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## Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 17 Percent From Last Year

On October 1, 2011, Arizona had 280,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 3,000 head from last month, but up 40,000 head from a year ago. Placements totaled 19,000 head during September, a decrease of 3,000 head from a year ago. During September, the number of head marketed was 21,000, the same as last September.

On October 1, 2011, California had 490,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 45,000 head from last year and up 15,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 70,000 head during September, a 15,000 head increase from last September. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 49,000 head, an increase 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 11.3 million head on October 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above October

1, 2010. This is the second highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 6.95 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.32 million head, up 5 percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, slightly above 2010. Net placements were 2.40 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 685,000, 600-699 pounds were 415,000, 700-799 pounds were 504,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 865,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.81 million, 1 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 74,000 during September, 37 percent above 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 During September			Number Marketed During September			Other Disappearance During September 2/			
	Oct 1, 2010	Sep 1, 2011	Oct 1, 2011			2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	
			Number	as % of 2010	as % of Sep										
	<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	240	283	280	117	99	22	19	86	21	21	100	1	1	100	
CA	445	475	490	110	103	55	70	127	43	49	114	2	6	300	
CO	1,000	990	1,070	107	108	295	275	93	180	185	103	5	10	200	
ID	205	195	220	107	113	57	67	118	41	41	100	1	1	100	
IA	570	550	570	100	104	122	115	94	108	92	85	4	3	75	
KS	2,330	2,210	2,320	100	105	510	500	98	370	375	101	10	15	150	
NE	2,220	2,010	2,210	100	110	540	560	104	360	350	97	10	10	100	
OK	370	365	370	100	101	87	88	101	71	79	111	1	4	400	
SD	205	190	205	100	108	57	51	89	45	35	78	2	1	50	
TX	2,640	2,900	2,950	112	102	580	560	97	475	490	103	15	20	133	
WA	181	193	208	115	108	45	54	120	33	38	115	1	1	100	
Other Sts	382	369	419	110	114	93	110	118	55	58	105	2	2	100	
US	10,788	10,730	11,312	105	105	2,463	2,469	100	1,802	1,813	101	54	74	137	

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 at Record Low for September

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.19 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in September 2010.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, down 1 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,278 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 5 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,800 head, up 4 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was down 22 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.69 million head, up 4 percent

from September 2010. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.8 million pounds, was down 10 percent from September 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 177,000 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 5 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2011 commercial red meat production was 36.5 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

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

Class	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	September 2011 as % of 2/	
				September 2010	August 2011
<b>Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat</b>	<b>32,300</b>	<b>37,600</b>	<b>34,500</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>United States</b>	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,252.2	2,386.7	2,215.4	98	93
Veal	11.3	11.3	10.7	95	94
Pork	1,883.5	1,891.5	1,953.8	104	103
Lamb & Mutton	13.1	13.1	11.8	90	90
<b>Total Red Meat 3/</b>	<b>4,160.0</b>	<b>4,302.6</b>	<b>4,191.8</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>97</b>

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 2011 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
Cattle	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Hogs	<b>420.4</b>	<b>535,494</b>	<b>1,278</b>	25,694.6	32,587,242	1,272
	<b>1.2</b>	<b>269,000</b>	<b>252</b>	80,972.2	22,138,399	274

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

## September Milk Production Up 1.9 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from September 2010. August revised production at 15.3 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from August 2010. The August revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,742 pounds for September, 12 pounds above September 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 101,000 head more than September 2010, and 1,000 head more than August 2011.

## July - September Milk Production Up 1.4 Percent

Milk production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 48.7 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the

United States during the quarter was 9.21 million head, 83,000 head more than the same period last year.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, September 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	182	189	1,750	1,765	319	334	4.7
CA	1,752	1,777	1,880	1,865	3,294	3,314	0.6
CO	122	130	1,945	1,935	237	252	6.3
FL	113	119	1,255	1,330	142	158	11.3
ID	571	582	1,900	1,920	1,085	1,117	2.9
IL	99	98	1,485	1,520	147	149	1.4
IN	169	171	1,610	1,645	272	281	3.3
IA	205	198	1,670	1,750	342	347	1.5
KS	121	124	1,685	1,710	204	212	3.9
MI	359	369	1,885	1,870	677	690	1.9
MN	470	471	1,530	1,515	719	714	-0.7
MO	98	95	1,125	1,110	110	105	-4.5
NM	318	331	2,015	2,020	641	669	4.4
NY	611	610	1,695	1,700	1,036	1,037	0.1
OH	270	268	1,560	1,550	421	415	-1.4
OR	121	122	1,660	1,680	201	205	2.0
PA	542	537	1,600	1,590	867	854	-1.5
TX	415	435	1,695	1,780	703	774	10.1
UT	85	87	1,770	1,760	150	153	2.0
VT	136	134	1,485	1,515	202	203	0.5
VA	95	96	1,430	1,415	136	136	
WA	253	265	1,935	1,950	490	517	5.5
WI	1,264	1,264	1,650	1,680	2,086	2,124	1.8
23-State Total	8,371	8,472	1,730	1,742	14,481	14,760	1.9

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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### Release Dates For Upcoming National Reports

November 18.....Milk Production  
November 18.....Cattle on Feed  
November 23.....Livestock Slaughter  
November 30.....Agricultural Prices

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### October Farm Prices Received Index Increased 6 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 185 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 6 points (3.4 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 3 points (1.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, eggs, hogs, and sweet corn and lower prices for corn, milk, wheat, and soybeans. 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 movement of soybeans, corn, grain sorghum, and

sunflowers offset the decreased marketing of wheat, milk, hogs, and hay.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 34 points (23 percent) from October 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 173, increased 6 points (3.6 percent) from last month and increased 26 points (18 percent) from October 2010.

### Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 205 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from September but 20 points (11 percent) above October 2010. Higher prices in October for

feeder cattle, complete feeds, concentrates, and supplements offset lower prices for diesel, feed grains, LP gas, and gasoline.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, October 2010 and 2011 and September 2011

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		October 2010 Entire Month	September 2011 Entire Month	October 2011 Mid-Month	October 2010 Entire Month	September 2011 Entire Month	October 2011 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	1/	1/	0.773	0.935	0.915
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	1/	1/	1/	158.00	245.00	245.00
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/	5.07	10.70	10.20
Alfalfa Hay Baled 2/	\$ Ton	125.00	220.00	225.00	118.00	196.00	203.00
Lemons	\$ Box	1/	1/	1/	42.00	39.70	36.70
Cows	\$ Cwt	57.00	4/	4/	52.50	67.30	63.30
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	97.00	4/	4/	98.90	117.00	121.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	76.60	4/	4/	93.10	112.00	116.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	112.00	4/	4/	121.00	132.00	139.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	17.80	21.00	19.60	18.50	21.10	19.90

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
- 2/ Mid-month.
- 3/ FOB Packed Fresh (80 pound box)
- 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.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2010		2011	
	October	September	September	October
Prices Received	151	179	179	185
Prices Paid	185	205	205	205
Ratio 1/	82	87	87	90

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