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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 17 Percent From December 2010

On December 1, 2011, Arizona had 291,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 42,000 head (17 percent) from a year ago but down 1,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 27,000 head during November, an increase of 5,000 from a year ago. During November, 27,000 head were marketed, an increase of 4,000 head from last year.

On December 1, 2011, California had 510,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 40,000 head from last year and up 15,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 68,000 head during November, 1,000 head less than last year. During November, 48,000 head were marketed, down 7,000 head from 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 12.1 million head on December 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above

December 1, 2010. This is the second highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.04 million, 4 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 755,000, 600-699 pounds were 499,000, 700-799 pounds were 375,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.77 million, slightly below 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 102,000 during November, 65 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			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	Dec 1, 2010	Nov 1, 2011	Dec 1, 2011			During November			During November			During November 2/		
			Number	as % of 2010	as % of Nov	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	249	292	291	117	100	22	27	123	23	27	117	1	1	100
CA	470	495	510	109	103	69	68	99	55	48	87	4	5	125
CO	1,090	1,140	1,160	106	102	155	175	113	150	145	97	5	10	200
ID	235	225	235	100	104	52	46	88	35	35	100	2	1	50
IA	630	570	610	97	107	114	138	121	90	95	106	4	3	75
KS	2,360	2,400	2,360	100	98	375	375	100	400	395	99	15	20	133
NE	2,460	2,470	2,560	104	104	445	480	108	395	375	95	10	15	150
OK	380	390	385	101	99	60	60	100	63	61	97	2	4	200
SD	255	240	265	104	110	62	70	113	36	41	114	1	4	400
TX	2,840	3,020	3,010	106	100	475	475	100	440	450	102	15	35	233
WA	214	226	236	110	104	54	54	100	36	43	119	1	1	100
Other Sts	437	446	459	105	103	76	71	93	51	55	108	2	3	150
US	11,620	11,914	12,081	104	101	1,959	2,039	104	1,774	1,770	100	62	102	165

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.

November Pork Production at Record High

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in November, down 2 percent from the 4.33 billion pounds produced in November 2010.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 3 percent from November 2010. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,293 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 5 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,000 head, up slightly from November 2010. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from last year, at 255 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.04 million head, up 1 percent from November 2010. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 12 percent from November 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,700 head, 15 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 4 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2011 commercial red meat production was 45.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

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

Class	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	November 2011 as % of 2/	
				November 2010	October 2011
			<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	34.5	33.3	33.2	96	100
			<i>Percent</i>		
			<i>Percent</i>		
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,235.5	2,215.2	2,149.4	96	97
Veal	11.3	10.5	10.8	95	103
Pork	2,068.0	2,033.5	2,086.9	101	103
Lamb and Mutton	14.4	11.7	12.6	88	108
Total Red Meat	4,329.3	4,270.8	4,259.7	98	100

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 - November 2011 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - November			January - November		
	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	513.1	653,783	1,278	31,337.5	39,849,436	1,276
Hogs	1.5	332	251	100,920.7	27,660,244	274

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

U.S. Hog Inventory Up 2 Percent

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011 was 65.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2011.

Breeding inventory, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2011 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2010. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, up slightly from 2010. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.02 for the September-November period, compared to 9.89 last year.

Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the December 2011-February 2012 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011, but down slightly from 2010. Intended farrowings for March-May 2012, at 2.89 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2011, and down 1 percent from 2010.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 45 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2010 through September 2011 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of less than one percent was made to the June 2011 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the September 2011 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one and one half percent was made to the March-May 2011 pig crop.

November Milk Production up 2.2 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from November 2010. October revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 2.5 percent from October 2010. The October revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,738 pounds for November, 16 pounds above November 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 108,000 head more than November 2010, but unchanged from October 2011.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, November 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	1,835	1,855	336	356	6.0
CA	1,751	1,778	1,865	1,880	3,266	3,343	2.4
CO	122	131	1,920	1,870	234	245	4.7
FL	114	120	1,465	1,480	167	178	6.6
ID	572	579	1,830	1,840	1,047	1,065	1.7
IL	98	98	1,550	1,580	152	155	2.0
IN	170	172	1,650	1,680	281	289	2.8
IA	204	200	1,700	1,765	347	353	1.7
KS	121	124	1,730	1,735	209	215	2.9
MI	360	369	1,840	1,865	662	688	3.9
MN	470	471	1,525	1,520	717	716	-0.1
MO	96	94	1,180	1,190	113	112	-0.9
NM	319	333	1,985	2,020	633	673	6.3
NY	611	610	1,680	1,660	1,026	1,013	-1.3
OH	270	269	1,560	1,560	421	420	-0.2
OR	121	122	1,610	1,615	195	197	1.0
PA	542	538	1,600	1,580	867	850	-2.0
TX	415	435	1,750	1,810	726	787	8.4
UT	85	88	1,720	1,740	146	153	4.8
VT	136	134	1,485	1,510	202	202	
VA	95	96	1,465	1,435	139	138	-0.7
WA	253	263	1,870	1,880	473	494	4.4
WI	1,265	1,265	1,630	1,655	2,062	2,094	1.6
23-State Total	8,373	8,481	1,722	1,738	14,421	14,736	2.2

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Release Dates For Upcoming National Reports

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December Farm Prices Received Index Declined 8 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 176 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 8 points (4.3 percent) from November. The Crop Index is down 15 points (7.3 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.6 percent). Producers received lower prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and lettuce and higher prices for eggs, broilers, cattle, and broccoli. 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 wheat,

milk, broilers, and hay offset the decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 23 points (15 percent) from December 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 168, decreased 4 points (2.3 percent) from last month but increased 20 points (14 percent) from December 2010.

Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The December 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 down 1 point (0.5 percent) from November but 16 points above (8.5 percent) December 2010. Lower prices in December for feed grains, complete feeds, diesel, and

gasoline more than offset higher prices for feeder pigs, mixed fertilizer, supplements, and feeder cattle.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, December 2010 and 2011 and November 2011

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		December 2010 Entire Month	November 2011 Entire Month	December 2011 Mid-Month	December 2010 Entire Month	November 2011 Entire Month	December 2011 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.796	0.947	1/	0.812	0.925	0.937
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	204.00	302.00	309.00	163.00	269.00	264.00
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/	5.71	10.40	10.40
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	130.00	235.00	250.00	121.00	198.00	199.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	1/	1/	1/	35.60	36.10	37.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	4/	4/	4/	55.10	66.00	69.00
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	4/	4/	4/	104.00	126.00	128.00
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	4/	4/	4/	98.10	120.00	121.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	4/	4/	4/	130.00	153.00	158.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	16.60	19.60	19.40	16.70	20.40	19.80

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
 2/ Marketing year August – February.
 3/ Mid-month.
 4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons – 80 lbs.
 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
 6/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.
 7/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2010		2011	
	December		November	December
Prices Received	153		184	176
Prices Paid	189		206	205
Ratio 1/	81		89	86

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