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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 13 Percent From Last Year

On October 1, 2010, Arizona had 240,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, the same as last month, but down 35,000 head from a year ago. Placements totaled 22,000 head during September, a decrease of 5,000 head from a year ago. During September, the number of head marketed was 21,000, five thousand less than last September.

On October 1, 2010, California had 445,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 20,000 head from last year, but up 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 55,000 head during September, a 1,000 head decrease from last September. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 43,000 head, a decrease of 1,000 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 10.8 million head on October 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.60 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, also up 3 percent from 2009.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.46 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.41 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 510,000, 600-699 pounds were 455,000, 700-799 pounds were 602,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 895,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 2 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 15 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			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	Oct 1, 2009	Sep 1, 2010	Oct 1, 2010			During September			During September			During September 2/		
			Number	as % of 2009	as % of Sep	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<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	275	240	240	87	100	27	22	81	26	21	81	1	1	100
CA	465	435	445	96	102	56	55	98	44	43	98	2	2	100
CO	960	890	1,000	104	112	260	295	113	155	180	116	5	5	100
ID	205	185	200	98	108	53	57	108	42	41	98	1	1	100
IA	520	560	570	110	102	105	122	116	94	108	115	1	4	400
KS	2,220	2,200	2,330	105	106	510	510	100	330	370	112	10	10	100
NE	2,170	2,050	2,220	102	108	550	540	98	395	360	91	5	10	200
OK	355	355	370	104	104	80	87	109	48	71	148	2	1	50
SD	195	195	205	105	105	52	57	110	41	45	110	1	2	200
TX	2,600	2,550	2,640	102	104	570	580	102	485	475	98	15	15	100
WA	147	167	177	120	106	35	44	126	27	33	122	1	1	100
Other Sts	362	346	382	106	110	90	93	103	80	55	69	3	2	67
US	10,474	10,173	10,779	103	106	2,388	2,462	103	1,767	1,802	102	47	54	115

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.

Happy Thanksgiving

Lamb and Mutton Production Continues Record Low Trend

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.16 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in September 2009.

Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 3 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was down 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,289 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 4 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,200 head, down 12 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 273 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.88 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.34 million head, down 6 percent

from September 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 12 percent from September 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down 1 pound from September a year ago.

January to September 2010 commercial red meat production was 36.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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

Class	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	September 2010 as % of 2/	
				September 2009	August 2010
			<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	29,000	32,800	32,300	111	98
			<i>Million Pounds</i>		
			<i>Percent</i>		
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,234.1	2,287.5	2,252.8	101	98
Veal	11.7	11.2	11.3	96	101
Pork	2,002.1	1,815.0	1,883.3	94	104
Lamb & Mutton	14.8	12.8	13.1	88	102
Total Red Meat 3/	4,262.7	4,126.5	4,160.5	98	101

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 2010 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
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	402.5	516,191	1,288	25,604.9	32,460,291	1,272
Hogs	1.2	281	244	80,627.6	21,798,082	271

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

September Milk Production Up 3.6 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from September 2009. August revised production at 15.0 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from August 2009. The August revision represented a decrease of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,729 pounds for September, 54 pounds above September 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 31,000 head more than September 2009, and 4,000 head more than August 2010.

July - September Milk Production Up 2.7 Percent

Milk production in the U.S. during the July - September quarter totaled 48.1 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S.

during the quarter was 9.12 million head, 32,000 head less than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, September 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	167	182	1,690	1,750	282	319	13.1
CA	1,769	1,747	1,735	1,885	3,069	3,293	7.3
CO	117	122	1,880	1,945	220	237	7.7
FL	114	113	1,180	1,180	135	133	-1.5
ID	546	571	1,850	1,910	1,010	1,091	8
IL	102	99	1,480	1,485	151	147	-2.6
IN	168	169	1,620	1,645	272	278	2.2
IA	215	205	1,630	1,670	350	342	-2.3
KS	114	121	1,675	1,685	191	204	6.8
MI	355	359	1,835	1,860	651	668	2.6
MN	469	470	1,545	1,520	725	714	-1.5
MO	105	98	1,110	1,125	117	110	-6
NM	318	318	1,980	2,015	630	641	1.7
NY	617	611	1,620	1,695	1,000	1,036	3.6
OH	278	270	1,500	1,550	417	419	0.5
OR	114	119	1,595	1,640	182	195	7.1
PA	542	542	1,560	1,600	846	867	2.5
TX	416	415	1,660	1,695	691	703	1.7
UT	83	85	1,760	1,770	146	150	2.7
VT	134	139	1,485	1,455	199	202	1.5
VA	96	95	1,405	1,430	135	136	0.7
WA	238	252	1,915	1,940	456	489	7.2
WI	1,258	1,264	1,655	1,655	2,082	2,092	0.5
23-State Total	8,335	8,366	1,675	1,729	13,957	14,466	3.6

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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November 26.....Livestock Slaughter
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October Farm Prices Received Index Advanced 12 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 160 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 12 points (8.1 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 17 points (11 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and milk and lower prices for hogs, broilers, cattle, and potatoes. 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, grain sorghum, and cotton offset decreased marketings of wheat, milk, sweet corn, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 26 points (19 percent) from October 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 154, increased 7 points (4.8 percent) from last month and increased 21 points (16 percent) from October 2009.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 185 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 2 points (1.1 percent) from September and 8 points (4.5 percent) above October 2009. Higher

prices in October for feed grains, supplements, complete feeds, and diesel more than offset lower prices for concentrates, other services, feeder cattle, and feeder pigs.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, October 2009 and 2010 and September 2010

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		October 2009 Entire Month	September 2010 Entire Month	October 2010 Mid-Month	October 2009 Entire Month	September 2010 Entire Month	October 2010 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	1/	1/	0.585	0.747	0.752
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	187.00	1/	1/	157.00	154.00	158.00
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/	4.86	4.70	5.54
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	105.00	120.00	125.00	109.00	117.00	118.00
Lemons 4/	\$/Box	32.10	1/	42.70	41.20	1/	43.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	45.00	60.00	57.00	43.60	55.40	53.00
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	84.00	98.00	98.0	84.40	99.30	97.90
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	57.50	80.50	79.10	79.20	94.20	92.40
Calves	\$ Cwt	95.00	115.00	109.00	103.00	117.00	118.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	13.40	17.00	17.70	14.30	17.70	18.30

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

2/ Marketing year August – February

3/ Mid-month.

4/ F.O.B. packed fresh. Box weight: 80 pounds.

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

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

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

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2009		2010	
	September	October	September	October
Prices Received	126	134	148	160
Prices Paid	176	177	183	185
Ratio 1/	72	76	81	86

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