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CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle on feed March 1, 1999, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.86 million, up slightly from the previous year and 1 percent above March 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.54 million, 20 percent above 1998 but 1 percent below 1997. Marketings during February totaled 1.55 million, 2 percent below 1998 and slightly below 1997. Other disappearance during February was 42,000 head, 25 percent below 1998 but the same as 1997.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.40 million head on March 1, 1999. The inventory was up slightly from the 10.38 million head on March 1, 1998 and 1 percent above March 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.79 million, 20 percent above 1998 but 1 percent below 1997. Net placements were 1.72 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 333,000, 600-699 pounds were 492,000, 700-799 pounds were 596,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 367,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent below 1998 but 1 percent above 1997. Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during February, 6 percent below 1998 but 7 percent above 1997.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) FEBRUARY 1, 1998 AND 1999 AND MARCH 1, 1998 AND 1999 PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE FEBRUARY 1998 AND 1999 BY STATE AND UNITED STATES

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/						Placements During February			Marketings During February			Other Disappearance During February 3/		
	February 1			March 1			1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998
	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998									
AZ	220	202	92	220	203	92	28	27	96	18	25	139	10	1	10
*CA	395	385	97	375	385	103	30	45	150	45	40	89	5	5	100
*CO	1100	1,140	104	1,030	1,130	110	205	235	115	265	240	91	10	5	50
ID	270	270	100	270	275	102	48	57	119	44	45	102	4	7	175
*IA	365	350	96	350	350	100	27	46	170	41	45	110	1	1	100
*KS	2190	2,020	92	2,120	2,020	95	360	380	106	420	370	88	10	10	100
*NE	2150	2,150	100	2,120	2,160	102	330	410	124	350	390	111	10	10	100
NM	119	113	95	108	107	99	9	8	89	19	13	68	1	1	100
OK	410	385	94	375	365	97	45	54	120	77	71	92	3	3	100
SD	176	184	105	173	184	106	25	33	132	27	32	119	1	1	100
*TX	2760	2,660	96	2,620	2,610	100	310	400	129	440	440	100	10	10	100
WA	179	195	109	175	181	103	34	43	126	34	51	150	4	6	150
Other Sts	460	445	97	440	430	98	45	50	111	65	60	92	0	5	0
US	10,794	10,499	97	10,376	10,400	100	1,496	1,788	120	1,845	1,822	99	69	65	94

1/ States indicated with an asterisk are the historic seven states preparing monthly estimates of cattle on feed.

2/ 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.

3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

RED MEAT AND PORK PRODUCTION SET RECORD HIGHS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.54 billion pounds in February, up 2 percent from the 3.48 billion pounds produced in February 1998 and slightly higher than the previous record high for February set in 1996.

February 1998 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. February 1999 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.00 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year, at 1,221 pounds.

Veal production totaled 17.0 million pounds, 19 percent below the previous record low for February set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 100 thousand head, down 12 percent from February 1998. The average live weight was 22 pounds below last year, at 286 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.50 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous record high for February set last year. Hog kill totaled 7.90 million head, 3 percent above 1998. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20.0 million pounds, was down 4 percent from the previous record low for February set in 1979, 1997, and 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 299 thousand head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 2 pounds from February a year ago.

January - February red meat production was 7.4 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 1 percent higher than last year, veal was down 23 percent, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 9 percent.

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S.
FEBRUARY 1998 AND 1999 AND JANUARY 1999 1/ 2/**

CLASS	February 1998	January 1999	February 1999	February 1999 as % of	
				February 1998	January 1999
				1,000 lbs	
<u>ARIZONA 3/</u>				Percent	
Total Red Meat	23,000	28,200	27,100	118	96
				Mil. Lbs	
<u>UNITED STATES</u>				Percent	
Beef	1,977	2,170	1,997	101	92
Veal	21	18	17	81	98
Pork	1,457	1,627	1,501	103	92
Lamb and Mutton	21	18	20	96	112
Total Red Meat	3,476	3,832	3,535	102	92

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and 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., FEBRUARY 1998 AND 1999 1/

SPECIES	February 1998			February 1999			
	Number slaughtered	Total liveweight	Average liveweight 2/	Number slaughtered	Total liveweight	Average liveweight 2/	Number slaughtered as % of February
	1,000 head	1,000 lbs	Pounds	1,000 head	1,000 lbs	Pounds	Percent
<u>ARIZONA</u>							
Cattle	33.6	37,020	1,103	37.7	43,601	1,157	112
Calves 3/							
Hogs	.7	133	181	.6	119	188	86
Sheep 3/							
<u>UNITED STATES</u>							
Cattle	2,746.8	3,307,625	1,204	2,721.8	3,322,976	1,221	99
Calves	113.0	34,866	308	99.7	28,499	286	88
Hogs	7,711.5	1,987,379	258	7,904.8	2,043,962	259	103
Sheep	308.5	42,269	137	298.9	40,431	135	97

1/ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Average liveweights based on unrounded data.

3/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations but included in U.S. total.

FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP 4.3 PERCENT

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 10.8 billion pounds, up 4.3 percent from production in these same States in February 1998. January revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds was up 3.5 percent from January 1998.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.70 million head, 16,000 head less than February 1998 and 4,000 head less than January 1999.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,407 pounds for February, 60 pounds above February 1998.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, FEBRUARY 1998-99

STATE	Milk cows 1/		Milk per cow 2/		Milk production 2/		Percent change from 1998
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
	1,000		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
AZ	130	132	1,660	1,835	216	242	12.0
CA	1,405	1,448	1,480	1,560	2,079	2,259	8.7
FL	160	158	1,300	1,335	208	211	1.4
ID	283	306	1,490	1,490	422	456	8.1
IL	129	125	1,310	1,310	169	164	-3.0
IN	134	136	1,260	1,300	169	177	4.7
IA	224	215	1,320	1,380	296	297	0.3
KY	143	135	965	970	138	131	-5.1
MI	296	301	1,370	1,415	406	426	4.9
MN	555	545	1,320	1,400	733	763	4.1
MO	175	164	1,090	1,150	191	189	-1.0
NM	216	220	1,480	1,615	320	355	10.9
NY	698	702	1,280	1,340	893	941	5.4
OH	265	260	1,310	1,340	347	348	0.3
PA	625	615	1,365	1,375	853	846	-0.8
TX	365	340	1,290	1,400	471	476	1.1
VT	162	162	1,285	1,320	208	214	2.9
VA	125	122	1,175	1,190	147	145	-1.4
WA	250	248	1,605	1,695	401	420	4.7
WI	1,376	1,366	1,255	1,300	1,727	1,776	2.8
20-State Total	7,716	7,700	1,347	1,407	10,394	10,836	4.3

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

1998 WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 8 PERCENT

Shorn wool production in the United States during 1998 was 49.2 million pounds, down 8 percent from 1997. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 6.43 million head, a decrease of 8 percent from 1997. The average price paid for wool sold in 1998 was \$0.60 per pound for a total value of \$29.4 million dollars, down 35 percent from \$44.9 million dollars in 1997.

Mohair production in the four major producing states (Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) during 1998 was 5.09 million pounds, down 26 percent from 1997. Goats and kids clipped, at 705,000 head, was down 25 percent from 1997. Average weight per clip was 7.2 pounds compared with 7.3 pounds a year earlier. Value of mohair was \$12.6 million dollars, down 18 percent from 1997.

SHEEP AND LAMBS SHORN, WEIGHT PER FLEECE, WOOL PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S. 1997 AND 1998

STATE	Sheep and lambs shorn		Weight per fleece		Production		Price per pound		Value of production 1/	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	1,000 head		Pounds		1,000 pounds		Dollars		1,000 dollars	
AZ	120.0	120.0	6.4	6.5	770	780	0.58	0.47	447	367
CA	470.0	480.0	8.1	7.5	3,800	3,600	0.79	0.61	3,002	2,196
CO	600.0	490.0	6.6	6.9	3,936	3,364	0.89	0.53	3,503	1,783
ID	246.0	222.0	9.2	9.4	2,265	2,093	0.74	0.66	1,676	1,381
MT	387.0	367.0	9.4	9.3	3,632	3,423	1.01	0.78	3,668	2,670
NV	70.0	67.0	8.9	9.1	620	607	0.90	0.58	558	352
NM	280.0	265.0	9.1	9.0	2,556	2,379	1.07	0.89	2,735	2,117
TX	1,500.0	1,300.0	7.3	7.1	10,950	9,230	1.06	0.63	11,607	5,815
UT	344.0	337.0	9.3	9.4	3,213	3,157	0.75	0.62	2,410	1,957
WA	41.0	39.0	8.7	8.5	355	330	0.65	0.55	231	182
WY	650.0	650.0	8.8	8.5	5,690	5,540	0.98	0.77	5,576	4,266
U.S.	6,959.9	6,426.1	7.7	7.7	53,578	49,239	0.84	0.60	44,909	29,406

1/ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of State's value.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DROPS 1 POINT

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in February was 96 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from January. Price decreases from January for milk, soybeans, tomatoes, and corn more than offset price increases for cattle, hogs, oranges, and potatoes. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall index level. Higher seasonal marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and eggs more than offset the relatively lower marketings of corn, soybeans, tobacco, and cotton. These seasonal marketing changes limited the decline in the overall index. Compared with February 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 5 points (5.0 percent) lower. Price decreases from February 1998 for corn,

soybeans, hogs, and wheat more than offset price increases for milk, oranges, broilers, and almonds.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 115 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from January but 2 points (1.7 percent) below February 1998. Since January, lower prices for herbicides, feed grains, and LP gas were offset by higher prices for feeder pigs, feeder cattle, gasoline, and feed concentrates.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S. FEBRUARY 1998 AND 1999 AND JANUARY 1999

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		Feb. 1998 Entire Mo.	Jan. 1999 Entire Mo.	Feb.1999 Mid-Mo.	Feb.1998 Entire Mo.	Jan. 1999 Entire Mo.	Feb.1999 Mid-Mo.
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	.619	.561	.547	.620	.583	.571
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	2/	148.00	148.00	108.00	139.00	141.00
All Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	-----	-----	-----	5.46	4.68	4.54
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	-----	-----	-----	7.87	5.36	5.19
Winter Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	-----	-----	-----	5.28	4.46	4.21
All Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	107.00	80.00	89.00	97.20	78.80	79.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	108.00	80.00	90.00	106.00	81.40	82.00
Other Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	91.00	70.00	80.00	74.10	71.00	70.40
Other Head Lettuce 2/ 4/	\$ Cwt	-----	-----	-----	10.90	10.30	10.20
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	10.20	11.60	12.30	13.70	13.30	13.10
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	11.80	35.40	30.80	13.80	22.00	22.70
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	14.80	26.00	21.30	15.80	26.80	22.10
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	21.40	33.30	31.50	22.50	31.80	29.90
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	37.60	34.80	34.80	36.00	33.40	34.60
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	60.80	60.60	62.20	63.30	62.20	63.20
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	59.20	60.30	61.90	60.40	59.00	61.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	93.20	81.30	81.30	88.70	83.20	87.30
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	14.30	17.60	17.00	14.70	17.50	16.00

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ All Head lettuce for U.S.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs, Lemons 76 lbs. Tangerines 75 lbs.

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

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

8/ Preliminary: Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	1998		1999	
	January	February	January	February
Prices Received	103	101	97	96
Prices Paid	117	117	115	115
Ratio 1/	88	86	84	83

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