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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 3 Percent From Last Year

On July 1, 2012, Arizona had 279,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 8,000 head from a year ago and down 3,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 28,000 head during June, 3,000 head more than a year ago. During June 30,000 head were marketed, an increase of 3,000 head from last year.

On July 1, 2012, California had 480,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 10,000 head from last year, but down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 49,000 head during June, down 21,000 head from last year. During June 56,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 2,000 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 10.7 million head on July 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2011. The inventory included 6.74 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.92 million head, up 1 percent from 2011.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.66 million, 2 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 390,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 494,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.97 million, 6 percent below 2011. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during June, 8 percent below 2011.

Cattle on feed July 1, 2012, from all feedlots in the United States, totaled 12.3 million, up 1 percent from the 12.2 million on July 1, 2011. Cattle on feed in feedlots with 1,000 or more head accounted for 87 percent of the total cattle on feed on July 1, 2012, up from 86 percent last year.

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			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	July 1, 2011	June 1, 2012	July 1, 2012			During June			During June			During June 2/		
			Number	as % of 2011	as % of June 1	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	<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	287	282	279	97	99	25	28	112	27	30	111	1	1	100
CA	470	490	480	102	98	70	49	70	58	56	97	2	3	150
CO	1,000	1,020	970	97	95	105	125	119	175	170	97	10	5	50
ID	215	210	200	93	95	34	34	100	47	43	91	2	1	50
IA	590	640	620	105	97	64	61	95	80	77	96	4	4	100
KS	2,030	2,090	2,050	101	98	390	390	100	460	415	90	10	15	150
NE	2,020	2,360	2,270	112	96	310	385	124	465	465	100	15	10	67
OK	350	320	320	91	100	62	53	85	65	51	78	2	2	100
SD	210	230	210	100	91	31	28	90	46	47	102	10	1	10
TX	2,690	2,770	2,670	99	96	500	420	84	560	500	89	10	20	200
WA	192	220	210	109	95	41	36	88	39	45	115	3	1	33
Other Sts	379	445	431	114	97	63	55	87	70	66	94	3	3	100
US	10,433	11,077	10,710	103	97	1,695	1,664	98	2,092	1,965	94	72	66	92

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.

June Milk Production Up 1.0 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from June 2011. May revised production at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 1.9 percent from May 2011. The May revision represented a decrease of 22 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,827 pounds for June, 7 pounds above June 2011.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.51 million head, 57,000 head more than June 2011, and 14,000 head less than May 2012.

Milk production in the United States during the April - June quarter totaled 51.5 billion pounds, up 2.0 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.26 million head, 66,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, June 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	186	188	1,980	2,010	368	378	2.7
CA	1,769	1,783	1,985	1,975	3,511	3,521	0.3
CO	127	133	1,990	2,010	253	267	5.5
FL	119	123	1,630	1,660	194	204	5.2
ID	578	578	1,960	1,990	1,133	1,150	1.5
IL	98	100	1,600	1,610	157	161	2.5
IN	171	176	1,715	1,745	293	307	4.8
IA	204	205	1,775	1,740	362	357	-1.4
KS	123	124	1,765	1,790	217	222	2.3
MI	364	376	1,960	1,965	713	739	3.6
MN	468	465	1,610	1,615	753	751	-0.3
MO	96	94	1,210	1,265	116	119	2.6
NM	328	332	2,100	2,035	689	676	-1.9
NY	610	610	1,770	1,795	1,080	1,095	1.4
OH	266	270	1,575	1,630	419	440	5.0
OR	122	123	1,730	1,730	211	213	0.9
PA	542	535	1,620	1,610	878	861	-1.9
TX	434	440	1,850	1,785	803	785	-2.2
UT	88	90	1,770	1,825	156	164	5.1
VT	134	133	1,580	1,610	212	214	0.9
VA	96	96	1,450	1,450	139	139	
WA	262	262	2,000	2,000	524	524	
WI	1,265	1,271	1,740	1,775	2,201	2,256	2.5
23-State Total	8,450	8,507	1,820	1,827	15,382	15,543	1.0

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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July 1 Cattle Inventory Down 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2012, totaled 97.8 million head, 2 percent below the 100.0 million on July 1, 2011. This is the lowest all cattle and calves inventory for July 1 since the series began in 1973.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.7 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2011.

Beef cows, at 30.5 million, were down 3 percent from July 1, 2011; Milk cows, at 9.2 million, unchanged from July 1, 2011.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2012 and the changes from July 1, 2011, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 15.7 million,

down 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 4.2 million, unchanged. Milk replacement heifers totaled, 4.1 million, down 2 percent. Other heifers came in at 7.4 million, down 3 percent. Steers, weighing 500 pounds and over, totaled 14.0 million, down 1 percent. Bulls, weighing 500 pounds and over, totaled 1.9 million, down 5 percent. Calves less than 500 pounds totaled, 26.5 million, down 3 percent.

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.3 million, up 1 percent.

The 2012 calf crop is expected to be 34.5 million, down 2 percent from 2011. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.1 million, down 2 percent from 2011.

June Commercial Red Meat Production Down from Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in June, down 5 percent from the 4.22 billion pounds produced in June 2011.

Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.87 million head, down 8 percent from June 2011. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Veal production totaled 8.9 million pounds, 20 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,000 head, down 23 percent from June 2011. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from last year, at 270 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.55 million head, down 4

percent from June 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 274 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.4 million pounds, was down 1 percent from June 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 168,900 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 147 pounds, up 10 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2012 commercial red meat production was 24.3 billion pounds, up slightly from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

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

Class	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	June 2012 as % of 2/	
				June 2011	May 2012
			<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona 3/				<i>Percent</i>	
Total Red Meat	38.6	32.3	35.1	91	109
<i>United States</i>					
Beef	2,375.0	2,232.0	2,252.2	95	101
Veal	11.2	10.4	8.9	80	86
Pork	1,820.0	1,926.8	1,750.4	96	91
Lamb and Mutton	12.6	13.6	12.4	99	91
Total Red Meat	4,218.8	4,182.8	4,024.0	95	96

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 - June 2012 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - June			January - June		
	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	274.8	354,582	1,293	16,338.4	21,077,614	1,293
	0.8	210	253	54,763.1	15,188,981	277

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

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July Farm Prices Received Index Advanced 11 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 193 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 11 points (6.0 percent) from June. The Crop Index is up 20 points (9.4 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, soybeans, and hogs and lower prices for cattle, grapes, broilers, 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, grapes, grain sorghum, and hay offset the decreased marketing of milk, potatoes, cantaloupes, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 10 points (5.5 percent) from July 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 178, increased 7 points (4.1 percent) from last month and increased 3 points (1.7 percent) from July 2011.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 215 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) from June and 11 points (5.4 percent) above July 2011. Higher prices in July for feed grains, concentrates, nitrogen, and LP gas offset lower prices for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, diesel, and potash & phosphate.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, July 2011 and 2012 and June 2012

Commodity	Unit	Arizona		
		July-11 Entire Month	June-12 Entire Month	July-12 Mid- Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	1/	1/
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	8.62	9.33	1/
Alfalfa Hay 2/	\$ Ton	230.00	245.00	230.00
All Milk 3/	\$ Cwt	21.60	15.20	15.90
Commodity	Unit	United States		
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.825	0.773	0.766
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	10.20	8.31	8.62
Alfalfa Hay 2/	\$ Ton	189.00	201.00	198.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	73.60	86.00	84.60
Steers & Heifers	\$ Cwt	115.00	124.00	119.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	111.00	121.00	116.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	138.00	166.00	152.00
All Milk 3/	\$ Cwt	21.80	16.20	16.60

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
- 2/ Mid-month.
- 3/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies
- 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 5/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2011		2012	
	July	June	June	July
Prices Received	183	182	182	193
Prices Paid	204	214	214	215
Ratio 1/	90	85	85	90

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