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CATTLE ON FEED

On August 1, 1999, Arizona had 194,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 4,000 head from a month ago and down 2,000 head from August 1, 1998. Placements totaled 23,000 head, 10 percent more than in July 1998. During July, 26,000 head were marketed, an increase of 4 percent from last July.

On August 1, 1999, California had 375,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, unchanged from last month but down 20,000 head from last year. Placements totaled 55,000 head, unchanged from July 1998. During July, 50,000 head were marketed, an increase of 11 percent from last July.

Cattle on feed August 1, 1999, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 7.88 million, up 2 percent from the previous year and 5 percent above August 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.57 million, 7 percent below 1998 and 11 percent below 1997. Marketings during July totaled 1.82 million, 3 percent above 1998 but 2 percent below 1997. Other disappearance during July was 43,000 head, 5 percent above 1998 and 2 percent above 1997.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.20 million head on August 1, 1999. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 1998, and 5 percent above August 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.81 million, 6 percent below 1998 and 9 percent below 1997. Net placements were 1.76 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 333,000, 600-699 pounds were 400,000, 700-799 pounds were 578,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 501,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.12 million, 3 percent above 1998 but slightly below 1997. Other disappearance totaled 52,000 during July, 4 percent above 1998 but 9 percent below 1997.

RELEASE DATES FOR UPCOMING NATIONAL REPORTS

September 3 Dairy Products
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September 24 Hogs and Pigs
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1998 ARIZONA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE NOW

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CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) JULY 1, 1998 AND 1999 AND AUGUST 1, 1998 AND 1999, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE JULY 1998 AND 1999 BY STATE, UNITED STATES, AND HISTORIC 7 STATES

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/						Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	July 1			August 1			During July			During July			During July 3/		
	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
	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	200	198	99	196	194	99	21	23	110	25	26	104	0	1	0
*CA	390	375	96	395	375	95	55	55	100	45	50	111	5	5	100
*CO	880	1,020	116	840	960	114	225	175	78	260	230	88	5	5	100
ID	235	275	117	215	265	123	50	48	96	66	56	85	4	2	50
*IA	265	310	117	245	290	118	26	32	123	45	50	111	1	2	200
*KS	1,870	1,950	104	1,930	1,980	103	530	500	94	460	460	100	10	10	100
*NE	1,600	1,790	112	1,460	1,600	110	290	300	103	420	480	114	10	10	100
NM	82	82	100	86	83	97	18	16	89	13	14	108	1	1	100
OK	360	325	90	370	325	88	86	73	85	75	71	95	1	2	200
SD	146	140	96	134	125	93	17	14	82	28	27	96	1	2	200
*TX	2,620	2,530	97	2,640	2,480	94	530	480	91	500	520	104	10	10	100
WA	153	215	141	150	202	135	44	45	102	45	57	127	2	1	50
Other															
Sts	360	345	96	335	320	96	45	51	113	70	75	107	0	1	0
US	9,161	9,555	104	8,996	9,199	102	1,937	1,812	94	2,052	2,116	103	50	52	104

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.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, JULY 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	132	135	1,530	1,620	202	219	8.4
CA	1,421	1,468	1,625	1,705	2,309	2,503	8.4
FL	159	159	1,140	1,220	181	194	7.2
ID	294	319	1,700	1,750	500	558	11.6
IL	127	122	1,320	1,310	168	160	-4.8
IN	136	136	1,350	1,360	184	185	0.5
IA	222	215	1,425	1,430	316	307	-2.8
KY	141	132	980	985	138	130	-5.8
MI	305	292	1,540	1,540	470	450	-4.3
MN	550	545	1,400	1,435	770	782	1.6
MO	170	159	1,105	1,055	188	168	-10.6
NM	217	235	1,730	1,690	375	397	5.9
NY	700	702	1,450	1,470	1,015	1,032	1.7
OH	264	260	1,350	1,340	356	348	-2.2
PA	623	614	1,460	1,470	910	903	-0.8
TX	350	346	1,215	1,225	425	424	-0.2
VT	161	162	1,430	1,450	230	235	2.2
VA	124	119	1,185	1,200	147	143	-2.7
WA	247	248	1,845	1,925	456	477	4.6
WI	1,366	1,368	1,445	1,430	1,974	1,956	-0.9
20-State Total	7,709	7,736	1,468	1,496	11,314	11,571	2.3

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**BEEF AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION EQUAL RECORD HIGHS FOR JULY
VEAL AND LAMB & MUTTON PRODUCTION SET RECORD LOWS**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.78 billion pounds in July, equaling the previous record high for July set in 1998. July 1998 contained 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays (including one holiday). July 1999 contained 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year and equaled the previous record high for July set in 1997. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.08 million head, up 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,206 pounds.

Veal production totaled 19.0 million pounds, 11 percent below the previous record low for July set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 111 thousand head, down 17 percent from July 1998. The average live weight was 19 pounds above last year, at 280 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.49 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.91 million head, 4 percent below 1998. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 256 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.0 million pounds, was down 3 percent from the previous record low set for July set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 265 thousand head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 4 pounds from July a year ago.

January - July red meat production was 26.5 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 14 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 7 percent.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S. JULY 1998 AND 1999 AND JUNE 1999 1/

CLASS	July 1998	June 1999	July 1999	July 1999 as % of	
				July 1998	June 1999
	1,000 lbs			Percent	
ARIZONA 2/					
Total Red Meat	29,000	34,000	32,500	112	96
UNITED STATES					
Beef	2,213	2,321	2,256	102	97
Veal	21	19	19	89	99
Pork	1,529	1,583	1,489	97	94
Lamb and Mutton	18	17	17	97	100
Total Red Meat	3,781	3,940	3,781	100	96

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, JULY 1999 AND U.S., JANUARY-JULY 1999 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	July			January - July		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight 2/	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight 3/	Average Live Weight 2/
	1,000 Head	1,000 Lbs	Lbs	1,000 Head	Million Lbs	Lbs
Cattle	44.3	53,343	1,204	20,992.3	15,281	1,206
Calves 4/				723.2	127	291
Hogs	0.3	66	202	57,772.4	10,985	259
Sheep	-----	-----	-----	2,104.8	140	134

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

2/ Average liveweights based on unrounded data.

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

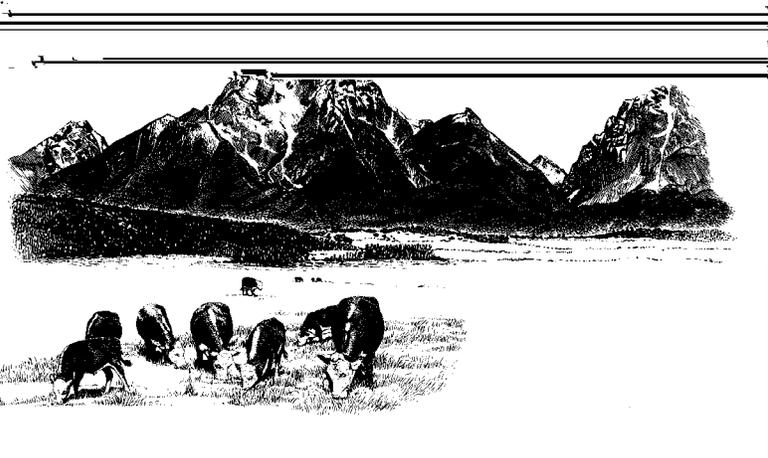
4/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations but included in U.S. total.

PASTURE CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED

Pasture conditions steadily improved throughout the state last month with the arrival of the summer monsoons. Pastures throughout the state ranged from fair to excellent condition. Livestock were reported in fair to good condition. Many ranchers reported widespread rains and no supplemental feeding. Both stock water and soil moisture were short to adequate. Insect damage was light.

Central Arizona pasture conditions were in fair to excellent condition overall. Low elevation pastures were reported as fair to good; mid level

Overall, northern grazing conditions improved in July going from poor in June to good to fair condition. Low and high elevation pastures were in mainly good to fair condition while mid-elevation pastures were mainly in fair to good condition. Cattle were reported in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were both reported as short to adequate. Insect damage was light.



PRICES RECEIVED INDEX INCREASES 3 POINTS

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in August was 98 based on 1990-92=100 and mid-month August prices, up 3 points (3.2 percent) from the preliminary July index. Price increases from July for milk, hogs, wheat, and corn more than offset price decreases for broilers, potatoes, oranges, and tomatoes. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of tobacco, cattle, grapes, and sweet corn more than offset the relatively lower marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and broilers. These marketing changes contributed less than one point to the overall increase in the index.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The August 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 July and from August 1998. Since July, lower prices for feeder cattle, nitrogen fertilizers, feeder pigs, and complete feeds were offset by higher prices for diesel fuel, gasoline, feed grains, and building materials.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., AUGUST 1998 AND 1999 AND JULY 1999

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		August 1998 Entire Mo.	July 1999 Entire Mo.	August 1999 Mid-Mo.	August 1998 Entire Mo.	July 1999 Entire Mo.	August 1999 Mid-Mo.
Upland Cotton 2/	¢ Lb	3/	48.6	3/	66.2	54.3	53.9
All Wheat 4/	\$ Cwt				2.39	2.23	2.43
Durum Wheat 4/	\$ Cwt				3.25	2.89	2.83
Winter Wheat 4/	\$ Cwt				2.25	2.13	2.30
All Hay Baled	\$ Ton	71.00	86.00	86.00	5/ 88.50	5/ 78.40	77.40
Alfalfa Hay Baled	\$ Ton	70.00	86.00	87.00	5/ 90.50	5/ 82.00	81.50
Other Hay Baled	\$ Ton	100.00	82.00	63.00	5/ 79.00	5/ 65.30	62.80
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	36.50	38.30	40.30	34.20	37.70	37.00
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	58.60	64.10	64.30	59.70	65.20	65.60
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	58.20	63.80	64.10	57.40	62.60	62.90
Calves	\$ Cwt	78.10	87.50	90.70	76.90	89.20	89.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	15.10	13.50	14.10	15.40	13.70	14.90

1/ Preliminary Parity Prices are for first half of month.

2/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

4/ Not available for Arizona.

5/ Mid-month.

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	
	July	August	July	August
Prices Received	102	101	95	98
Prices Paid	116	116	116	116
Ratio 1/	88	87	82	84

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