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## CATTLE ON FEED

On February 1, 2000, Arizona had 275,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 36 percent from a year ago, and down 3,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 29,000 head, 16 percent above January 1999. During January 24,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 14 percent from last January.

On February 1, 2000, California had 415,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 8 percent from last February and the same as a month ago. Placements totaled 57,000 head, 27 percent above last year. During January 50,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 9 percent from January 1999.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.58 million head on February 1, 2000. The inventory was 10 percent above February 1, 1999 and 7 percent above February 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.23 million, 15 percent above 1999 and 29 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.16 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 494,000, 600-699 pounds were 696,000, 700-799 pounds were 654,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 382,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 2.05 million, 1 percent above 1999 and 3 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during January, 1 percent below 1999 and 30 percent below 1998.

Cattle on feed February 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.89 million, up 11 percent from the previous year and 8 percent above February 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.93 million, 15 percent above 1999 and 29 percent above 1998. Marketings during January totaled 1.75 million, 1 percent above 1999 and 3 percent above 1998. Other disappearance during January was 51,000 head, 9 percent above 1999 but 35 percent below 1998.

## CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, NUMBER PLACED ON FEED, NUMBER MARKETED, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, BY MONTH, STATE, AND UNITED STATES 1998-2000

State 1/	Number on Feed 2/						Placements During January			Marketings During January			Other Disappearance During January 3/			
	January 1		February 1													
	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	
	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	1,000 Head	Percent
*AZ	206	272	132	202	275	136	25	29	116	28	24	86	1	2	200	
*CA	400	415	104	385	415	108	45	57	127	55	50	91	5	7	140	
*CO	1,140	1,180	104	1,140	1,200	105	260	290	112	250	260	104	10	10	100	
ID	285	310	109	270	300	111	50	66	132	55	70	127	10	6	60	
*IA	335	375	112	350	385	110	56	60	107	40	48	120	1	2	200	
*KS	2,110	** 2,310	109	** 2,030	2,340	115	** 420	520	124	490	480	98	10	10	100	
*NE	2,110	2,300	109	2,150	2,370	110	450	500	111	400	420	105	10	10	100	
NM	118	116	98	113	113	100	12	10	83	16	13	81	1	0	0	
OK	410	430	105	385	430	112	60	72	120	80	67	84	5	5	100	
SD	184	194	105	184	200	109	31	38	123	30	30	100	1	2	200	
*TX	2,720	2,900	107	2,660	2,900	109	425	475	112	475	465	98	10	10	100	
WA	199	228	115	195	211	108	37	45	122	37	59	159	4	3	75	
Othe																
Sts	450	445	99	445	445	100	62	64	103	65	62	95	2	2	100	
US	10,667	** 11,475	107	** 10,509	11,584	110	** 2,22	115	2,02	2,04	101	70	69	99		

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.

\*\* Revised.

## JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP 4.7 PERCENT

Milk production in the 20 major States during January totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 4.7 percent from production in these same States in January 1999. December revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds was up 4.0 percent from December 1998. The December revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 10 million pounds

from last months preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,576 pounds for January, 58 pounds above January 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 69,000 head more than January 1999 and 6,000 head more than December 1999.

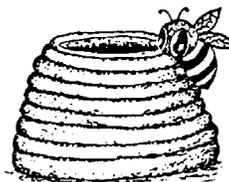
### MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, JANUARY 1999-00

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
	1,000 Head		Lbs		Million Lbs		Percent
<b>AZ</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>1,925</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>9.1</b>
CA	1,444	1,492	1,690	1,815	2,440	2,708	11.0
FL	158	156	1,415	1,410	224	220	-1.8
ID	304	332	1,660	1,740	505	578	14.5
IL	125	120	1,430	1,500	179	180	0.6
IN	137	139	1,360	1,425	186	198	6.5
IA	220	215	1,515	1,555	333	334	0.3
KY	135	130	1,050	1,130	142	147	3.5
MI	291	299	1,520	1,600	442	478	8.1
MN	545	540	1,505	1,535	820	829	1.1
MO	164	158	1,230	1,240	202	196	-3.0
NM	220	237	1,740	1,780	383	422	10.2
NY	702	700	1,430	1,450	1,004	1,015	1.1
OH	260	259	1,430	1,470	372	381	2.4
PA	617	617	1,475	1,520	910	938	3.1
TX	340	350	1,480	1,500	503	525	4.4
VT	162	159	1,410	1,460	228	232	1.8
VA	122	119	1,295	1,395	158	166	5.1
WA	248	246	1,845	1,895	458	466	1.7
WI	1,368	1,358	1,415	1,430	1,936	1,942	0.3
<b>20-State Total</b>	<b>7,694</b>	<b>7,763</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>11,679</b>	<b>12,232</b>	<b>4.7</b>

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## BEES AND HONEY



### UNITED STATES HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 7 PERCENT

Honey production in 1999 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 205 million pounds, down 7 percent from 1998. There were 2.69 million colonies producing honey in 1999, up 2 percent from 1998. Yield per colony averaged 76.3 pounds, down 7.4 pounds from the 83.7 pounds in 1998. Colonies which produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not counted if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 79.4 million pounds on December 15, 1999, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

### HONEY PRICES DOWN 8 PERCENT

Prices for the 1999 crop averaged 59.9 cents per pound, down 8 percent from 65.5 cents in 1998. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the State level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold retail, coop and private. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting quantities sold for each marketing channel. Coop and Private prices were lower for all color classes in 1999.

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.78 billion pounds in January 2000, down 1 percent from the 3.83 billion pounds produced in January 1999. January 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays. January 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays (including one holiday). Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, down 1 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,229 pounds. Veal production totaled 17.0 million pounds, 2 percent below January a year ago and equal to the previous record low for January set in

1998. Calf slaughter totaled 93 thousand head, down 12 percent from January 1999. The average live weight was 33 pounds above last year, at 311 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.57 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.14 million head, 5 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was up 7 percent from January 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 282 thousand head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from January a year ago.

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S. 1/

Class	January 1999	December 1999	January 2000	January 2000 as % of	
				January 1999	December 1999
1,000 Lbs			Percent		
<b>ARIZONA 2/</b>					
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>28,200</b>	<b>30,200</b>	<b>30,400</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
Million Lbs					
Beef	2,170	** 2,113	2,178	100	103
Veal	18	** 20	17	98	84
Pork	** 1,628	** 1,705	1,570	96	92
Lamb and Mutton	18	24	19	107	81
Total Red Meat	** 3,833	3,862	3,784	99	98

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

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

\*\* Revised.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: ARIZONA AND U.S. 1/

Species	January 1999			January 2000		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight 2/	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight 3/	Average Live Weight 2/
	1,000 Head	1,000 Lbs	Lbs	1,000 Head	1,000 Lbs	Lbs
<b>ARIZONA</b>						
Cattle	<b>39.2</b>	<b>45,383</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>50,667</b>	<b>1,243</b>
Calves 3/						
Hogs	<b>0.7</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>231</b>
Sheep	<b>0.1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>3/</b>		
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Cattle	** 2,961.3	** 3,612,644	1,220	2,936.9	3,610,156	1,229
Calves	** 105.4	** 29,326	** 278	92.7	28,848	311
Hogs	** 8,553.7	** 2,215,150	259	8,140.8	2,132,806	262
Sheep	** 268.7	** 35,941	134	281.7	38,645	137

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.

\*\* Revised.

### PRICES RECEIVED INDEX INCREASES 2 POINTS

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in February was 92 based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.2 percent) from the January index. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and hogs more than offset the relatively lower marketings of corn, soybeans, tobacco, and cotton. These marketing changes accounted for most of the February index increase. Higher prices for hogs, eggs, corn, and soybeans offset price decreases for lettuce, broilers, milk, and apples.

Compared with February 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 4 points (4.2 percent) lower. Price decreases from February 1999 for

milk, lettuce, oranges, and cotton more than offset price increases for cattle, hogs, calves, and apples.

### PRICES PAID INDEX UP 1 POINT

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 119 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was up 1 point from January and 4 points (3.5 percent) above February 1999. Higher prices in February for diesel fuel, nitrogen fertilizers, feed grains, and feeder pigs more than offset lower prices for feeder cattle, herbicides, feed supplements, and LP gas.

### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., FEBRUARY 1999 AND 2000 AND JANUARY 2000

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		February 1999 Entire Month	January 2000 Entire Month	February 2000 Mid-Month	February 1999 Entire Month	January 2000 Entire Month	February 2000 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	0.548	0.490	2/	0.560	0.431	0.434
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	148.00	124.00	126.00	141.00	101.00	108.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.74	2.50	2.58
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.84	2.89	2.98
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.56	2.32	2.42
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	89.00	81.00	83.00	79.00	71.80	72.60
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	90.00	82.00	84.00	82.00	74.10	77.40
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	80.00	58.00	76.00	70.40	65.90	66.70
Other Head Lettuce 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	15.40	14.60	8.53
Grapefruit 6/	\$ Box	12.30	3/	13.30	13.10	11.80	15.20
Oranges 6/	\$ Box	30.80	14.50	16.20	22.70	14.00	13.70
Lemons 6/	\$ Box	21.30	32.40	29.60	22.10	31.40	26.90
Tangerines 6/	\$ Box	31.50	27.80	22.20	29.90	26.80	22.60
Cows 7/	\$ Cwt	34.80	34.20	37.20	34.70	35.90	37.00
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	62.50	68.60	69.10	63.60	71.60	70.80
Beef Cattle 8/	\$ Cwt	62.20	68.30	68.80	60.60	67.80	67.50
Calves	\$ Cwt	81.30	91.90	96.00	86.90	102.00	105.00
All Milk 9/	\$ Cwt	14.10	11.30	11.30	15.50	12.00	11.80

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

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

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ All Head lettuce for U.S.

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

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

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

9/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

### U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	1999		2000	
	December	January	December	January
Prices Received	97	96	90	92
Prices Paid	115	115	118	119
Ratio 1/	84	83	76	77

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