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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 23 Percent From Last Year

On November 1, 2009, Arizona had 279,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 23 percent from a year ago but up 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 29,000 head during October, 2,000 head less than a year ago. During October, 24,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 4,000 head from last year.

On November 1, 2009, California had 470,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 6 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 57,000 head during October, 3,000 head more than last year. During October, 50,000 head were marketed, down 7,000 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 11.1 million

head on November 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.47 million, 1 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.42 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 615,000, 600-699 pounds were 645,000, 700-799 pounds were 579,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 635,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.76 million, 3 percent below 2008.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during October, 12 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 1/					Number Placed on Feed During October			Number Marketed During October			Other Disappearance During October 2/			
	Nov 1, 2008	Oct 1, 2009	Nov 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 Oct										
	<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	362	275	279	77	101	31	29	94	28	24	86	1	1	100	
CA	500	465	470	94	101	54	57	106	57	50	88	2	2	100	
CO	960	960	1,040	108	108	245	245	100	150	160	107	5	5	100	
ID	210	205	210	100	102	55	50	91	39	44	113	1	1	100	
IA	485	520	540	111	104	104	123	118	93	100	108	1	3	300	
KS	2,230	2,220	2,330	104	105	450	465	103	360	340	94	20	15	75	
NE	2,310	2,170	2,400	104	111	590	620	105	375	380	101	15	10	67	
NM	172	D	D	D	D	17	D	D	17	D	D	1	D	D	
OK	320	355	375	117	106	75	83	111	68	60	88	2	3	150	
SD	200	195	205	103	105	70	65	93	43	54	126	2	1	50	
TX	2,710	2,600	2,730	101	105	630	610	97	495	465	94	15	15	100	
WA	163	147	155	95	105	38	38	100	31	29	94	1	1	100	
Oth Sts 1/	350	362	400	X	110	79	89	X	58	49	X	1	2	X	
US	10,972	10,474	11,134	101	106	2,438	2,474	101	1,814	1,755	97	67	59	88	

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

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. Includes unpublished New Mexico totals for 2009.

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

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Lamb and Mutton Production a Record Low for October

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.39 billion pounds in October, down 3 percent from the 4.53 billion pounds produced in October 2008.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, down 3 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,312 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, 10 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 83,600 head, down 13 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from last year, at 249 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.3 million head, down 4 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from October 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,800 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 2 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2009 commercial red meat production was 41.2 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 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent..

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

Class	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009	October 2009 as % of 2/	
				October 2008	September 2009
Arizona 3/	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Total Red Meat	32,600	29,000	27,600	85	95
United States	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,340.9	*2,234.1	2,275.0	97	102
Veal	13.5	11.7	12.2	90	105
Pork	2,159.9	2,001.3	2,089.1	97	104
Lamb and Mutton	15.0	14.8	14.3	95	97
Total Red Meat	4,529.3	*4,261.9	4,391.1	97	103

* Revised.

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

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - October 2009 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - October			January - October		
	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
	432.1	551,928	1,283	27,981.2	36,042,164	1,292
Hogs	1.2	295	229	94,290.0	25,487,464	271

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

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates and Hours Worked By Selected Region, 2008-2009 1/

State	All Hired Wage Rates		Hours Worked	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>
Northern Plains 2/	10.87	11.08	42.3	39.8
Southern Plains 2/	9.86	10.30	38.8	39.9
Mountain I 2/	9.99	10.36	43.4	42.3
Mountain II 2/	10.43	10.72	41.4	41.0
Mountain III 2/	10.46	10.45	44.0	46.3
CA	11.03	11.14	44.2	43.3
US 3/	10.59	10.82	40.4	39.3

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Northern Plains includes KS, NE, ND, SD - Southern Plains includes OK, TX - Mountain I includes ID, MT, WY - Mountain II includes CO, NV, UT - Mountain III includes AZ, NM

3/ Excludes AK.

October Milk Production Down 1.1 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.3 billion pounds, down 1.1 percent from October 2008. September revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from September 2008. The September revision represented an increase of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,721 pounds for October, 21 pounds above October 2008.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 196,000 head less than October 2008, and 22,000 head less than September 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, October 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	186	166	1,835	1,840	341	305	-10.6
CA	1,845	1,767	1,835	1,815	3,386	3,207	-5.3
CO	130	116	1,890	1,930	246	224	-8.9
FL	119	113	1,225	1,260	146	142	-2.7
ID	554	546	1,870	1,870	1,036	1,021	-1.4
IL	102	101	1,490	1,550	152	157	3.3
IN	166	168	1,625	1,680	270	282	4.4
IA	215	215	1,690	1,690	363	363	
KS	118	112	1,720	1,750	203	196	-3.4
MI	353	355	1,845	1,860	651	660	1.4
MN	466	469	1,555	1,585	725	743	2.5
MO	110	105	1,180	1,170	130	123	-5.4
NM	334	317	1,920	2,020	641	640	-0.2
NY	625	614	1,620	1,625	1,013	998	-1.5
OH	278	276	1,510	1,570	420	433	3.1
OR	115	114	1,615	1,625	186	185	-0.5
PA	549	539	1,570	1,600	862	862	
TX	428	413	1,625	1,720	696	710	2
UT	85	83	1,765	1,780	150	148	-1.3
VT	139	134	1,490	1,495	207	200	-3.4
VA	97	95	1,435	1,485	139	141	1.4
WA	245	240	1,920	1,940	470	466	-0.9
WI	1,253	1,258	1,625	1,675	2,036	2,107	3.5
23-State Total	8,512	8,316	1,700	1,721	14,469	14,313	-1.1

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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November Farm Prices Received Index Unchanged

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 134 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from October. The Crop Index is down 1 point (0.7 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, eggs, milk, and tomatoes and lower prices for apples, broccoli, strawberries, and grapes. 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 milk, cotton, cattle, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and lettuce.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 8 points (5.6 percent) from November 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 134, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month but decreased 5 points (3.6 percent) from November 2008.

Prices Paid Index Down 4 Points

The November 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 unchanged from October but 6 points

(3.3 percent) below November 2008. Lower prices in November for nitrogen, complete feeds, other services, and potash & phosphate offset higher prices for diesel, supplements, LP gas, and feeder cattle.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		November 2008 Entire Month	October 2009 Entire Month	November 2009 Mid-Month	November 2008 Entire Month	October 2009 Entire Month	November 2009 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	54.8	56.7	57.9
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	290.00	187.00	177.00	221.00	161.00	159.00
Durum Wheat	\$ Ton	3/	1/	1/	297.70	165.70	149.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	185.00	105.00	105.00	165.00	109.00	10.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	33.10	43.90	39.00	34.80	44.30	41.90
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	45.00	45.00	43.00	43.10	43.60	42.00
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	94.00	84.00	86.00	90.90	84.40	85.60
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	62.60	57.50	86.80	84.30	79.20	79.80
Calves	\$ Cwt	97.00	95.00	98.00	105.00	104.00	105.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	16.10	13.40	14.40	17.10	14.20	15.00

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
 2/ Marketing year August – February.
 3/ Not available for Arizona.
 4/ Mid-month.
 5/ F.O.B. packed fresh. Net lbs. per box: 76.
 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
 7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.
 8/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2008		2009	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	150	142	134	134
Prices Paid	187	182	176	176
Ratio 1/	80	78	76	76

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