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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 20 Percent From Last Year

On January 1, 2010, Arizona had 288,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 70,000 head from a year ago but up 6,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 32,000 head during December, 3,000 head more than a year ago. During December, 25,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 4,000 head from last year.

On January 1, 2010, California had 465,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 25,000 head from last year but the same as last month. Placements totaled 63,000 head during December, 4,000 head more than last year. During December, 59,000 head were marketed, 1,000 head less than 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 11.0 million head on January 1, 2010. The inventory was 2 percent below January 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.88 million steers and steer calves,

down 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.07 million head, down 1 percent from 2009.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.55 million, 6 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.47 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 430,000, 600-699 pounds were 420,000, 700-799 pounds were 401,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 295,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million, 4 percent above 2008.

Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during December, 5 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 2008-2010

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	Jan 1, 2009	Dec 1, 2009	Jan 1, 2010			During December			During December			During December 2/		
			Number	as % of 2009	as % of Dec	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	358	282	288	80	102	29	32	110	29	25	86	1	1	100
CA	490	465	465	95	100	59	63	107	60	59	98	4	4	100
CO	1,000	1,060	1,010	101	95	150	110	73	155	155	100	5	5	100
ID	220	*210	215	98	102	36	41	114	39	35	90	2	1	50
IA	500	560	570	114	102	66	85	129	64	73	114	2	2	100
KS	2,270	2,330	2,250	99	97	380	375	99	405	445	110	15	10	67
NE	2,370	2,410	2,360	100	98	345	320	93	340	350	103	15	20	133
NM	164	D	D	D	D	16	D	D	18	D	D	2	D	D
OK	335	375	365	109	97	49	50	102	46	58	126	3	2	67
SD	220	235	235	107	100	38	38	100	37	36	97	1	2	200
TX	2,790	2,760	2,680	96	97	405	350	86	405	410	101	20	20	100
WA	157	172	166	106	97	28	29	104	38	34	89	2	1	50
Other Sts	360	418	405	X	97	46	53	X	47	62	X	4	4	X
US	11,234	*11,277	11,009	98	98	1,647	1,546	94	1,683	1,742	104	76	72	95

* Revised. D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. X Comparison to 2009 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.

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

Arizona All Cattle Inventory Down 9 Percent

Arizona's all cattle inventory as of January 1, 2010, is estimated at 930,000 head, down 9 percent from last year. The beef cow inventory increased by 8,000 head to 208,000, but the milk cow inventory decreased 23,000 head from a year ago to 167,000. Other classes of cattle inventory include steers at 300,000 head, down 70,000; milk replacement heifers at 55,000 head, up 5,000; beef replacement heifers at 30,000 head, down 5,000; and calves at 135,000 head, unchanged from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1 percent below the 94.5 million on January 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.5 million, were down 1 percent from the 41.0 million on January 1, 2009. Beef cows, at 31.4 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2009. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2009.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2010, and the change from January 1, 2009, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up slightly. Beef replacement heifers, 5.4 million, down 2 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.5 million, up 2 percent. Other heifers, 9.7 million, up 1 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 2 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.2 million, up slightly. Calves under 500 pounds, 14.9 million, up slightly. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.6 million, down 2 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, down slightly.

Calf Crop Down 1 Percent

The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.0 million, down 1 percent from 2008.

Cattle and Calves: Number By Class, Arizona and United States, January 1, 2009-2010

Class	Arizona			United States		
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
All Cattle and Calves	<i>1,000 Head</i> 1,020	930	<i>Percent</i> 91	<i>1,000 Head</i> 94,521	93,701	<i>Percent</i> 99
All Cows That Have Calved	390	375	96	41,045	40,456	99
Beef Cows	200	208	104	31,712	31,376	99
Milk Cows	190	167	88	9,333	9,081	97
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	105	100	95	19,576	19,666	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	35	30	86	5,531	5,436	99
For Milk Cow Replacement	50	55	110	4,410	4,516	102
Other Heifers	20	15	75	9,635	9,714	101
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	370	300	81	16,769	16,440	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	20	20	100	2,184	2,190	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	135	135	100	14,948	14,949	100

Calf Crop and Lamb Crop: Arizona and United States, 2008-2009

Class	Arizona			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2008 as % of 2008
Calf Crop	<i>1,000 Head</i> 300	295	<i>Percent</i> 98	<i>1,000 Head</i> 36,153	35,819	<i>Percent</i> 99
Lamb Crop	47.0	50.0	106	3,710.0	3,690.0	99

All Sheep and Lambs: Number By Class, Arizona and United States, January 1, 2009-2010

Class	Arizona			United States		
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
All Sheep and Lambs	<i>1,000 Head</i> 160.0	150.0	<i>Percent</i> 107	<i>1,000 Head</i> 5,747	5,630	<i>Percent</i> 98
Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs	90.0	95.0	106	4,247	4,190	99
Ewes	75.0	75.0	100	3,405	3,340	98
Rams	6.0	6.0	100	196	195	100
Replacement Lambs	9.0	14.0	156	647	655	101
Total Market Sheep and Lambs	60.0	65.0	108	1,500	1,440	96
Sheep	5.0	5.0	100	81.0	85.0	105
Lambs	55.0	60.0	109	1,419.0	1,355.0	95
Under 65 Pounds	15.0	18.0	120	349.9	360.0	103
65 to 84 Pounds	6.0	7.0	117	170.4	172.0	101
85 to 105 Pounds	13.0	15.0	115	314.0	275.0	88
over 105 Pounds	21.0	20.0	95	584.7	548.0	94

Commercial Red Meat Production: Arizona and United States 1/

Class	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	December 2009 as % of 2/	
				December 2008	November 2009
		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	33,700	28,900	29,700	88	103
		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
United States					
Beef	2,082.0	2,015.3	2,133.5	102	106
Veal	13.3	11.8	13.1	98	111
Pork	2,052.1	1,921.4	1,985.0	97	103
Lamb and Mutton	15.4	14.4	15.9	103	111
Total Red Meat	4,162.8	*3,962.9	4,147.5	100	105

* 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.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, December 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		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	190	168	1,980	1,995	376	335	-10.9
CA	1,840	1,764	1,870	1,860	3,441	3,281	-4.6
CO	130	116	1,940	1,930	252	224	-11.1
FL	118	112	1,520	1,565	179	175	-2.2
ID	554	550	1,820	1,840	1,008	1,012	0.4
IL	102	101	1,580	1,600	161	162	0.6
IN	167	169	1,650	1,660	276	281	1.8
IA	215	215	1,690	1,750	363	376	3.6
KS	124	115	1,740	1,785	216	205	-5.1
MI	354	354	1,850	1,895	655	671	2.4
MN	467	469	1,605	1,650	750	774	3.2
MO	109	103	1,270	1,230	138	127	-8
NM	335	318	1,975	2,015	662	641	-3.2
NY	625	610	1,640	1,675	1,025	1,022	-0.3
OH	276	272	1,510	1,550	417	422	1.2
OR	115	114	1,590	1,625	183	185	1.1
PA	548	538	1,580	1,620	866	872	0.7
TX	430	411	1,715	1,795	737	738	0.1
UT	85	83	1,765	1,765	150	146	-2.7
VT	139	134	1,525	1,545	212	207	-2.4
VA	97	95	1,495	1,525	145	145	
WA	244	243	1,900	1,945	464	473	1.9
WI	1,255	1,259	1,635	1,700	2,052	2,140	4.3
23-State Total	8,519	8,313	1,729	1,758	14,728	14,614	-0.8

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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January Farm Prices Received Index Up 2 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 137 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from December. The Crop Index is unchanged but the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.4 percent). Producers received higher prices for broilers, cattle, hogs, and apples and lower prices for lettuce, corn, broccoli, and soybeans. 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 corn, soybeans, wheat, and rice offset decreased marketings of milk, broilers, cotton, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.4 percent) from January 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 137, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from last month and increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from January 2009.

Prices Paid Index Up 4 Points

The January Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 183 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 4 points (2.2 percent) from December and 3 points (1.7 percent) above January 2009. Higher

prices for taxes, cash rent, other services, and diesel more than offset lower prices for interest, feed grains, concentrates, and mixed fertilizer.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, January 2009 and 2010 and December 2009

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		January 2009 Entire Month	December 2009 Entire Month	January 2010 Mid-Month	January 2009 Entire Month	December 2009 Entire Month	January 2010 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	46.0	62.8	63.2
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	277.00		231.00	214.00	164.00	149.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	3/	1/	1/	275.30	166.00	152.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	188.00	105.00	110.00	148.00	110.00	113.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	31.30	38.90	39.20	30.80	39.20	38.30
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	40.00	46.00	48.00	42.30	43.50	47.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	86.00	82.00	84.00	85.80	83.80	87.00
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	58.40	61.80	63.80	80.10	78.60	81.90
Calves	\$ Cwt	100.00	101.00	102.00	106.00	105.00	109.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	12.80	15.70	16.00	13.40	15.80	16.70

- 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 Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.
- 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		2010	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
Prices Received	135	139	135	137	135	137
Prices Paid	179	180	179	183	179	183
Ratio 1/	75	77	75	75	75	75

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