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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 24 Percent From Last Year

On October 1, 2009, Arizona had 275,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, the same as last month, but down 85,000 head from a year ago. This remains the lowest inventory since October 1, 2003. Placements totaled 27,000 head during September, an increase of 3,000 head from a year ago. During September, the number of head marketed was 26,000, one thousand more than last September.

On October 1, 2009, California had 465,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 40,000 head from last year, but up 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 56,000 head during September, a 1,000 head increase from last September. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 44,000 head, 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 10.5 million head on October 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above

October 1, 2008. The inventory included 6.42 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.01 million head, up 4 percent from 2008.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.39 million, 5 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.34 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 490,000, 600-699 pounds were 450,000, 700-799 pounds were 593,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 855,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.75 million, 4 percent below 2008. This is the third lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during September, 8 percent below 2008.

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 2/					Number Placed on Feed During September			Number Marketed During September			Other Disappearance During September 3/		
	Oct 1, 2008	Sep 1, 2009	Oct 1, 2009			2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
			Number	as % of 2008	as % of Sep									
	<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	360	275	275	76	100	24	27	113	25	26	104	1	1	100
CA	505	455	465	92	102	55	56	102	53	44	83	2	2	100
CO	870	860	960	110	112	255	260	102	150	155	103	5	5	100
ID	195	195	205	105	105	57	53	93	41	42	102	1	1	100
IA	475	510	520	109	102	81	105	130	75	94	125	1	1	100
KS	2,160	2,050	2,220	103	108	485	510	105	400	330	83	15	10	67
NE	2,110	2,020	2,170	103	107	550	550	100	390	395	101	10	5	50
NM	173	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	(D)	1	(D)	(D)
OK	315	325	355	113	109	60	80	133	49	48	98	1	2	200
SD	175	185	195	111	105	56	52	93	44	41	93	2	1	50
TX	2,590	*2,530	2,600	100	103	510	570	112	490	485	99	10	15	150
WA	157	140	147	94	105	44	35	80	24	27	113	1	1	100
Other Sts 1/	330	334	362	(X)	108	77	90	(X)	51	59	(X)	1	3	(X)
US	10,415	*9,879	10,474	101	106	2,281	2,388	105	1,812	1,746	96	51	47	92

* Revised. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (X) Comparison to 2008 is not applicable.

1/ Includes unpublished New Mexico totals for 2009.

2/ 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.

3/ Includes death losses, Movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Happy Thanksgiving

Pork Production Sets Record High for September

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in September, down slightly from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in September 2008.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, down 3 percent from September 2008. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,311 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, 8 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 81,200 head, down 7 percent from September 2008. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.94 million head, down slightly from September 2008. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.8 million pounds, was up 2 percent from September 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 225,400 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 1 pound from September a year ago.

January to September 2009 commercial red meat production was 36.8 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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

Class	September 2008	August 2009	September 2009	September 2009 as % of 2/	
				September 2008	August 2009
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	33,500	30,700	29,000	86	94
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<u>United States</u>	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,269.9	2,184.2	2,234.0	98	102
Veal	12.8	10.6	11.7	92	111
Pork	1,975.8	1,868.4	2,001.3	101	107
Lamb & Mutton	14.5	13.3	14.8	102	111
Total Red Meat 3/	4,272.9	4,076.6	4,261.8	100	105

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 - September 2009 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - September			January - September		
	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	391.0	500,971	1,286	25,095.5	32,269,703	1,290
	1.1	263	226	83,970.6	22,687,306	270

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

September Milk Production Down 0.7 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.9 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from September 2008. August revised production at 14.6 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from August 2008. The August revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,672 pounds for September, 22 pounds above September 2008.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.34 million head, 168,000 head less than September 2008, and 32,000 head less than August 2009.

July - September Milk Production Down 0.3 Percent

Milk production in the U.S. during the July - September quarter totaled 46.8 billion pounds, down 0.3 percent from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the

U.S. during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 171,000 head less than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, September 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	167	1,710	1,690	316	282	-10.8
CA	1,845	1,772	1,775	1,730	3,275	3,066	-6.4
CO	130	119	1,850	1,880	241	224	-7.1
FL	120	114	1,160	1,200	139	137	-1.4
ID	554	547	1,870	1,850	1,036	1,012	-2.3
IL	102	102	1,425	1,480	145	151	4.1
IN	166	168	1,550	1,620	257	272	5.8
IA	215	215	1,630	1,630	350	350	
KS	117	114	1,665	1,675	195	191	-2.1
MI	352	356	1,790	1,835	630	653	3.7
MN	465	469	1,490	1,535	693	720	3.9
MO	111	105	1,100	1,110	122	117	-4.1
NM	336	318	1,880	1,980	632	630	-0.3
NY	626	617	1,590	1,590	995	981	-1.4
OH	279	278	1,450	1,520	405	423	4.4
OR	115	114	1,590	1,605	183	183	
PA	548	542	1,530	1,560	838	846	1.0
TX	425	416	1,550	1,660	659	691	4.9
UT	85	83	1,740	1,760	148	146	-1.4
VT	139	134	1,470	1,485	204	199	-2.5
VA	97	96	1,360	1,395	132	134	1.5
WA	245	238	1,900	1,930	466	459	-1.5
WI	1,253	1,258	1,580	1,655	1,980	2,082	5.2
23-State Total	8,510	8,342	1,650	1,672	14,041	13,949	-0.7

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

November 18.....Milk Production
November 20.....Cattle on Feed
November 20.....Farm Labor
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October Farm Prices Received Index Increased 9 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 135 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 9 points (7.1 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 11 points (7.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, corn, milk, and broccoli and lower prices for broilers, cattle, snap beans, and cucumbers. 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, cotton, and cottonseed offset decreased marketings of milk, wheat, grapes, and sweet corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 15 points (10 percent) from October 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 135, increased 9 points (7.1 percent) from last month but decreased 13 points (8.8 percent) from October 2008.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 175 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from September but 12 points (6.4 percent) below October 2008. Lower prices in October

for concentrates, potash & phosphorus, complete feeds, and feeder cattle offset higher prices for feeder pigs, feed grains, herbicides, and LP gas.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, October 2008 and 2009 and September 2009

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		October 2008 Entire Month	September 2009 Entire Month	October 2009 Mid-Month	October 2008 Entire Month	September 2009 Entire Month	October 2009 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	2/	58.80	55.00	52.60
Cottonseed 3/	\$ Ton	360.00	1/	187.00	233.00	168.00	161.00
Durum Wheat	\$ Ton	4/	206.70	2/	383.30	164.30	141.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 5/	\$ Ton	190.00	105.00	105.00	171.00	110.00	109.00
Lemons 6/	\$/Box	38.50	2/	43.90	36.80	43.90	44.30
Cows 7/	\$ Cwt	50.00	46.00	45.00	48.40	44.40	43.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	94.00	86.00	84.00	92.90	85.50	84.00
Beef Cattle 8/	\$ Cwt	65.80	61.60	60.20	87.40	80.60	78.90
Calves	\$ Cwt	95.00	101.00	96.00	106.00	107.00	103.00
All Milk 9/	\$ Cwt	16.70	12.40	13.30	17.80	12.90	13.80

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Insufficient sales to establish price.

3/ Marketing year August – February.

4/ Not available for Arizona.

5/ Mid-month.

6/ F.O.B. packed fresh. Box weight: 76 pounds.

7/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

8/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

9/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling.. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2008		2009	
	September	October	September	October
Prices Received	154	150	126	135
Prices Paid	190	187	175	175
Ratio 1/	81	80	72	77

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