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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 23 Percent From Last Year

On August 1, 2009, Arizona had 275,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 82,000 head from a year ago and down 12,000 head from last month. This is the lowest inventory since October 1, 2003. Placements totaled 25,000 head during July, a decrease of 12,000 head from a year ago. During July, the number of head marketed was 36,000, an increase of 1,000 head from last July.

August 1, 2009. The inventory was 2 percent below August 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.86 million, 13 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 455,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 458,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000.

On August 1, 2009, California had 450,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 65,000 head from last year and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 45,000 head during July, the same as last July. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 53,000 head, an increase of 5,000 head from a year ago.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.93 million, 5 percent below 2008. This is the third lowest marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 43,000 during July, 4 percent below 2008. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of July since the series began in 1996.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.6 million head on

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		
	Aug 1, 2008	July 1, 2009	Aug 1, 2009			During July			During July			During July 2/		
			Number	As % of 2008	as % of June	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<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	357	287	275	77	96	37	25	68	35	36	103	1	1	100
CA	515	460	450	87	98	45	45	100	48	53	110	2	2	100
CO	750	910	850	113	93	110	125	114	175	180	103	5	5	100
ID	180	200	195	108	98	29	33	114	48	37	77	1	1	100
IA	475	520	510	107	98	51	61	120	75	70	93	1	1	100
KS	2,010	1,920	1,920	96	100	430	480	112	490	470	96	10	10	100
NE	1,920	1,920	1,920	100	100	320	410	128	440	400	91	10	10	100
NM	164	94	86	52	91	32	13	41	21	18	86	1	3	300
OK	290	295	310	107	105	46	69	150	55	52	95	1	2	200
SD	170	205	190	112	93	21	29	138	35	43	123	1	1	100
TX	2,590	2,490	2,510	97	101	460	495	108	520	470	90	10	5	50
WA	133	146	138	104	95	32	33	103	38	40	105	1	1	100
Other Sts	315	305	290	92	95	43	45	105	57	59	104	1	1	100
US	9,869	9,752	9,644	98	99	1,656	1,863	113	2,037	1,928	95	45	43	96

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 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>
AZ	185	170	1,815	1,810	336	308	-8.3
CA	1,847	1,793	1,850	1,810	3,417	3,245	-5
CO	129	124	1,950	2,000	252	248	-1.6
FL	120	115	1,375	1,470	165	169	2.4
ID	556	548	1,960	1,920	1,090	1,052	-3.5
IL	102	102	1,520	1,580	155	161	3.9
IN	166	168	1,650	1,695	274	285	4
IA	215	215	1,660	1,740	357	374	4.8
KS	117	117	1,725	1,735	202	203	0.5
MI	352	358	1,900	1,955	669	700	4.6
MN	465	469	1,595	1,675	742	786	5.9
MO	111	108	1,170	1,195	130	129	-0.8
NM	340	321	1,990	2,050	677	658	-2.8
NY	626	622	1,690	1,745	1,058	1,085	2.6
OH	281	278	1,550	1,590	436	442	1.4
OR	115	114	1,670	1,710	192	195	1.6
PA	546	545	1,630	1,640	890	894	0.4
TX	423	423	1,675	1,700	709	719	1.4
UT	85	83	1,840	1,840	156	153	-1.9
VT	140	135	1,585	1,570	222	212	-4.5
VA	97	96	1,425	1,520	138	146	5.8
WA	245	239	2,000	2,015	490	482	-1.6
WI	1,252	1,257	1,670	1,760	2,091	2,212	5.8
23-State Total	8,515	8,400	1,744	1,769	14,848	14,858	0.1

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 2008	June 2009	July 2009	July 2009 as % of	
				July 2008	June 2009
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
ARIZONA 2/	34,900	31,600	32,200	92	102
Total Red Meat					
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
UNITED STATES					
Beef	2,371.6	2,288.7	2,270.5	96	99
Veal	12.3	11.5	10.8	88	94
Pork	1,852.5	1,847.5	1,828.3	99	99
Lamb and Mutton	13.7	13.9	13.9	102	101
Total Red Meat	4,250.1	4,161.5	4,123.6	97	99

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 2009 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
Hogs	303.9	390,491	1,293	19,499.2	25,006,065	1,287
	0.9	207	256	64,698.0	17,508,952	271

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

Hired Workers Up 6 Percent, Wage Rates Up 3 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,238,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 12-18, 2009, up 6 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 875,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 363,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.64 per hour during the July 2009 reference week, up 30 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.04 per hour, up 38 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.03 per hour compared with \$9.98 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.04 per hour, was up 30 cents from last year.

Range and Pasture Conditions

The State's rangeland and pastures received measurable precipitation throughout the month of July depending on location and elevation. Willcox remains the only reporting station to have above normal precipitation for the year. Temperatures statewide were above normal during every week of July. Range and pasture conditions remain mostly fair across the State. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels were mostly short. Insect damage remains light.

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In the Central areas of the State, rangeland and pasture conditions remain mostly fair. Pasture conditions in all elevations were mostly fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage remains light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly fair. Low elevation pastures were in mostly poor condition. Mid and high elevation pastures were in mostly fair condition. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water and soil

In the Southern region, rangeland conditions remain mostly poor. Low elevation pastures were mostly poor, mid elevation pastures were mostly very poor to poor, and high elevation pastures were mostly poor to good. Cattle remain in mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels remain mostly short. Insect damage is light.

Pasture and Range Crop Condition by Percent, Week Ending August 31, 2009

State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	State	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>						<i>Percent</i>					
AL	0	1	20	74	5	NJ	0	0	0	60	40
AZ	74	9	9	4	4	NM	9	34	39	16	2
AR	0	3	24	64	9	NY	1	3	21	54	21
CA	55	35	10	0	0	NC	1	10	38	48	3
CO	2	7	32	50	9	ND	1	4	24	63	8
CT	0	11	31	58	0	OH	3	12	33	45	7
DE	1	3	30	63	3	OK	3	11	37	45	4
FL	1	5	15	59	20	OR	18	21	35	26	0
GA	4	11	35	44	6	PA	3	6	20	58	13
ID	0	8	24	55	13	RI	0	0	10	90	0
IL	1	4	20	55	20	SC	4	10	42	40	4
IN	2	7	25	47	19	SD	3	4	22	56	15
IA	1	6	23	53	17	TN	0	3	19	57	21
KS	2	5	31	51	11	TX	27	19	28	22	4
KY	1	4	12	56	27	UT	0	6	34	51	9
LA	5	13	35	40	7	VT	0	13	50	31	6
ME	0	3	26	51	20	VA	1	5	25	56	13
MD	3	9	32	44	12	WA	15	31	35	19	0
MA	0	0	0	95	5	WV	0	2	30	61	7
MI	3	9	40	39	9	WI	6	13	32	40	9
MN	5	13	35	44	3	WY	0	6	33	52	9
MS	2	9	30	49	10	48 States	10	11	27	43	9
MO	0	3	28	60	9	Prev. Week	11	12	27	41	9
MT	3	17	48	28	4	Prev. Year	12	18	31	33	6
NE	2	5	19	59	15						
NV	4	19	35	33	9						
NH	0	1	34	63	2						

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August Farm Prices Received Index Decreased 5 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 5 points (3.8 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 6 points (3.9 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (2.7 percent). Producers received lower prices for broilers, wheat, corn, and grapes and higher prices for milk, eggs, apples, and lemons. 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 calves offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, broilers, and strawberries.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 29 points (19 percent) from August 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 125, decreased 5 points (3.8 percent) from last month and decreased 28 points (18 percent) from August 2008.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The August Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 177 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from July but 14 points (7.3 percent) below August 2008. Lower prices in August for

concentrates, mixed fertilizer, feed grains, and hay & forages offset higher prices for other machinery, diesel fuel, herbicides, and LP gas.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, August 2008 and 2009 and July 2009

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		August 2008 Entire Month	July 2009 Entire Month	August 2009 Mid-Month	August 2008 Entire Month	July 2009 Entire Month	August 2009 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	58.50	47.20	48.40
Durum Wheat	\$ Ton	2/	299.70	1/	420.00	252.30	182.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	187.00	120.00	110.00	179.00	120.00	111.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	61.00	49.00	49.00	57.60	47.40	46.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	100.00	83.00	82.00	100.00	85.30	84.60
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	78.90	66.70	66.20	95.80	81.10	80.30
Calves	\$ Cwt	118.00	105.00	113.00	117.00	110.00	110.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	18.50	11.10	11.20	18.40	11.30	11.80

- 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	
	July	August	July	August
Prices Received	159	156	132	127
Prices Paid	191	191	177	177
Ratio 1/	83	82	75	72

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