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## Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 16 Percent From Last Year

On November 1, 2011, Arizona had 292,000 of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 16 percent from a year ago and up 4 percent from last month. Placements totaled 32,000 head during October, the same as last year. During October, 19,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 1,000 head from last year.

On November 1, 2011, California had 495,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 8 percent from last year and up 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 58,000 head during October, 7,000 head less than last year. During October, 48,000 head were marketed, the same as last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on November 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above November 1, 2010. This is the second highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.49 million, 1 percent below 2010. Net placements were 2.40 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 805,000, 600-699 pounds were 600,000, 700-799 pounds were 501,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.79 million, 3 percent above 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 93,000 during October, 50 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 October			Number Marketed During October			Other Disappearance During October 2/			
	Nov 1, 2010	Oct 1, 2011	Nov 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 Oct										
	<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	251	280	292	116	104	32	32	100	20	19	95	1	1	100	
CA	460	490	495	108	101	65	58	89	48	48	100	2	5	250	
CO	1,090	1,070	1,140	105	107	270	230	85	170	155	91	10	5	50	
ID	220	220	225	102	102	53	55	104	37	48	130	1	2	200	
IA	610	570	590	97	104	142	137	96	100	115	115	2	2	100	
KS	2,400	2,320	2,380	99	103	435	425	98	350	345	99	15	20	133	
NE	2,420	2,210	2,470	102	112	580	665	115	370	390	105	10	15	150	
OK	385	370	390	101	105	80	86	108	63	63	100	2	3	150	
SD	230	205	240	104	117	70	75	107	44	39	89	1	1	100	
TX	2,820	2,950	3,030	107	103	640	570	89	445	460	103	15	30	200	
WA	197	208	226	115	109	53	59	111	36	40	111	1	1	100	
Oth Sts	414	419	446	108	106	85	99	116	51	64	125	2	8	400	
US	11,497	11,312	11,924	104	105	2,505	2,491	99	1,734	1,786	103	62	93	150	

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.

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and a Wonderful New Year**

## Record Lows in October for Veal and Lamb and Mutton Production

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.27 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in October 2010.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, down slightly from October 2010. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,289 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.5 million pounds, 8 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,600 head, up 2 percent from October 2010. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.03 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.91 million head, up 2 percent from October 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 275 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.7 million pounds, was down 11 percent from October 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 174,600 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2011 commercial red meat production was 40.8 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	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	October 2011 as % of 2/	
				October 2010	September 2011
<b>Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>97</b>
<u>United States</u>	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,234.9	2,215.5	2,215.2	99	100
Veal	11.4	10.7	10.5	92	99
Pork	2,002.7	1,953.8	2,033.5	102	104
Lamb and Mutton	13.1	11.8	11.7	89	99
Total Red Meat	4,262.2	4,191.8	4,270.9	100	102

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - October 2011 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - October			January - October		
	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	<b>466.8</b>	<b>594,460</b>	<b>1,278</b>	28,551.9	36,258,536	1,274
Hogs	<b>1.4</b>	<b>310,000</b>	<b>251</b>	90,878.6	24,865,268	274

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

### Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates and Hours Worked By Selected Region, 2010-2011 1/

State	All Hired Wage Rates		Hours Worked	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>		<i>Hours per Week</i>	
Northern Plains 2/	11.83	11.97	43.0	42.5
Southern Plains 2/	10.12	10.43	40.3	40.0
Mountain I 2/	10.49	10.55	43.1	45.4
Mountain II 2/	11.30	11.46	42.3	43.0
Mountain III 2/	10.32	10.71	45.5	45.7
CA	11.24	11.04	43.1	43.9
US 3/	10.95	11.07	40.1	40.8

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Northern Plains includes KS, NE, ND, SD - Southern Plains includes OK, TX - Mountain I includes ID, MT, WY - Mountain II includes CO, NV, UT - Mountain III includes AZ, NM

3/ Excludes AK.

## October Milk Production up 2.5 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from October 2010. September revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.9 percent from September 2010. The September revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,787 pounds for October, 20 pounds above October 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.48 million head, 111,000 head more than October 2010, and 10,000 head more than September 2011.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, October 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	183	192	1,825	1,865	334	358	7.2
CA	1,752	1,779	1,910	1,925	3,346	3,425	2.4
CO	122	131	1,975	1,955	241	256	6.2
FL	114	120	1,335	1,365	152	164	7.9
ID	572	582	1,930	1,930	1,104	1,123	1.7
IL	98	98	1,560	1,600	153	157	2.6
IN	169	171	1,670	1,710	282	292	3.5
IA	204	199	1,725	1,805	352	359	2
KS	121	124	1,750	1,775	212	220	3.8
MI	360	369	1,915	1,925	689	710	3
MN	470	471	1,560	1,555	733	732	-0.1
MO	97	95	1,180	1,180	114	112	-1.8
NM	318	332	2,055	2,100	653	697	6.7
NY	611	610	1,725	1,725	1,054	1,052	-0.2
OH	270	268	1,600	1,600	432	429	-0.7
OR	121	122	1,690	1,690	204	206	1
PA	541	538	1,640	1,620	887	872	-1.7
TX	415	435	1,775	1,860	737	809	9.8
UT	85	87	1,790	1,800	152	157	3.3
VT	136	134	1,520	1,560	207	209	1
VA	95	96	1,465	1,435	139	138	-0.7
WA	254	266	1,950	1,965	495	523	5.7
WI	1,264	1,264	1,680	1,710	2,124	2,161	1.7
23-State Total	8,372	8,483	1,767	1,787	14,796	15,161	2.5

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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December 1 ..... Dairy Products  
December 16 ..... Cattle on Feed  
December 19 ..... Milk Production  
December 23 ..... Livestock Slaughter  
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### November Farm Prices Received Index Up 1 Point

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 185 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, is up 1 point (0.5 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 5 points (2.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 2 points (1.3 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, lettuce, cattle, and broilers and lower prices for soybeans, hogs, apples, and hay. 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 milk, cattle, corn, and cotton offset

the decreased marketing of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and sunflowers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 31 points (20 percent) from November 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 171, decreased 2 points (1.2 percent) from last month but increased 22 points (15 percent) from November 2010.

### Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The November 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 October but 18 points above (9.6 percent) November 2010. Higher prices in November for feeder cattle, nitrogen, diesel, and mixed fertilizer

offset lower prices for complete feeds, concentrates, supplements, and other services.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		November 2010 Entire Month	October 2011 Entire Month	November 2011 Mid-Month	November 2010 Entire Month	October 2011 Entire Month	November 2011 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	0.908	1/	0.815	0.923	0.941
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	212.00	1/	302.00	162.00	245.00	269.00
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	6.24	1/	1/	5.55	9.58	10.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 2/	\$ Ton	125.00	225.00	235.00	117.00	203.00	198.00
Lemons	\$ Box	1/	1/	1/	42.80	36.70	36.10
Cows	\$ Cwt	57.00	4/	4/	51.50	65.00	65.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	98.00	4/	4/	101.00	122.00	125.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	77.50	4/	4/	94.00	117.00	119.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	119.00	4/	4/	125.00	145.00	152.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	17.80	19.70	19.50	17.90	19.90	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	
	November	October	October	November
Prices Received	154	184	184	185
Prices Paid	187	205	205	205
Ratio 1/	82	90	90	90

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