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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 3 Percent From Last Year

On October 1, 2012, Arizona had 272,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 8,000 head from a year ago, but up 1,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 20,000 head during September, 1,000 head more than a year ago. During September 18,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 3,000 head from last year.

On October 1, 2012, California had 475,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 15,000 head from last year and 5,000 from last month. Placements totaled 50,000 head during September, down 20,000 head from last year. During September 52,000 head were marketed, an increase of 3,000 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 11.0 million head on October 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent below October 1, 2011. The inventory included 6.96 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.97 million head, down 8 percent from 2011.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.00 million, 19 percent below 2011. This is the lowest cattle placements for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 515,000, 600-699 pounds were 355,000, 700-799 pounds were 444,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 690,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.60 million, 12 percent below 2011. This is the second lowest cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 64,000 during September, 14 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 September			Number Marketed During September			Other Disappearance During September 2/			
	Oct. 1, 2011	Sept. 1, 2012	October 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 Sept. 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>		
AZ	280	271	272	97	100	19	20	105	21	18	86	1	1	100	
CA	490	480	475	97	99	70	50	71	49	52	106	6	3	50	
CO	1,070	930	1,000	93	108	275	225	82	185	150	81	10	5	50	
ID	220	205	230	105	112	67	61	91	41	35	85	1	1	100	
IA	550	590	590	107	100	115	89	77	92	87	95	3	2	67	
KS	2,320	2,180	2,230	96	102	500	375	75	375	310	83	15	15	100	
NE	2,210	2,240	2,330	105	104	560	470	84	350	370	106	10	10	100	
OK	370	325	335	91	103	88	57	65	79	45	57	4	2	50	
SD	205	185	195	95	105	51	50	98	35	39	111	1	1	100	
TX	2,940	2,620	2,680	91	102	560	480	86	490	400	82	20	20	100	
WA	208	208	213	102	102	54	46	85	38	40	105	1	1	100	
Other Sts	419	413	439	105	106	110	81	74	58	52	90	2	3	150	
US	11,282	10,647	10,989	97	103	2,469	2,004	81	1,813	1,598	88	74	64	86	

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.

September Milk Production Down 0.5 Percent

July - September Milk Production up 0.1 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.7 billion pounds, down 0.5 percent from September 2011. August revised production at 15.3 billion pounds, was down slightly from August 2011. The August revision represented an increase of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Milk production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 48.7 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.22 million head, 15,000 head more than the same period last year.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,732 pounds for September, 10 pounds below September 2011.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 5,000 head more than September 2011, but 25,000 head less than August 2012.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, September 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	189	181	1,765	1,745	334	316	-5.4
CA	1,776	1,779	1,865	1,790	3,312	3,184	-3.9
CO	130	135	1,930	1,955	251	264	5.2
FL	119	122	1,300	1,310	155	160.00	3.2
ID	582	580	1,920	1,970	1,117	1,143	2.3
IL	98	100	1,520	1,490	149	149	
IN	173	173	1,640	1,650	284	285	0.4
IA	198	200	1,750	1,730	347	346	-0.3
KS	123	126	1,705	1,740	210	219	4.3
MI	367	374	1,870	1,885	686	705	2.8
MN	466	465	1,520	1,535	708	714	0.8
MO	95	93	1,110	1,110	105	103	-1.9
NM	331	326	2,020	1,960	669	639	-4.5
NY	610	610	1,700	1,740	1,037	1,061	2.3
OH	268	270	1,550	1,570	415	424	2.2
OR	122	123	1,680	1,665	205	205	
PA	537	533	1,590	1,560	854	831	-2.7
TX	435	433	1,780	1,705	774	738	-4.7
UT	88	88	1,760	1,760	155	155	
VT	134	133	1,515	1,550	203	206	1.5
VA	96	95	1,405	1,390	135	132	-2.2
WA	265	261	1,945	1,935	515	505	-1.9
WI	1,264	1,271	1,680	1,720	2,124	2,186	2.9
23-State Total	8,466	8,471	1,742	1,732	14,744	14,670	-0.5

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Commercial Red Meat Production Down From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in September, down 6 percent from the 4.19 billion pounds produced in September 2011.

Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 12 percent from September 2011. The average live weight was up 33 pounds from the previous year, at 1,311 pounds.

Veal production totaled 8.8 million pounds, 17 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 64,300 head, down 13 percent from September 2011. The average live weight was down 17 pounds from last year, at 235 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.91 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.45 million head, down 2 percent from September 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.5 million pounds, was up 6 percent from September 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 174,300 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 145 pounds, up 11 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2012 commercial red meat production was 36.6 billion pounds, up slightly from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 10 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	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	September 2012 as % of 2/	
				September 2011	August 2012
<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
Arizona 3/					
Total Red Meat	34.5	32.3	27.8	81	86
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,215.2	2,367.5	2,016.0	91	85
Veal	10.7	10.1	8.8	83	87
Pork	1,954.4	1,997.9	1,911.0	98	96
Lamb and Mutton	11.8	14.2	12.5	106	88
Total Red Meat	4,192.1	4,389.7	3,948.4	94	90

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 - September 2012 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - September			January - September		
	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	402.5	517,223	1,287	24,669.9	31,903,349	1,296
Hogs	1.2	293	256	82,726.0	22,719,368	275

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

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October Farm Prices Received Index Increased 17 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 210 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 17 points (8.8 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 15 points (6.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for milk, hogs, grapes, and corn and lower prices for eggs, apples, lettuce, and soybeans. 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, grain sorghum, and cottonseed offset the decreased marketing of wheat, milk, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 25 points (14 percent) from October 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 194, increased 14 points (7.8 percent) from last month and increased 20 points (11 percent) from October 2011.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Point

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 220 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 2 points (0.9 percent) from September and 15 points (7.3 percent) above October 2011. Higher prices in October for complete feeds, concentrates, nitrogen, and feeder cattle offset lower prices for mixed fertilizer, supplements, gasoline, and diesel.

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

Commodity	Unit	Arizona		
		Oct-11 Entire Month	Sept. -12 Entire Month	Oct.-12 Mid- Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.894	1/	1/
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/
Alfalfa Hay 2/	\$ Ton	225.00	200.00	190.00
All Milk 3/	\$ Cwt	19.70	19.00	20.30

Commodity	Unit	United States		
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.922	0.707	0.726
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	9.60	7.74	7.70
Alfalfa Hay 2/	\$ Ton	204.00	205.00	212.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	65.00	79.20	77.50
Steers & Heifers	\$ Cwt	122.00	125.00	126.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	117.00	121.00	121.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	145.00	162.00	163.00
All Milk 3/	\$ Cwt	20.00	19.60	21.10

- 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.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2011		2012
	October	September	October
Prices Received	185	193	210
Prices Paid	205	218	220
Ratio 1/	90	89	95

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