Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in August, down 5 percent from the 4.33 billion pounds produced in August 2007.

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.91 million head, down 7 percent from August 2007. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,284 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 9 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,200 head, up 21 percent from August 2007. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 245 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.80 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.27 million head, down 1 percent from August 2007. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 261 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.3 million pounds, was down 10 percent from August 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,700 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 3 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2008 commercial red meat production was 33.4 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 9 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: Arizona and U.S., August 2007 and 2008 and July 2008 1/

Class	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	August 2008 as % of 2/	
				August 2007	July 2008
ARIZONA 2/					
Total Red Meat	35,600	34,900	33,900	95	97
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
UNITED STATES					
		Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	2,450.6	2,372.7	2,268.5	93	96
Veal	10.3	12.3	11.2	109	91
Pork	1,850.0	1,852.9	1,804.4	98	97
Lamb and Mutton	14.8	13.7	13.3	90	97
Total Red Meat	4,325.7	4,251.6	4,097.4	95	96

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - August 2008 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - August			January - August		
	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	355.4	492,954	1,393	23,299.4	29,547,840	1,272
Hogs	1.8	358	220	76,272.0	20,397,921	268

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

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September Farm Prices Received Index Off 2 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 154 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.3 percent) from August. The Crop Index is down 3 points (1.7 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (2.2 percent). Producers received lower prices for wheat, hogs, soybeans, and broilers and higher prices for lettuce, turkeys, eggs, and cottonseed. 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 soybeans, corn, apples, and potatoes offset decreased marketings of cattle, wheat, broilers, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 14 points (10 percent) from September 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 152, decreased 1 point (0.7 percent) from last month but increased 9 points (6.3 percent) from September 2007.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The September 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 August and 32 points (20 percent) above September 2007. Higher prices in

September for mixed fertilizers, potash & phosphate materials, nitrogen fertilizers, and herbicides more than offset lower prices for diesel fuel, complete feeds, feed supplements, and hay & forages.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		September 2007 Entire Month	August 2008 Entire Month	September 2008 Mid-Month	September 2007 Entire Month	August 2008 Entire Month	September 2008 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	52.00	58.50	64.60
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	299.30	413.30	396.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	143.00	187.00	185.00	135.00	180.00	176.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	51.00	61.00	62.00	49.30	57.40	56.00
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	97.00	100.00	101.00	98.30	100.00	99.50
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	81.80	84.40	85.40	93.10	96.10	94.90
Calves	\$ Cwt	120.00	118.00	116.00	126.00	116.00	116.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	22.30	18.50	17.60	21.80	18.40	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	
	August	September	August	September
Prices Received	139	140	156	154
Prices Paid	161	162	192	194
Ratio 1/	86	86	81	79

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