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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 5 Percent From Last Year

On August 1, 2012, Arizona had 274,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 13,000 head from a year ago and down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 22,000 head during July, 2,000 head less than a year ago. During July 26,000 head were marketed, an increase of 3,000 head from last year.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.92 million, 10 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.86 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 500,000, 600-699 pounds were 325,000, 700-799 pounds were 470,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 627,000.

On August 1, 2012, California had 475,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5,000 head from last year and last month. Placements totaled 52,000 head during July, down 10,000 head from last year. During July 54,000 head were marketed, an increase of 6,000 head from a year ago.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.91 million, slightly below 2011.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during July, 11 percent below 2011.

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 August 1, 2012. The inventory was 1 percent above August 1, 2011.

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 July			Number Marketed During July			Other Disappearance During July 2/			
	August 1, 2011	July 1, 2012	August 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 July 1										
	<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	279	274	95	98	24	22	92	23	26	113	1	1	100	
CA	480	480	475	99	99	62	52	84	48	54	113	4	3	75	
CO	970	970	940	97	97	170	155	91	195	180	92	5	5	100	
ID	195	200	190	97	95	24	35	146	41	44	107	3	1	33	
IA	550	620	600	109	97	55	52	95	93	70	75	2	2	100	
KS	2,180	2,050	2,160	99	105	580	540	93	420	415	99	10	15	150	
NE	1,980	2,270	2,230	113	98	390	410	105	415	440	106	15	10	67	
OK	360	320	320	89	100	86	68	79	74	66	89	2	2	100	
SD	195	210	190	97	90	22	20	91	35	39	111	2	1	50	
TX	2,830	2,670	2,650	94	99	630	475	75	470	475	101	20	20	100	
WA	190	210	210	111	100	42	40	95	41	39	95	3	1	33	
Other Sts	362	431	417	115	97	50	53	106	63	65	103	4	2	50	
US	10,579	10,710	10,656	101	99	2,135	1,922	90	1,918	1,913	100	71	63	89	

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.

July Milk Production Up 0.8 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from July 2011. June revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 1.1 percent from June 2011. The June revision represented an increase of 2 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,826 pounds for July, 6 pounds above July 2011.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.50 million head, 41,000 head more than July 2011, but 7,000 head less than June 2012.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, July 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	185	1,885	1,915	351	354	0.9
CA	1,772	1,785	1,995	1,960	3,535	3,499	-1.0
CO	128	133	2,010	2,045	257	272	5.8
FL	119	123	1,520	1,520	181	187	3.3
ID	582	579	2,050	2,070	1,193	1,199	0.5
IL	98	100	1,530	1,550	150	155	3.3
IN	171	176	1,690	1,690	289	297	2.8
IA	200	203	1,720	1,705	344	346	0.6
KS	123	124	1,755	1,780	216	221	2.3
MI	366	376	1,945	1,970	712	741	4.1
MN	467	465	1,545	1,570	722	730	1.1
MO	96	94	1,110	1,195	107	112	4.7
NM	330	328	2,105	2,060	695	676	-2.7
NY	610	610	1,790	1,825	1,092	1,113	1.9
OH	266	270	1,580	1,600	420	432	2.9
OR	123	123	1,790	1,755	220	216	-1.8
PA	540	535	1,630	1,620	880	867	-1.5
TX	435	440	1,835	1,770	798	779	-2.4
UT	88	90	1,840	1,900	162	171	5.6
VT	134	133	1,600	1,640	214	218	1.9
VA	96	96	1,440	1,450	138	139	0.7
WA	265	261	2,055	2,020	545	527	-3.3
WI	1,264	1,271	1,720	1,785	2,174	2,269	4.4
23-State Total	8,459	8,500	1,820	1,826	15,395	15,520	0.8

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Red Meat Production Up from Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in July, up 4 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in July 2011.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, up 1 percent from July 2011. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,295 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.5 million pounds, 6 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,500 head, down 8 percent from July 2011. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from last year, at 241 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.57 million head, up 5 percent from July 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.5 million pounds, was up 14 percent from July 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,600 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 7 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2012 commercial red meat production was 28.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 3 percent.

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

Class	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2012 as % of 2/	
				July 2011	June 2012
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona 3/					
Total Red Meat	36.2	35.1	30.8	85	88
United States					
Beef	2,134.1	2,252.1	2,200.8	103	98
Veal	10.1	8.9	9.5	94	106
Pork	1,637.1	1,750.4	1,721.8	105	98
Lamb and Mutton	10.9	12.4	12.5	114	101
Total Red Meat	3,792.3	4,023.9	3,944.5	104	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 - July 2012 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - July			January - July		
	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	317.0	408,859	1,292	19,130.3	24,687,438	1,293
Hogs	0.9	231	256	63,329.3	17,488,414	274

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

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August Farm Prices Received Index Increased 2 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 192 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 3 points (1.3 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.0 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, milk, eggs, and soybeans. Lower prices were received for hogs, onions, potatoes, and carrots. 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, barley, sweet corn, and calves offset the decreased marketing of wheat, hay, corn, and strawberries.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 8 points (4.3 percent) from August 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 177, increased 1 point (0.6 percent) from last month and 3 points (1.7 percent) from August 2011.

Prices Paid Index Up 3 Point

The August Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 216 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 3 points (1.4 percent) from July and 11 points (5.4 percent) above August 2011. Higher prices in August for diesel, concentrates, feed grains, and complete feeds offset lower prices for nitrogen, feeder pigs, other services, and potash & phosphate.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona		
		August-11 Entire Month	July-12 Entire Month	August-12 Mid- Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	1/	1/
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/
Alfalfa Hay 2/	\$ Ton	220.00	230.00	210.00
All Milk 3/	\$ Cwt	22.00	16.20	17.10
Commodity	Unit	United States		
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.940	0.767	0.704
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	10.20	8.60	7.41
Alfalfa Hay 2/	\$ Ton	196.00	198.00	203.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	70.80	80.90	80.00
Steers & Heifers	\$ Cwt	114.00	117.00	118.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	111.00	114.00	115.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	134.00	144.00	151.00
All Milk 3/	\$ Cwt	22.10	16.90	17.80

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	
	August	July	August
Prices Received	184	190	192
Prices Paid	205	213	216
Ratio 1/	90	89	89

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