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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

On June 1, 1999, Arizona had 207,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 7,000 head from a year ago, and down 1,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 30,000 head, 15,000 head below 1998. During May 26,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 5,000 head from last May.

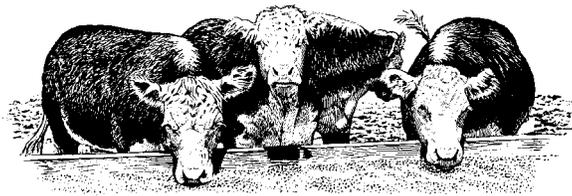
On June 1, 1999, California had 370,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5,000 head from last June and last month. Placements totaled 55,000 head, 5,000 head more than in May 1998. During May, 50,000 head were marketed, an increase of 10,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.98 million head on June 1, 1999. The inventory was 3 percent above June 1, 1998 and 4 percent above June 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.04 million, slightly above 1998 and 9 percent

above 1997. Net placements were 1.94 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 290,000, 600-699 pounds were 425,000, 700-799 pounds were 717,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 607,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.99 million, 1 percent above 1998 but 4 percent below 1997. Other disappearance totaled 99,000 during May, 6 percent above 1998 but 15 percent below 1997.

Cattle on feed June 1, 1999, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.54 million, up 3 percent from the previous year and 4 percent above June 1, 1997.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.72 million, 1 percent below 1998 but 7 percent above 1997. Marketings during May totaled 1.69 million, slightly above 1998 but 6 percent below 1997. Other disappearance during May was 73,000 head, 12 percent above 1998 but 9 percent below 1997.



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

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/						Placements During May			Marketings During May			Other Disappearance During May 3/		
	May 1			June 1			1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1998 as % of 1998
	1998	19989	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998									
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	
*AZ	205	208	101	214	207	97	45	30	67	31	26	84	5	5	100
*CA	370	375	101	375	370	99	50	55	110	40	50	125	5	10	200
*CO	970	1,120	115	980	1,090	111	195	180	92	175	200	114	10	10	100
ID	270	280	104	260	285	110	54	68	126	47	52	111	17	11	65
*IA	310	350	113	290	330	114	30	38	127	50	55	110	0	3	0
*KS	2,020	1,970	98	1,990	2,010	101	420	470	112	440	420	95	10	10	100
*NE	2,000	2,120	106	1,800	2,000	111	260	330	127	440	430	98	20	20	100
NM	79	85	108	78	87	112	20	24	120	20	20	100	1	2	200
OK	355	325	92	370	330	89	103	93	90	86	85	99	2	3	150
SD	167	180	108	160	164	103	25	23	92	30	35	117	2	4	200
*TX	2,420	2,430	100	2,640	2,530	96	740	620	84	505	505	100	15	15	100
WA	168	179	107	156	199	128	31	52	168	37	29	78	6	3	50
Other															
Sts	390	400	103	390	375	96	60	56	93	60	78	130	0	3	0
US	9,724	10,022	103	9,703	9,977	103	2,033	2,039	100	1,961	1,985	101	93	99	106

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.

MAY MILK PRODUCTION UP 3.5 PERCENT

Milk production in the 20 major States during May totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 3.5 percent from production in these same States in May 1998. April revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from April 1998.

for May, 54 pounds above May 1998.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 3,000 head more than May 1998, and 8,000 head more than April 1999.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,610 pounds

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

STATE	Milk cows 1/		Milk per cow 2/		Milk production 2/		
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	Percent change from 1998
	1,000		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
AZ	130	134	1,945	2,060	253	276	9.1
CA	1,414	1,460	1,720	1,825	2,432	2,665	9.6
FL	162	160	1,350	1,420	219	227	3.7
ID	293	314	1,680	1,720	492	540	9.8
IL	128	123	1,510	1,490	193	183	-5.2
IN	137	136	1,420	1,400	195	190	-2.6
IA	223	215	1,520	1,550	339	333	-1.8
KY	141	133	1,115	1,120	157	149	-5.1
MI	299	293	1,560	1,600	466	469	0.6
MN	555	545	1,490	1,550	827	845	2.2
MO	172	161	1,285	1,305	221	210	-5.0
NM	217	232	1,795	1,795	390	416	6.7
NY	701	700	1,490	1,520	1,044	1,064	1.9
OH	265	259	1,485	1,480	394	383	-2.8
PA	623	615	1,550	1,605	966	987	2.2
TX	356	345	1,480	1,515	527	523	-0.8
VT	162	162	1,480	1,530	240	248	3.3
VA	125	122	1,310	1,330	164	162	-1.2
WA	248	247	1,885	1,960	467	484	3.6
WI	1,368	1,366	1,480	1,520	2,025	2,076	2.5
20-State Total	7,719	7,722	1,556	1,610	12,011	12,430	3.5

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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RELEASE DATES FOR UPCOMING NATIONAL REPORTS

J	u	l	y	1	5
Milk Production					
J	u	l	y	1	6
Cattle					
J	u	l	y	1	6
Cattle on Feed					
J	u	l	y	1	6
Sheep					
J	u	l	y	2	0
Farm Production Expenditures					
J	u	l	y	2	3
Agricultural Prices Annual					
J	u	l	y	2	3
Livestock Slaughter					
J	u	l	y	3	0
Agricultural Prices					

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.60 billion pounds in May, up 1 percent from the 3.58 billion pounds produced in May 1998.

May 1998 and 1999 both contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, up 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 1,188 pounds.

Veal production totaled 17.0 million pounds, 10 percent below the previous record low for May set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 89 thousand head, down 12 percent from May 1998. The average live weight was 9 pounds above last year, at 311 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.42 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.44 million head, 2 percent below 1998. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18.0 million pounds, was down 7 percent from the previous record low for May set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 270 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 4 pounds from May a year ago.

January - May red meat production was 18.8 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 6 percent.

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S.
MAY 1998 AND 1999 AND APRIL 1999 1/**

CLASS	May 1998	April 1999	May 1999	May 1999 as % of	
				May 1998	April 1999
			1,000 lbs	Percent	
<u>ARIZONA 2/</u>					
Total Red Meat	28,400	29,500	28,700	101	97
			<u>Mil. Lbs</u>	<u>Percent</u>	
<u>UNITED STATES</u>					
Beef	2,123	2,155	2,151	101	100
Veal	19	18	17	90	95
Pork	1,419	1,630	1,418	100	87
Lamb and Mutton	19	21	18	93	86
Total Red Meat	3,580	3,823	3,604	101	94

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

2/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: ARIZONA AND U.S., MAY 1999 AND U.S. JANUARY-MAY 1999 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA		UNITED STATES	
	May		January-May	

	Number slaughtered	Total liveweight	Average liveweight 2/ Lbs	Number slaughtered	Total liveweight	Average liveweight 2/ Lbs
	1,000 head	1,000 lbs		1,000 head	1,000 lbs	
Cattle	39.1	47,521	1,214	2,997	3,559,868.0	1,188
Calves 3/				89	27,765.0	311
Hogs	0.7	137	183	7,438	1,930,047.0	259
Sheep	0.1	9	96	270	36,431.0	135

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.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DROPS 1 POINTS

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in June was 98 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from May. The decrease was mostly due to the seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell. The normal decrease in marketings of oranges, tomatoes, strawberries, and cattle more than offset the relatively higher marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupes. The change in marketings was accompanied by a slight decrease in overall prices. Price decreases from May for cantaloupes, hogs, peaches, and hay more than offset price increases for oranges, milk, cattle, and celery. Compared with June 1998, the All Farm Products

Index was 4 points (3.9 percent) lower. Price decreases from June 1998 for soybeans, hogs, corn, and milk more than offset price increases for cattle, carrots, tomatoes, and turkeys.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The June Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 116 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from May but 1 point (0.9 percent) below June 1998. Since May, lower prices for hay and forages, insecticides, nitrogen fertilizers, and herbicides were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle and LP gas.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., JUNE 1998 AND 1999 AND MAY 1999

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		June 1998 Entire Mo.	May 1999 Entire Mo.	June 1999 Mid-Mo.	June 1998 Entire Mo.	May 1999 Entire Mo.	June 1999 Mid-Mo.
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	.709	2/	2/	.685	.561	.566
All Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.62	4.22	4.13
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	6.63	4.73	4.85
Winter Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.28	3.93	3.95
All Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	104.00	103.00	94.00	91.80	91.60	81.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	104.00	103.00	94.00	96.50	95.70	85.00
Other Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	86.00	98.00	85.00	74.10	69.40	68.50
Potatoes	\$ Cwt	9.05	10.30	10.10	6.04	6.30	6.65
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	15.20	14.70	15.80	16.10	16.20	18.60
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	10.80	27.50	30.00	17.90	21.80	26.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	---	---	---	37.60	27.40	31.10
Tangerines 4/	\$ Box	---	17.90	---	5.10	15.30	6.80
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	34.50	34.60	33.40	36.10	36.40	36.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	66.00	64.70	66.10	64.50	65.20	66.80
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	65.10	64.40	65.80	61.80	62.10	63.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	75.50	81.60	82.30	81.70	87.60	88.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	13.50	12.20	12.60	14.10	12.80	13.20

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs.

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

6/ 'Cows' and 'steers and heifers' combined.

7/ 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	
	May	June	May	June
Prices Received	103	102	99	98
Prices Paid	117	117	116	116
Ratio 1/	88	87	85	84

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