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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 4 Percent From Last Year

On February 1, 2012, Arizona had 276,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 10,000 head from a year ago but down 3,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 28,000 head during February, 8,000 head less than a year ago. During February, 30,000 head were marketed, an increase of 3,000 head from last year.

On February 1, 2012, California had 505,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 35,000 head from last year but down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 55,000 head during February, up 1,000 head from last year. During February, 57,000 head were marketed, 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 11.8 million head on February 1, 2012. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.85 million, 2 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.77 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445,000, 600-699 pounds were 430,000, and 700-799 pounds were 525,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 447,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.82 million, 2 percent above 2011. Other disappearance totaled 81,000 during January, 42 percent above 2011.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 84.0 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2012, up from 82.2 on January 1, 2011.

Marketings of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2011 represented 87.7 percent of all cattle marketed from feedlots in the United States, up from 84.6 percent during 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 2011-2012

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed During February			Number Marketed During February			Other Disappearance During February 2/			
	Feb 1, 2011	Jan 1, 2012	Feb 1, 2012			2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	
			Number	as % of 2011	as % of Jan										
	<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	266	279	276	104	99	36	28	78	27	30	111	1	1	100	
CA	470	510	505	107	99	54	55	102	51	57	112	3	3	100	
CO	1,070	1,150	1,140	107	99	185	190	103	190	190	100	5	10	200	
ID	230	230	235	102	102	31	47	152	40	41	103	1	1	100	
IA	660	620	650	98	105	93	103	111	69	70	101	4	3	75	
KS	2,270	2,250	2,230	98	99	435	410	94	435	415	95	10	15	150	
NE	2,460	2,550	2,570	104	101	430	430	100	385	395	103	15	15	100	
OK	375	375	355	95	95	66	50	76	64	68	106	2	2	100	
SD	270	260	260	96	100	51	45	88	40	44	110	1	1	100	
TX	2,870	2,940	2,900	101	99	430	400	93	390	415	106	10	25	250	
WA	207	232	227	110	98	31	35	113	30	39	130	2	1	50	
Other Sts	423	465	463	109	100	47	54	115	53	52	98	3	4	133	
US	11,571	11,861	11,811	102	100	1,889	1,847	98	1,774	1,816	102	57	81	142	

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.

January Milk Production Up 3.7 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from January 2011. December revised production at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from December 2010. The December 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 1,857 pounds for January, 46 pounds above January 2011.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.50 million head, 93,000 head more than January 2011, and 13,000 head more than December 2011.

2011 Annual Milk Production up 1.8 Percent from 2010

The annual production of milk for the United States during 2011 was 196 billion pounds, 1.8 percent above 2010. Revisions to 2010 production increased the annual total 29 million pounds. Revised 2011 production was up 29 million pounds from last month's publication.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 21,345 pounds for 2011, 197 pounds above 2010. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 14.7 percent from 2002.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 2011 was 9.19 million head, up 0.8 percent from 2010. The average number of milk cows was revised up 2,000 head for 2010.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, January 2011-2012

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2011
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	185	190	2,015	2,100	373	399	7.0
CA	1,752	1,781	1,935	2,030	3,390	3,615	6.6
CO	123	133	1,975	1,970	243	262	7.8
FL	116	120	1,775	1,740	206	209	1.5
ID	573	581	1,860	1,920	1,066	1,116	4.7
IL	98	100	1,660	1,710	163	171	4.9
IN	172	175	1,710	1,775	294	311	5.8
IA	210	205	1,775	1,860	373	381	2.1
KS	123	123	1,775	1,800	218	221	1.4
MI	363	371	1,960	1,970	711	731	2.8
MN	470	465	1,630	1,655	766	770	0.5
MO	95	93	1,240	1,270	118	118	
NM	323	335	2,105	2,045	680	685	0.7
NY	610	610	1,775	1,780	1,083	1,086	0.3
OH	270	270	1,620	1,640	437	443	1.4
OR	120	123	1,685	1,685	202	207	2.5
PA	543	540	1,640	1,660	891	896	0.6
TX	425	435	1,875	1,900	797	827	3.8
UT	87	91	1,740	1,805	151	164	8.6
VT	135	133	1,605	1,625	217	216	-0.5
VA	95	96	1,545	1,585	147	152	3.4
WA	252	263	1,975	1,995	498	525	5.4
WI	1,265	1,265	1,735	1,800	2,195	2,277	3.7
23-State Total	8,405	8,498	1,811	1,857	15,219	15,782	3.7

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

January Pork Production 5 Percent Above Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.12 billion pounds in January, up 2 percent from the 4.04 billion pounds produced in January 2011.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 1 percent from January 2011. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.4 million pounds, 3 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,700 head, 6 percent below January 2011. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 262 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.99 billion pounds, 5 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.54 million head, 5 percent above January 2011. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.1 million pounds, was 8 percent above January 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,800 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 147 pounds, up 8 pounds from January a year ago.

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

Class	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	January 2012 as % of 2/	
				January 2011	December 2011
<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
Arizona 3/					
Total Red Meat	31.3	38.4	36.10	115	94
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,123.7	2,127.2	2,113.8	100	99
Veal	10.8	10.7	10.4	97	97
Pork	1,896.4	2,065.9	1,987.0	105	96
Lamb and Mutton	11.2	12.5	12.1	108	97
Total Red Meat	4,042.0	4,216.4	4,123.4	102	98

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 2012 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January			January		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight	Average Live Weight
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	48.5	63,136	1,305	2,715.7	3,523,506	1,300
Hogs	0.1	32	228	9,537.7	2,653,475	278

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

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February Farm Prices Received Index Declined 8 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 180 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 8 points (4.3 percent) from January. The Crop Index is down 8 points (3.8 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.6 percent). Producers received lower prices for milk, strawberries, celery, and lettuce and higher prices for soybeans, corn, broilers, and hogs. 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 cattle, milk, broilers, and hogs offset the decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 9 points (5.3 percent) from February 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 167, decreased 5 points (2.9 percent) from last month but increased 4 points (2.5 percent) from February 2011.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 209 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) from January and 12 points (6.1 percent) above February 2011. Higher prices in February for feeder cattle, diesel, concentrates, and gasoline offset lower prices for supplements, LP gas, potash & phosphate, and other machinery.

United States Price Index Summary Table

	2011		2011	
	February	January	February	February
Index 1990-92 = 100				
Prices Received	171	188	180	
Prices Paid	197	208	209	
Ratio 1/	87	90	86	

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

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, February 2011 and 2012 and January 2012

Commodity	Unit	Arizona		
		Feb-11 Entire Month	Jan-12 Entire Month	Feb-12 Mid- Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.976	0.928	1/
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	1/	307.00	299.00
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/
Alfalfa Hay 3/	\$ Ton	155.00	250.00	255.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	1/	1/	1/
All Milk 5/	\$ Cwt	18.30	18.30	17.40
Commodity	Unit	United States		
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.929	0.903	0.923
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	172.00	281.00	275.00
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	8.45	8.80	8.88
Alfalfa Hay 3/	\$ Ton	129.00	192.00	198.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	29.20	38.50	35.50
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	72.50	74.60	80.10
Steers & Heifers	\$ Cwt	111.00	130.00	130.00
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	108.00	125.00	126.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	139.00	169.00	180.00
All Milk 5/	\$ Cwt	19.10	19.00	17.90

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

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

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