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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 10 Percent From Last Year

On February 1, 2011, Arizona had 261,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 29,000 head from a year ago but up 3,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 34,000 head during January, 6,000 head more than a year ago. During January, 30,000 head were marketed, an increase of 6,000 head from last year.

On February 1, 2011, California had 470,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 40,000 head from last year but the same as last month. Placements totaled 54,000 head during January, the same as last year. During January, 51,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 6,000 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 11.6 million head on February 1, 2011. The inventory was 6 percent above February 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.84 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000, 600-699 pounds were 475,000, 700-799 pounds were 547,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, slightly above 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during January, 20 percent below 2010. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of January since the series began in 1996.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 82.1 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2011, up from 80.5 on January 1, 2010.

Marketings of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2010 represented 84.6 percent of all cattle marketed from feedlots in the United States, down from 84.7 percent during 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 2010-2011

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	Feb 1, 2010		Jan 1, 2011			During January			During January			During January 2/		
	Number	as % of 2010	Number	as % of Jan	Number	as % of 2010	Number	as % of 2010	Number	as % of 2010	Number	as % of 2010	Number	as % of 2010
	<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	290	258	261	90	101	28	34	121	24	30	125	1	1	100
CA	430	470	470	109	100	54	54	100	57	51	89	7	3	43
CO	960	1,080	1,070	111	99	130	185	142	170	190	112	10	5	50
ID	200	240	230	115	96	27	31	115	41	40	98	1	1	100
IA	600	640	660	110	103	95	93	98	62	69	111	3	4	133
KS	2,240	2,280	2,270	101	100	475	435	92	475	435	92	10	10	100
NE	2,370	2,430	2,460	104	101	410	430	105	380	385	101	20	15	75
OK	365	375	375	103	100	60	66	110	58	64	110	2	2	100
SD	235	260	270	115	104	35	51	146	34	40	118	1	1	100
TX	2,700	2,840	2,880	107	101	420	440	105	390	390	100	10	10	100
WA	166	209	209	126	100	29	31	107	28	30	107	1	1	100
Other Sts	403	432	423	105	98	59	47	80	57	53	93	4	3	75
US	10,959	11,514	11,578	106	101	1,822	1,897	104	1,776	1,777	100	70	56	80

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 Up 2.7 Percent.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from January 2010. December revised production at 15.0 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from December 2009. The December revision represented a decrease of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,813 pounds for January, 29 pounds above January 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 82,000 head more than January 2010, and 14,000 head more than December 2010.

2010 Annual Milk Production up 1.8 Percent from 2009.

The annual production of milk for the United States during 2010 was 193 billion pounds, 1.8 percent above 2009. Revisions to 2009 production increased the annual total 14 million pounds. Revised 2010 production was up 93 million pounds from last month's publication.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 21,149 pounds for 2010, 576 pounds above 2009. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 16.4 percent from 2001.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 2010 was 9.12 million head, down 0.9 percent from 2009. The average number of milk cows was revised up 2,000 head for 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, January 2010-2011

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	169	185	2,055	2,015	347	373	7.5
CA	1,760	1,749	1,915	1,940	3,370	3,393	0.7
CO	116	123	1,930	1,975	224	243	8.5
FL	112	115	1,615	1,715	181	197	8.8
ID	551	574	1,860	1,880	1,025	1,079	5.3
IL	101	98	1,615	1,660	163	163	
IN	169	172	1,680	1,705	284	293	3.2
IA	214	210	1,735	1,775	371	373	0.5
KS	116	123	1,765	1,800	205	221	7.8
MI	354	362	1,920	1,945	680	704	3.5
MN	470	470	1,645	1,640	773	771	-0.3
MO	102	95	1,220	1,240	124	118	-4.8
NM	318	323	2,015	2,105	641	680	6.1
NY	610	610	1,700	1,775	1,037	1,083	4.4
OH	272	270	1,600	1,630	435	440	1.1
OR	115	120	1,690	1,680	194	202	4.1
PA	541	543	1,630	1,640	882	891	1.0
TX	410	425	1,805	1,875	740	797	7.7
UT	84	87	1,795	1,760	151	153	1.3
VT	134	135	1,580	1,605	212	217	2.4
VA	95	95	1,535	1,515	146	144	-1.4
WA	246	252	1,980	1,975	487	498	2.3
WI	1,260	1,265	1,720	1,740	2,167	2,201	1.6
23-State Total	8,319	8,401	1,784	1,813	14,839	15,234	2.7

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Honey Production Up 20 Percent

Honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.68 million colonies producing honey in 2010, up 7 percent from 2009. Yield per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, up 12 percent from the 58.6 pounds in 2009. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield 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 45.3 million pounds on December 15, 2010, up 21 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Record High Honey Prices

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2010 to 160.3 cents, up 9 percent from 147.3 cents in 2009. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private channels, and retail. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2009 crop reflect honey sold in 2009 and 2010. Some 2009 crop honey was sold in 2010, which caused some revisions to the 2009 crop prices.

Record Low Veal, Lamb and Mutton Production for January

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.04 billion pounds in January, up 3 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in January 2010.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, up 1 percent from January 2010. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,301 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 7 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,800 head, 13 percent below January 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 262 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, 5 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.10 million head, 2 percent above January 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was 13 percent below January 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,100 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago.

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

Class	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	January 2011 as % of 2/	
				January 2010	December 2010
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	31,000	34,900	31,300	101	90
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,083,100	2,272,400	2,123,700	102	93
Veal	11,600	11,700	10,800	93	92
Pork	1,810,100	2,056,000	1,896,200	105	92
Lamb and Mutton	12,800	15,000	11,200	87	74
Total Red Meat	3,917,600	4,355,100	4,041,800	103	93

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 2011 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	42.6	54,560	1,284	2,735.2	3,544,876	1,301
Hogs	0.1	29	260	9,103.7	2,529,725	278

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

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February Farm Prices Received Index Increased 4 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 168 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 12 points (6.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, lettuce, and milk and lower prices for strawberries, cattle, broilers, and broccoli. 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 hogs offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 33 points (24 percent) from February 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 163, increased 5 points (3.2 percent) from last month and increased 29 points (22 percent) from February 2010.

Prices Paid Index Up 3 Points

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 197 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 3 points (1.5 percent) from January and is 17 points (9.4 percent) above February 2010. Higher

prices in February for feed grains, complete feeds, nitrogen, and diesel more than offset lower prices for LP gas and other services.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, February 2010 and 2011 and January 2011

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		February 2010 Entire Month	January 2011 Entire Month	February 2011 Mid-Month	February 2010 Entire Month	January 2011 Entire Month	February 2011 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$/ Lb	0.649	1/	1/	0.650	0.822	0.883
Cottonseed 2/	\$/Ton	1/	227.00	1/	153.00	165.00	172.00
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/	4.61	7.07	9.39
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	110.00	135.00	145.00	110.00	121.00	127.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	38.00	1/	1/	38.70	31.80	29.40
All Milk 5/	\$ Cwt	15.30	16.50	18.00	15.90	16.70	18.40

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
- 2/ Marketing year August – February.
- 3/ Mid-month.
- 4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights 76 lbs until September 2010, 80 lbs beginning September 2010
- 5/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2010		2011	
	February	January	January	February
Prices Received	135		164	168
Prices Paid	180		194	197
Ratio 1/	75		85	85

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