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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 17 Percent From Last Year

On February 1, 2010, Arizona had 290,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 59,000 head from a year ago but up 3,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 28,000 head during January, 1,000 head more than a year ago. During January, 24,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 11,000 head from last year.

On February 1, 2010, California had 455,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 25,000 head from last year and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 54,000 head during January, 3,000 head more than last year. During January, 57,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 2,000 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 11.0 million head on February 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.83 million, 2 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.76 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 445,000, 700-799 pounds were 560,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 420,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2009. This is the third lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of January since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 70,000 during January, 4 percent above 2009.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2009-2010

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed During January			Number Marketed During January			Other Disappearance During January 2/		
	Feb 1, 2009	Jan 1, 2010	Feb 1, 2010			2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2000	2010 as % of 2009
			Number	as % of 2009	as % of Jan									
	<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	349	*287	290	83	101	27	28	104	35	24	69	1	1	100
CA	480	465	455	95	98	51	54	106	59	57	97	2	7	350
CO	1,020	1,010	960	94	95	200	130	65	170	170	100	10	10	100
ID	215	215	205	95	95	37	30	81	41	39	95	1	1	100
IA	520	570	600	115	105	81	95	117	59	62	105	2	3	150
KS	2,260	2,250	2,240	99	100	435	475	109	430	475	110	15	10	67
NE	2,400	2,360	2,370	99	100	400	410	103	360	380	106	10	20	200
NM	158	D/	D/	D/	D/	9	D/	D/	13	D/	D/	2	D/	D/
OK	330	365	365	111	100	54	60	111	57	58	102	2	2	100
SD	225	235	235	104	100	43	35	81	35	34	97	3	1	33
TX	2,810	2,680	2,700	96	101	440	420	95	405	390	96	15	10	67
WA	151	166	166	110	100	30	29	97	35	28	80	1	1	100
Other Sts	370	405	403	X/	100	51	59	X/	38	57	X/	3	4	X/
US	11,288	*11,008	10,989	97	100	1,858	1,825	98	1,737	1,774	102	67	70	104

* 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.

January Milk Production Down 0.6 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.8 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from January 2009. December revised production at 14.6 billion pounds, was down 0.7 percent from December 2008. The December revision represented an increase of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for January, 30 pounds above January 2009.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 191,000 head less than January 2009, but 4,000 head more than December 2009.

The annual production of milk for the U.S. during 2009 was 189 billion pounds, 0.3 percent below 2008. Revisions to 2008 production decreased the annual total 10 million pounds. Revised 2009 production was up 61 million pounds from last month's publication.

Production per cow in the U.S. averaged 20,576 pounds for 2009, 181 pounds above 2008. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 13.1 percent from 2000.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. during 2009 was 9.20 million head, down 1.2 percent from 2008. There was no revision to the average number of milk cows for 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, January 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	189	169	1,985	2,055	375	347	-7.5
CA	1,832	1,760	1,885	1,915	3,453	3,370	-2.4
CO	129	116	1,940	1,930	250	224	-10.4
FL	118	112	1,660	1,600	196	179	-8.7
ID	554	550	1,810	1,850	1,003	1,018	1.5
IL	102	101	1,610	1,615	164	163	-0.6
IN	167	169	1,695	1,675	283	283	
IA	215	215	1,700	1,735	366	373	1.9
KS	125	116	1,800	1,785	225	207	-8
MI	354	353	1,865	1,915	660	676	2.4
MN	468	470	1,620	1,670	758	785	3.6
MO	108	102	1,270	1,220	137	124	-9.5
NM	334	318	2,015	2,015	673	641	-4.8
NY	624	610	1,670	1,685	1,042	1,028	-1.3
OH	277	272	1,550	1,600	429	435	1.4
OR	115	114	1,650	1,685	190	192	1.1
PA	550	541	1,630	1,630	897	882	-1.7
TX	430	410	1,780	1,805	765	740	-3.3
UT	85	82	1,720	1,795	146	147	0.7
VT	137	134	1,545	1,560	212	209	-1.4
VA	97	95	1,545	1,535	150	146	-2.7
WA	241	246	1,925	1,980	464	487	5
WI	1,255	1,260	1,645	1,715	2,064	2,161	4.7
23-State Total	8,506	8,315	1,752	1,782	14,902	14,817	-0.6

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Honey Production Down 12 Percent

Honey production in 2009 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 144 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2008. There were 2.46 million colonies producing honey in 2009, up 5 percent from 2008. Yield per colony averaged 58.5 pounds, down 16 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2008, and is the lowest yield since 1989. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 37.2 million pounds on December 15, 2009, down 27 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Prices Record High

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2009 to 144.5 cents, up 2 percent from 142.1 cents in 2008. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2008 crop reflect honey sold in 2008 and 2009. Some 2008 crop honey was sold in 2009, which caused some revisions to the 2008 crop prices.

Lamb and Mutton Production at Record Low for January

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.92 billion pounds in January, down 6 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in January 2009.

Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.71 million head, down slightly from January 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.6 million pounds, 3 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,800 head, 2 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 238 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.81 billion pounds, 11 percent below the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.90 million head, 10 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was 3 percent below January 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,600 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 3 pounds from January a year ago.

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

Class	January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	January 2010 as % of 2/	
				January 2009	December 2009
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	31,500	29,700	31,000	98	104
<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,118.4	2,133.5	2,083.1	98	98
Veal	12	13.1	11.6	97	89
Pork	2,026.0	*1,985.1	1,808.8	89	91
Lamb and Mutton	13.3	15.9	12.8	97	81
Total Red Meat	4,169.7	4,147.5	3,916.4	94	94

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 2010 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January			January		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight	Average Live Weight
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	43.6	56,239	1,294	2,707.2	3,480,605	1,290
Hogs	0.1	31	271	8,903.2	2,416,135	272

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

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February Farm Prices Received Index Down 6 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 133 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 6 points (4.3 percent) from January. The Crop Index is down 7 points (4.6 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower prices for corn, soybeans, lettuce, and eggs and higher prices for cattle, oranges, onions, and sweet corn. 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, cattle, broilers, and

strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 7 points (5.6 percent) from February 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 132, decreased 6 points (4.3 percent) from last month but increased 10 points (8.2 percent) from February 2009.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 185 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) from January and 6 points (3.4 percent) above February 2009. Higher prices for

complete feeds, nitrogen, feeder cattle, and feeder pigs more than offset lower prices in February for diesel, feed grains, mixed fertilizer, and concentrates.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, January 2009 and 2000 and February 2010

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		February 2009 Entire Month	January 2010 Entire Month	February 2010 Mid-Month	February 2009 Entire Month	January 2010 Entire Month	February 2010 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$/ Lb	1/	1/	1/	0.412	0.606	0.617
Cottonseed	\$/Ton	1/	1/	1/	212.00	149.00	151.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Bu	3/	5.20	1/	7.53	4.95	4.51
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	180.00	110.00	110.00	141.00	113.00	111.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	26.70	39.20	40.20	27.70	38.30	38.90
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	43.00	49.00	53.00	43.60	47.90	50.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	83.00	84.00	86.00	83.80	87.50	89.40
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	63.80	65.10	68.20	78.90	82.10	84.40
Calves	\$ Cwt	101.00	105.00	116.00	104.00	109.00	111.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	10.80	15.50	15.20	11.60	16.10	15.90

- 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., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs., Grapefruit 67 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, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2009		2010	
	January	February	January	February
Prices Received	139	126	139	133
Prices Paid	180	179	184	185
Ratio 1/	77	70	76	72

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