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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 5 Percent From Last Year

On May 1, 2011, Arizona had 282,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 5 percent from a year ago and up 2 percent from last month. Placements totaled 25,000 head during April, 56 percent more than a year ago. During April, 18,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 25 percent from last year.

On May 1, 2010, California had 450,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 10 percent from last year and the same as last month. Placements totaled 57,000 head during April, 6 percent more than last year. During April, 55,000 head were marketed, an increase of 2 percent 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 11.2 million head on May 1, 2011. The inventory was 7 percent above May 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.80 million, 10 percent above 2010. This is the second highest placements for the month of April since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 450,000, 600-699 pounds were 310,000, 700-799 pounds were 490,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 545,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent below 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during April, 35 percent below 2010. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

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			
	May 1, 2010	April 1, 2011	May 1, 2011			During April			During April			During April 2/			
			Number	as % of 2010	as % of April	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	
AZ	268	276	282	105	102	16	25	156		24	18	75	2	1	50
CA	410	450	450	110	100	54	57	106		54	55	102	5	2	40
CO	940	1,090	1,100	117	101	170	165	97		145	150	103	15	5	33
ID	210	220	230	110	105	27	34	126		21	23	110	1	1	100
IA	600	650	640	107	98	76	69	91		72	76	106	4	3	75
KS	2,130	2,190	2,170	102	99	315	380	121		405	385	95	20	15	75
NE	2,240	2,380	2,370	106	100	400	370	93		435	370	85	15	10	67
OK	325	355	355	109	100	57	76	133		70	74	106	2	2	100
SD	235	265	255	109	96	39	31	79		38	39	103	1	2	200
TX	2,510	2,780	2,750	110	99	400	510	128		510	530	104	20	10	50
WA	175	211	205	117	97	29	28	97		24	33	138	1	1	100
Other Sts	385	404	393	102	97	51	50	98		59	54	92	5	7	140
US	10,428	11,271	11,200	107	99	1,634	1,795	110		1,857	1,807	97	91	59	65

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.

April Milk Production Up 1.7 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2010. March revised production at 15.8 billion pounds, was up 2.4 percent from March 2010. The March revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,834 pounds for April, 9 pounds above April 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.43 million head, 97,000 head more than April 2010, and 8,000 head more March 2011.

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

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	171	187	2,145	2,125	367	397	8.2
CA	1,755	1,769	1,955	1,990	3,431	3,520	2.6
CO	117	126	1,975	1,975	231	249	7.8
FL	114	118	1,770	1,750	202	207	2.5
ID	557	576	1,850	1,870	1,030	1,077	4.6
IL	101	98	1,670	1,680	169	165	-2.4
IN	169	171	1,745	1,740	295	298	1.0
IA	212	209	1,750	1,780	371	372	0.3
KS	116	121	1,805	1,785	209	216	3.3
MI	357	362	1,970	1,955	703	708	0.7
MN	470	471	1,650	1,615	776	761	-1.9
MO	101	94	1,325	1,360	134	128	-4.5
NM	323	326	2,090	2,125	675	693	2.7
NY	610	610	1,755	1,770	1,071	1,080	0.8
OH	272	268	1,680	1,620	457	434	-5.0
OR	115	119	1,730	1,720	199	205	3.0
PA	541	543	1,710	1,690	925	918	-0.8
TX	410	426	1,855	1,915	761	816	7.2
UT	84	87	1,780	1,740	150	151	0.7
VT	137	135	1,565	1,600	214	216	0.9
VA	95	96	1,590	1,595	151	153	1.3
WA	249	256	1,975	1,980	492	507	3.0
WI	1,261	1,266	1,745	1,735	2,200	2,197	-0.1
23-State Total	8,337	8,434	1,825	1,834	15,213	15,468	1.7

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Veal Production at Record Low for April

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.87 billion pounds in April, down 4 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in April 2010.

Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 4 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,257 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.2 million pounds, 8 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 14 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 296 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.79 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.63 million head, down 5 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 11 percent from April 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 206,700 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2011 commercial red meat production was 16.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

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

Class	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	April 2011 as % of 2/	
				April 2010	March 2011
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	33,800	33,400	29,700	88	89
United States	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,139.3	2,266.3	2,054.9	96	91
Veal	11.1	12.1	10.2	92	85
Pork	1,849.1	2,054.6	1,791.0	97	87
Lamb and Mutton	12.9	14.1	14.3	111	102
Total Red Meat	4,012.4	4,347.0	3,870.4	96	89

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 - April 2011 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - April			January - April		
	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	174.2	223,802	1,288	11,038.8	14,075,569	1,280
	.6	126	254	36,116.8	10,018,432	278

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

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May Farm Prices Received Index Decreased 1 Point

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 1 point (0.6 percent) from April. The Crop Index is unchanged but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, corn, eggs, and strawberries and higher prices for hay, broilers, celery, and lettuce. 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 wheat, cantaloupes, broilers, and sweet corn offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, milk, and soybeans.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 36 points (26 percent) from May 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 165, decreased 2 points (1.2 percent) from last month but increased 27 points (20 percent) from May 2010.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The May 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 1 point (0.5 percent) from April and 23 points (13 percent) above May 2010.

Higher prices in May for hay & forages, complete feeds, nitrogen, and gasoline more than offset lower prices for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, feed grains, and concentrates.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, May 2009 and 2010 and April 2010

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		May 2010 Entire Month	April 2011 Entire Month	May 2011 Mid-Month	May 2010 Entire Month	April 2011 Entire Month	May 2011 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	1/	1/	0.666	0.873	0.803
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/	4.28	8.60	8.44
Alfalfa Hay Baled 2/	\$ Ton	125.00	180.00	215.00	121.00	155.00	186.00
Cows	\$ Cwt	64.00	3/	3/	59.00	78.90	79.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	99.00	3/	3/	99.70	122.00	118.00
Beef Cattle 4/	\$ Cwt	77.70	3/	3/	94.70	119.00	115.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	115.00	3/	3/	124.00	147.00	141.00
All Milk 5/	\$ Cwt	14.90	19.60	19.80	15.00	19.60	19.40

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

2/ Mid-month.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

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

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	
	May	April	April	May
Prices Received	138		175	174
Prices Paid	181		203	204
Ratio 1/	76		86	85

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