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## Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 16 Percent From Last Year

On May 1, 2009, Arizona had 311,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 59,000 head from a year ago and down 19,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 21,000 head during April, 13,000 head less than a year ago. During April, 38,000 head were marketed, an increase of 1,000 head from last year.

On May 1, 2009, California had 450,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 70,000 head from last year but up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 68,000 head during April, 4,000 head more than last year. During April, 61,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 9,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on May 1, 2009. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.60 million, 4 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.53 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 315,000, 700-799 pounds were 405,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 525,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.87 million, 7 percent below 2008.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during April, 8 percent below 2008. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2008-2009

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	May 1, 2008	April 1, 2009	May 1, 2009			During April			During April			During April 2/		
			Number	as % of 2008	as % of April	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent		
AZ	370	330	311	84	94	34	21	62	37	38	103	1	2	200
CA	520	445	450	87	101	64	68	106	70	61	87	4	2	50
CO	950	1,040	1,010	106	97	115	150	130	165	165	100	20	15	75
ID	225	210	210	93	100	28	30	107	32	29	91	1	1	100
IA	530	*530	540	102	102	59	79	134	77	68	88	2	1	50
KS	2,290	2,280	2,180	95	96	360	330	92	470	410	87	20	20	100
NE	2,380	2,320	2,270	95	98	340	350	103	400	395	99	10	5	50
NM	150	137	120	80	88	9	11	122	16	25	156	1	3	300
OK	305	330	315	103	95	40	52	130	74	66	89	1	1	100
SD	220	225	230	105	102	33	39	118	37	33	89	1	1	100
TX	2,690	2,810	2,680	100	95	360	395	110	540	510	94	10	15	150
WA	155	160	161	104	101	33	26	79	29	24	83	1	1	100
Other Sts	350	345	345	99	100	61	49	80	63	47	75	3	2	67
US	11,135	*11,162	10,822	97	97	1,536	1,600	104	2,010	1,871	93	75	69	92

\* 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.

## April Milk Production Up Slightly

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up slightly from April 2008. March revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 0.1 percent from March 2008. The March revision represented an increase of 47 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,758 pounds for April, 1 pound above April 2008.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.48 million head, 3000 head less than April 2008, and 2,000 head less than March 2009.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, April 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
<b>AZ</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
CA	1,845	1,821	1,905	1,885	3,515	3,433	-2.3
CO	127	128	1,910	1,920	243	246	1.2
FL	120	117	1,568	1,705	188	199	5.9
ID	543	550	1,850	1,800	1,005	990	-1.5
IL	102	102	1,615	1,625	165	166	0.6
IN	168	167	1,690	1,710	284	286	0.7
IA	216	215	1,670	1,710	361	368	1.9
KS	115	120	1,740	1,750	200	210	5.0
MI	347	356	1,840	1,860	638	662	3.8
MN	463	468	1,580	1,610	732	753	2.9
MO	111	110	1,325	1,320	147	145	-1.4
NM	342	332	1,990	2,070	681	687	0.9
NY	626	623	1,670	1,670	1,045	1,040	-0.5
OH	281	277	1,580	1,590	444	440	-0.9
OR	113	114	1,680	1,700	190	194	2.1
PA	549	549	1,670	1,640	917	900	-1.9
TX	410	430	1,770	1,810	726	778	7.2
UT	85	85	1,715	1,720	146	146	
VT	140	136	1,560	1,520	218	207	-5.0
VA	98	96	1,570	1,575	154	151	-1.9
WA	244	239	1,950	1,925	476	460	-3.4
WI	1,251	1,256	1,620	1,640	2,027	2,060	1.6
<b>23-State Total</b>	<b>8,482</b>	<b>8,479</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>14,901</b>	<b>14,906</b>	

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

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

Class	April 2008	March 2009	April 2009	April 2008 as % of 2/	
				April 2008	March 2008
<b>Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat</b>	<b>36,800</b>	<b>31,200</b>	<b>30,600</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>98</b>
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
United States	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,255.4	*2,144.6	2,133.1	95	99
Veal	11.9	12.2	11.2	94	92
Pork	2,015.6	1,969.0	1,924.1	95	98
Lamb and Mutton	15.3	15.9	15.5	101	97
Total Red Meat	4,298.2	*4,141.6	4,083.9	95	99

\* 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 2009 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>170.0</b>	<b>220,763</b>	<b>1,304</b>	10,748.1	13,912,548	1,299
Hogs	<b>0.6</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>259</b>	37,919.4	10,302,743	272

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 12-18, 2009 1/

U.S. and Region	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined	
	Dollars per Hour			
Northeast I	10.65	9.92	10.35	11.17
Northeast II	10.60	8.86	9.95	11.10
Appalachian I	10.16	10.40	10.25	11.00
Appalachian II	9.23	9.62	9.40	10.10
Southeast	8.80	9.84	9.00	9.22
FL	9.15	9.35	9.17	10.33
Lake	10.92	10.83	10.88	11.55
Cormbelt I	10.93	10.44	10.72	11.70
Cormbelt II	10.35	12.45	11.15	11.80
Delta	9.30	8.84	9.20	9.60
Northern Plains	10.78	10.08	10.35	10.80
Southern Plains	9.67	9.93	9.80	10.40
Mountain I	10.23	10.01	10.10	10.45
Mountain II	9.68	10.09	9.90	10.60
Mountain III 2/	9.16	9.44	9.29	10.10
Pacific	10.67	12.09	10.80	11.55
CA	9.96	10.85	10.14	11.07
HI 4/	11.30		11.40	13.36
US 3/	9.99	10.25	10.07	10.84

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 Increased 2 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 131 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.6 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.3 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher prices for broilers, soybeans, corn, and onions and lower prices for eggs, lettuce, tomatoes, and milk. 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 sweet corn, broilers, grapes, and cantaloups offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, corn, and apples. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 21 points (14 percent) from May 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 128, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month but decreased 20 points (14 percent) from May 2008.

### Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 176 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 1 point (0.6 percent) from April and 8 points (4.3 percent) below May 2008. Lower prices in

May for potash & phosphate, feeder pigs, mixed fertilizer, and complete feeds more than offset higher prices for nitrogen, feed grains, gasoline, and LP gas.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, May 2008 and 2009 and April 2009

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		May 2008 Entire Month	April 2009 Entire Month	May 2009 Mid-Month	May 2008 Entire Month	April 2009 Entire Month	May 2009 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	64.60	45.30	43.90
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	450.00	242.70	278.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	185.00	155.00	150.00	180.00	133.00	138.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	54.00	49.00	50.00	54.10	48.00	49.20
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	95.00	86.00	87.00	96.10	88.40	87.20
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	82.70	70.1	71.10	91.30	83.50	82.80
Calves	\$ Cwt	111.00	107.00	109.00	120.00	110.00	112.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	17.20	11.00	11.10	18.30	11.90	11.70

- 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	2008		2009	
	April	May	April	May
Prices Received	146	152	129	131
Prices Paid	179	184	177	176
Ratio 1/	82	83	73	74

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