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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 6 Percent From Last Year

On March 1, 2011, Arizona had 269,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 6 percent from a year ago but up 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 29,000 head during February, 8,000 head more than a year ago. During February, 25,000 head were marketed, an increase of 1,000 head from last year.

On March 1, 2011, California had 460,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 8 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last month. Placements totaled 43,000 head during February, 8,000 head fewer than last year. During February, 50,000 head were marketed, an increase 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 11.4 million head on March 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above March 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 1 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 489,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.79 million, 4 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 12 percent below 2010.

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		
	Mar 1, 2010	Feb 1, 2011	Mar 1, 2011			During February			During February			During February 2/		
			Number	as % of 2010	as % of Feb	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2001	2011	2011 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	286	266	269	94	101	21	29	138	24	25	104	1	1	100
CA	425	470	460	108	98	51	43	84	48	50	104	8	3	38
CO	940	1,070	1,070	114	100	160	215	134	175	210	120	5	5	100
ID	195	230	220	113	96	36	31	86	40	40	100	1	1	100
IA	610	660	650	107	98	78	71	91	65	79	122	3	2	67
KS	2,220	2,270	2,220	100	98	405	365	90	415	405	98	10	10	100
NE	2,350	2,460	2,430	103	99	365	350	96	370	365	99	15	15	100
OK	355	375	360	101	96	54	60	111	62	73	118	2	2	100
SD	240	270	260	108	96	52	42	81	44	50	114	3	2	67
TX	2,650	2,880	2,840	107	99	365	380	104	400	405	101	15	15	100
WA	168	209	208	124	100	30	31	103	27	30	111	1	2	200
Other Sts	410	423	407	99	96	57	47	82	46	61	133	4	2	50
US	10,849	11,583	11,394	105	98	1,674	1,664	99	1,716	1,793	104	68	60	88

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.

February Milk Production Up 2.4 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from February 2010. January revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 2.5 percent from January 2010. The January revision represented a decrease of 21 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,666 pounds for February, 24 pounds above February 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 81,000 head more than February 2010, but no change from January 2011.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, February 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	170	185	1,940	1,915	330	354	7.3
CA	1,760	1,752	1,755	1,805	3,089	3,162	2.4
CO	116	123	1,800	1,795	209	221	5.7
FL	113	118	1,595	1,715	180	202	12.2
ID	554	573	1,690	1,690	936	968	3.4
IL	101	98	1,530	1,530	155	150	-3.2
IN	169	171	1,560	1,575	264	269	1.9
IA	213	208	1,575	1,630	335	339	1.2
KS	116	123	1,620	1,630	188	200	6.4
MI	355	362	1,765	1,780	627	644	2.7
MN	470	471	1,510	1,495	710	704	-0.8
MO	101	95	1,100	1,140	111	108	-2.7
NM	318	324	1,870	1,890	595	612	2.9
NY	610	610	1,560	1,620	952	988	3.8
OH	272	270	1,490	1,500	405	405	
OR	115	119	1,565	1,570	180	187	3.9
PA	541	543	1,520	1,510	822	820	-0.2
TX	410	425	1,640	1,720	672	731	8.8
UT	84	86	1,640	1,590	138	137	-0.7
VT	134	135	1,440	1,465	193	198	2.6
VA	95	95	1,400	1,430	133	136	2.3
WA	246	252	1,825	1,820	449	459	2.2
WI	1,260	1,266	1,585	1,585	1,997	2,007	0.5
23-State Total	8,323	8,404	1,642	1,666	13,670	14,001	2.4

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight Per Fleece, Production, Price, and Value, Selected States and United States 2009-2010

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn		Weight per Fleece		Production		Price per Pound		Value of Production 1/	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
AZ	120.0	120.0	6.0	6.3	725	750	0.25	0.30	181	225
CA	450.0	510.0	6.1	6.1	2,725	3,100	0.85	1.25	2,316	3,875
CO	300.0	340.0	7.3	7.1	2,200	2,400	0.82	1.49	1,804	3,576
ID	190.0	200.0	9.4	9.7	1,785	1,940	0.83	1.26	1,482	2,444
MT	230.0	215.0	9.3	9.3	2,150	2,000	1.10	1.60	2,365	3,200
NV	53.0	53.0	9.7	9.8	515	520	1.10	1.40	567	728
NM	100.0	95.0	7.3	7.8	730	740	1.00	1.50	730	1,110
TX	495.0	505.0	7.1	7.2	3,500	3,630	1.04	1.58	3,640	5,735
UT	260.0	260.0	9.0	8.5	2,350	2,210	0.80	1.20	1,880	2,652
WA	48.0	50.0	7.3	7.8	350	390	1.35	1.50	473	585
WY	300.0	285.0	9.3	9.1	2,800	2,600	1.16	1.73	3,248	4,498
US	4,195.0	4,215.0	7.4	7.3	30,860	30,600	0.79	1.15	24,337	35,288

1/ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of State values.

U.S. Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011 was 64.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was up slightly from last year and the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

Another Month of Record Low Veal, Lamb and Mutton Production

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.81 billion pounds in February, up 2 percent from the 3.74 billion pounds produced in February 2010.

Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.62 million head, up 3 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,286 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.5 million pounds, 2 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,800 head, down 7 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from last year, at 264 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.51 million head, down 2

percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 12 percent from February 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 155,100 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 1 pound from February a year ago.

January to February 2011 commercial red meat production was 7.85 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 12 percent.

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

Class	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	February 2011 as % of 2/		
				February 2010	January 2011	
			<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	29,900	31,300	34,800	117	111	
			<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
<u>United States</u>						
Beef	1,955.2	2,123.7	2,021.2	103	95	
Veal	10.7	10.8	10.5	98	97	
Pork	1,757.5	1,896.3	1,768.7	101	93	
Lamb and Mutton	12.4	11.2	10.9	88	98	
Total Red Meat	3,735.8	4,042.0	3,811.3	102	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 United States, January - February 2011 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - February			January - February		
	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	89.7	115,339	1,289	5,357.6	6,905,074	1,294
Hogs	0.2	47	261	17,613.2	4,888,301	278

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

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March Farm Prices Received Index Advanced 4 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 7 points (4.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, broilers, milk, and lettuce and lower prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and cotton. 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 strawberries, soybeans, tomatoes,

and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and wheat.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 33 points (23 percent) from March 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 172, increased 7 points (4.2 percent) from last month and 30 points (21 percent) from March 2010.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 199 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) from February and is 19 points (11 percent) above March 2010. Higher

prices in March for diesel, complete feeds, gasoline, and feeder cattle more than offset lower prices for feed grains, herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides/other.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		March 2010 Entire Month	February 2011 Entire Month	March 2011 Mid-Month	March 2010 Entire Month	February 2011 Entire Month	March 2011 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.665	1.070	1/	0.650	0.927	0.817
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/	4.57	8.43	8.58
Alfalfa Hay Baled 2/	\$ Ton	115.00	145.00	155.00	113.00	127.00	136.00
Lemons 3/	\$ Box	1/	1/	1/	37.70	29.40	29.70
Cows 4/ 5/	\$ Cwt				53.50	72.50	73.40
Steers and Heifers 4/	\$ Cwt				95.70	111.00	116.00
Beef Cattle 4/ 6/	\$ Cwt				90.40	108.00	113.00
Calves 4/	\$ Cwt				117.00	139.00	148.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	14.30	18.30	19.90	15.90	19.40	22.00

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
- 2/ Mid-month.
- 3/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights 76 lbs until September 2010, 80 lbs beginning September 2010
- 4/ Not available for Arizona.
- 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 6/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.
- 7/ 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	
	March	February	March	March
Prices Received	141	170	174	174
Prices Paid	180	197	199	199
Ratio 1/	78	86	87	87

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