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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 1 Percent From Last Year

On April 1, 2011, Arizona had 282,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 4,000 head from a year ago but down 13,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 37,000 head during March, 17,000 head more than a year ago. During March, 23,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 4,000 head from last year.

On April 1, 2011, California had 450,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 35,000 head from last year but down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 48,000 head during March, 1,000 head more than last year. During March, 55,000 head were marketed, an increase of 4,000 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 11.3 million head on April 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above April 1, 2010. The inventory included 7.12 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63

percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.10 million head, up 2 percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.92 million, 3 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.87 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 360,000, 700-799 pounds were 588,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 590,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.99 million, 4 percent above 2010. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 52,000 during March, 13 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		
	April 1, 2010	Mar 1, 2011	April 1, 2011			During March			During March			During March 2/		
			Number	as % of 2010	as % of Mar 1	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	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	278	269	282	101	105	20	37	185	27	23	85	1	1	100
CA	415	460	450	108	98	47	48	102	51	55	108	6	3	50
CO	930	1,070	1,090	117	102	185	215	116	190	190	100	5	5	100
ID	205	220	220	107	100	34	35	103	23	34	148	1	1	100
IA	600	650	650	108	100	77	81	105	84	78	93	3	3	100
KS	2,240	2,220	2,190	98	99	440	415	94	410	435	106	10	10	100
NE	2,290	2,430	2,380	104	98	380	390	103	430	430	100	10	10	100
OK	340	360	355	104	99	64	75	117	77	78	101	2	2	100
SD	235	265	265	113	100	42	46	110	45	44	98	2	2	100
TX	2,640	2,840	2,780	105	98	490	490	100	485	540	111	15	10	67
WA	171	208	211	123	101	32	33	103	28	28	100	1	2	200
Other Sts	398	407	404	102	99	45	53	118	53	53	100	4	3	75
US	10,742	11,399	11,277	105	99	1,856	1,918	103	1,903	1,988	104	60	52	87

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.

March Milk Production Up 2.4 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2010. February revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2010. The February revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,872 pounds for March, 24 pounds above March 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.42 million head, 93,000 head more than March 2010, and 17,000 head more than February 2011.

January - March Milk Production up 2.2 Percent

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 48.4 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the

United States during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 70,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, March 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	187	2,180	2,155	371	403	8.6
CA	1,758	1,759	1,980	2,040	3,481	3,588	3.1
CO	116	125	2,000	2,015	232	252	8.6
FL	113	118	1,820	1,860	206	219	6.3
ID	554	575	1,880	1,880	1,042	1,081	3.7
IL	101	98	1,715	1,715	173	168	-2.9
IN	169	171	1,765	1,770	298	303	1.7
IA	210	209	1,775	1,825	373	381	2.1
KS	116	121	1,820	1,845	211	223	5.7
MI	357	362	1,990	1,975	710	715	0.7
MN	470	471	1,675	1,645	787	775	-1.5
MO	101	94	1,295	1,340	131	126	-3.8
NM	321	325	2,105	2,150	676	699	3.4
NY	610	610	1,755	1,810	1,071	1,104	3.1
OH	272	271	1,690	1,680	460	455	-1.1
OR	115	119	1,760	1,760	202	209	3.5
PA	541	543	1,730	1,710	936	929	-0.7
TX	410	426	1,890	1,945	775	829	7.0
UT	85	87	1,810	1,770	154	154	0.0
VT	136	135	1,595	1,635	217	221	1.8
VA	95	96	1,570	1,615	149	155	4.0
WA	249	254	2,025	2,025	504	514	2.0
WI	1,260	1,266	1,770	1,785	2,230	2,260	1.3
23-State Total	8,329	8,422	1,848	1,872	15,389	15,763	2.4

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Commercial Red Meat Production Reaches Record High in March

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.35 billion pounds in March, up 2 percent from the 4.28 billion pounds produced in March 2010.

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 2 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.1 million pounds, 1 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, down 9 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.05 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.87 million head, down 2 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.1 million pounds, was down 20 percent from March 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,900 head, 26 percent below last year. The average live weight was 146 pounds, up 11 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2011 commercial red meat production was 12.2 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 16 percent.

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

Class	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	March 2011 as % of 2/	
				March 2010	February 2011
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	34,100	34,800	33,400	98	96
United States	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,211.2	2,021.2	2,266.3	102	112
Veal	12.2	10.5	12.1	99	115
Pork	2,040.1	1,768.7	2,054.6	101	116
Lamb and Mutton	17.7	10.9	14.1	80	129
Total Red Meat	4,281.1	3,811.3	4,347.0	102	114

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 - March 2011 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - March			January - March		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Hogs	134.4	172,957	1,290	8,316.8	10,666,697	1,287
	0.4	86	252	27,486.2	7,628,184	278

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

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April Farm Prices Received Index Increased 2 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.2 percent) from March. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, cattle, eggs, and hogs and lower prices for lettuce, milk, tomatoes, and celery. 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 cattle, strawberries, milk, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 36 points (26 percent) from April 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 167, decreased 2 points (1.2 percent) from last month but increased 28 points (20 percent) from April 2010.

Prices Paid Index Up 3 Points

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 204 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 3 points (1.5 percent) from March and 23 points (13 percent) above April 2010. Higher prices in

April for nitrogen, feed grains, diesel, and complete feeds more than offset lower prices for concentrates, feeder pigs, supplements, and herbicides.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		April 2010 Entire Month	March 2011 Entire Month	April 2011 Mid-Month	April 2010 Entire Month	March 2011 Entire Month	April 2011 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.716	1/	1/	0.667	0.823	0.839
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/	4.17	8.15	7.64
Alfalfa Hay Baled 2/	\$ Ton	120.00	155.00	180.00	112.00	136.00	155.00
Cows 3/	\$ Cwt	61.00	4/	4/	57.50	75.20	79.80
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	98.00	4/	4/	101.00	118.00	124.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	77.70	4/	4/	95.60	115.00	120.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	126.00	4/	4/	124.00	148.00	150.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	14.00	19.90	19.90	14.60	20.40	19.70
Milk Cows	\$ Hd	1,350	7/ 1,380	1,450	1,330	7/ 1,300	1,420

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

2/ Mid-month.

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

4/ Not available for Arizona

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

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

7/ January 2011

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2010	2011	
	April	March	April
Prices Received	138	172	174
Prices Paid	181	201	204
Ratio 1/	76	86	85

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