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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 4 Percent From Last Year

On September 1, 2012, Arizona had 271,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 12,000 head from a year ago and down 3,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 18,000 head during August, 1,000 head less than a year ago. During August 20,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 2,000 head from last year.

On September 1, 2012, California had 480,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 5,000 head from last year and last month. Placements totaled 63,000 head during August, up 7,000 head from last year. During August 55,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 1,000 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 10.6 million head on September 1, 2012. The inventory was 1 percent below September 1, 2011.
Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.00 million, 11 percent below 2011. This is the second lowest cattle placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 482,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 475,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 660,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.96 million, 5 percent below 2011.

Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during August, 15 percent below 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 August			Number Marketed During August			Other Disappearance During August 2/		
			September 1, 2012											
	Sept. 1, 2011	Aug. 1, 2012	Number	as % of 2011	as % of Aug. 1	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	1,000 Head			*Percent*		*1,000 Head*		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
AZ	**283**	**274**	**271**	**96**	**99**	**19**	**18**	**95**	**22**	**20**	**91**	**1**	**1**	**100**
CA	475	475	480	101	101	56	63	113	56	55	98	5	3	60
CO	990	940	930	94	99	230	190	83	205	195	95	5	5	100
ID	195	190	205	105	108	43	53	123	42	37	88	1	1	100
IA	530	600	590	111	98	77	76	99	95	84	88	2	2	100
KS	2,210	2,160	2,170	98	100	520	430	83	475	410	86	15	10	67
NE	2,010	2,230	2,240	111	100	445	470	106	400	445	111	15	15	100
OK	365	320	325	89	102	75	67	89	67	60	90	3	2	67
SD	190	190	185	97	97	45	34	76	48	38	79	2	1	50
TX	2,890	2,650	2,620	91	99	620	495	80	540	510	94	20	15	75
WA	193	210	208	108	99	48	47	98	44	48	109	1	1	100
Other Sts	369	417	413	112	99	68	59	87	59	58	98	2	5	250
US	10,700	10,656	10,637	99	100	2,246	2,002	89	2,053	1,960	95	72	61	85

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.

August Milk Production Down 0.2 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 15.3 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from August 2011. July revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 0.7 percent from July 2011. The July revision represented a decrease of 24 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,803 pounds for August, 10 pounds below August 2011.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.50 million head, 32,000 head more than August 2011, but 4,000 head less than July 2012.

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

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	Percent change from 2011
	1,000 Head		*Pounds*		*Million Pounds*		*Percent*
AZ	**187**	**184**	**1,815**	**1,770**	**339**	**326**	**-3.8**
CA	1,773	1,783	1,975	1,850	3,502	3,299	-5.8
CO	129	133	2,000	2,060	258	274	6.2
FL	119	123	1,400	1,410	167	173	3.6
ID	582	578	2,030	2,040	1,181	1,179	-0.2
IL	98	100	1,530	1,560	150	156	4.0
IN	173	176	1,690	1,725	292	304	4.1
IA	200	203	1,770	1,790	354	363	2.5
KS	123	124	1,750	1,790	215	222	3.3
MI	366	376	1,940	1,990	710	748	5.4
MN	467	465	1,570	1,620	733	753	2.7
MO	95	94	1,105	1,120	105	105	
NM	330	328	2,065	2,015	681	661	-2.9
NY	610	610	1,785	1,820	1,089	1,110	1.9
OH	267	270	1,590	1,620	425	437	2.8
OR	123	123	1,760	1,750	216	215	-0.5
PA	539	535	1,640	1,625	884	869	-1.7
TX	435	440	1,795	1,740	781	766	-1.9
UT	88	89	1,830	1,850	161	165	2.5
VT	134	133	1,580	1,610	212	214	0.9
VA	96	96	1,460	1,440	140	138	-1.4
WA	265	261	2,040	2,005	541	523	-3.3
WI	1,264	1,271	1,745	1,820	2,206	2,313	4.9
23-State Total	8,463	8,495	1,813	1,803	15,342	15,313	-0.2

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Hog Inventory Up Slightly

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2012 was 67.5 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2011, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.7 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2012 pig crop, at 29.3 million head, was down slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.13 for the June-August period, compared to 10.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the September-November 2012 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011, and down 1 percent from 2010. Intended farrowings for December-February 2013, at 2.82 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2012 and down 1 percent from 2011.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 46 percent last year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2011 through June 2012 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 half of one percent was made to the March 2012 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the June 2012 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the December 2011-February 2012 pig crop.

Record Red Meat and Pork Production for August

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.39 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.30 billion pounds produced in August 2011.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, down 3 percent from August 2011. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 11 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,600 head, down 9 percent from August 2011. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 237 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.94 million head, up 4 percent from August 2011. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up 8 percent from August 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,500 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, up 10 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2012 commercial red meat production was 32.6 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.

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

Class	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	August 2012 as % of 2/ August 2011	August 2012 as % of 2/ July 2012
	Million Pounds			*Percent*	
Arizona 3/					
Total Red Meat	**37.6**	**30.8**	**32.3**	**86**	**105**
United States					
Beef	2,386.9	2,200.8	2,367.5	99	108
Veal	11.4	9.5	10.1	89	107
Pork	1,892.1	1,721.8	1,997.8	106	116
Lamb and Mutton	13.1	12.5	14.2	108	114
Total Red Meat	4,303.4	3,944.5	4,389.6	102	111

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 - August 2012 1/

Species	**Arizona** January – August Number Slaughtered	**Arizona** Total Live Weight	**Arizona** Average Live Weight	United States January - August Number Slaughtered	United States Total Live Weight	United States Average Live Weight
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	**362.9**	**467,094**	**1,290**	22,126.6	28,575,533	1,294
Hogs	**1.0**	**252**	**257**	73,271.4	20,160,571	275

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

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September Farm Prices Received Index Increased 7 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 200 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 7 points (3.6 percent) from August. The Crop Index is up 5 points (2.2 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher prices for wheat, milk, cattle, and eggs and lower prices for corn, hogs, sweet corn, and broilers. 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 soybeans, corn, apples, and peanuts offset the decreased marketing of cattle, wheat, broilers, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 20 points (11 percent) from September 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 184, increased 6 points (3.4 percent) from last month and is 17 points (10 percent) higher than September 2011.

Prices Paid Index Up 3 Point

The September Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 219 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 3 points (1.4 percent) from August and 14 points (6.8 percent) above September 2011. Higher prices in September for complete feeds, supplements, feeder cattle, and diesel offset lower prices for nitrogen, mixed fertilizer, feed grains, and feeder pigs.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2011 September	2012 August	2012 September
Prices Received	180	193	200
Prices Paid	205	216	219
Ratio 1/	88	89	91

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

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

Commodity	Unit	Sept.-11 Entire Month	Aug. -12 Entire Month	Sept.-12 Mid-Month
Arizona				
Upland Cotton	$ Lb	**1/**	**0.668**	**1/**
Durum Wheat	$ Bu	**1/**	**1/**	**1/**
Alfalfa Hay 2/	$ Ton	**220.00**	**210.00**	**200.00**
All Milk 3/	$ Cwt	**21.00**	**17.70**	**18.80**
United States				
Upland Cotton	$ Lb	0.935	0.714	0.723
Durum Wheat	$ Bu	10.80	7.70	7.84
Alfalfa Hay 2/	$ Ton	198.00	203.00	205.00
Cows 4/	$ Cwt	67.30	79.90	79.90
Steers & Heifers	$ Cwt	117.00	120.00	124.00
Beef Cattle 5/	$ Cwt	112.00	117.00	120.00
Calves	$ Cwt	132.00	155.00	163.00
All Milk 3/	$ Cwt	21.10	18.10	19.10

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.