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### CATTLE ON FEED

On October 1, 2000, Arizona had 272,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 31 percent from a year ago and up 6 percent from last month. Placements totaled 40,000 head, 36 percent above September 1999. During September, 23,000 head were marketed, 1,000 more than last September.

On October 1, 2000, California had 420,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 11 percent from last year and up 1 percent

from last month. Placements totaled 59,000 head, up 5 percent from last year. During September, 49,000 head were marketed, up 1,000 head from last year but down 8,000 from last month.

Cattle on feed October 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.50 million, up 8 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above October 1, 1998. The inventory included 5.58 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.88 million head, up 11 percent from 1999. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.29 million, 3 percent below 1999 but 1 percent above 1998. Marketings during September totaled 1.71 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 8 percent above 1998. Other disappearance during September was 48,000 head, 13 percent below 1999 and 6 percent below 1998.

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, 2000. The inventory was 7 percent above October 1, 1999 and 13 percent above October 1, 1998. The inventory included 6.56 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.40 million head, up 9 percent from 1999. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.69 million, 3 percent below 1999 but 1 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.63 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 775,000, 600-699 pounds were 612,000, 700-799 pounds were 681,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 618,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.99 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 13 percent below 1999 and 11 percent below 1998.

### CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) AUGUST 1, 2000 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 AND 2000, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE AUGUST 1999 AND 2000 BY STATE, UNITED STATES, AND HISTORIC 7 STATES

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/					Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
			Oct 1, 2000			During September			During September			During September 3/		
	Oct 1, 1999	Sep 1, 2000	Number	as % of 1999	as % of Sep	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		
*AZ	208	257	272	131	106	29	40	138	20	23	115	1	2	200
*CA	380	415	420	111	101	56	59	105	48	49	102	3	5	167
*CO	1,070	*1,070	1,170	109	109	330	335	102	210	225	107	10	10	100
ID	310	290	310	100	107	80	75	94	54	53	98	1	2	200
*IA	315	330	340	108	103	60	52	87	44	41	93	1	1	100
*KS	2,250	2,220	2,300	102	104	600	540	90	430	450	105	10	10	100
*NE	1,900	1,920	2,100	111	109	580	560	97	370	370	100	10	10	100
NM	91	90	96	105	107	23	20	87	12	13	108	1	1	100
OK	380	375	400	105	107	107	110	103	75	83	111	2	2	100
SD	111	128	145	131	113	32	50	156	60	33	110	1	0	
*TX	2,670	2,760	2,900	109	105	690	700	101	560	550	98	20	10	50
WA	246	204	228	93	112	75	62	83	43	38	88	1	0	
Other														
Sts	345	315	335	97	106	97	83	86	61	62	102	1	1	100
US	10,276	*10,374	11,016	107	106	2,759	2,686	97	1,957	1,990	102	62	54	87

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.

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

Commercial red meat production for Arizona totaled 30.6 million pounds during September. This production was up 700,000 pounds from the previous year's total of 29.9 million pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in September 1999.

September 1999 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.  
September 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, equaled the previous record high for September set last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.03 million head, down 2 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,231 pounds.

Veal production totaled 17 million pounds, 18 percent below the previous record low for September set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 93 thousand head, down 22 percent from September 1999. The average live weight was 13 pounds above last year, at 293 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.12 million head, 6 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17 million pounds, was down 10 percent from September 1999 and down 9 percent from the previous record low for September set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 269 thousand head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 3 pounds from September a year ago.

January - September red meat production was 34.5 billion pounds, just above the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 3 percent. Commercial red meat production for Arizona totaled 29.9 million pounds during September. This production was up 2 million pounds (10 percent) from the previous year's total of 27.9 million pounds.

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

CLASS	September 1999	August 2000	September 2000	September 2000 as % of 2/	
				September 1999	August 2000
	1,000 Lbs			Percent	
<u>ARIZONA</u> 3/					
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>29,900</b>	<b>35,100</b>	<b>30,600</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>87</b>
<u>UNITED STATES</u>					
	Million Lbs				
Beef	2,275	2,437	2,275	100	93
Veal	20	17	17	82	95
Pork	1,618	1,641	1,552	96	95
Lamb and Mutton	19	18	17	90	97
Total Red Meat	3,932	4,114	3,861	98	94

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, SEPTEMBER 2000 AND U.S., JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2000 1/**

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	September			January-September		
	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	Pounds	1,000 Head	Million Lbs	Pounds
Cattle	41.8	51,319	1,228	27,456.4	20,264	1,217
Calves 3/				850.4	161	315
Hogs	0.4	87	228	72,222.6	13,896	261
Sheep				2,579.1	172	134

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

2/ Average live weights 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.

## MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Arizona during September totaled 213 million pounds, up 1.9 percent from September 1999.

Production per cow in Arizona averaged 1,520 pounds for September, 30 pounds lower than September 1999.

The number of cows on farms in Arizona was 140,000 head, 5,000 head more than September 1998.

The quarterly production of milk for Arizona was 674 million pounds, 5.1 percent above the July-September period last year. The average number of milk cows in Arizona during the July-September quarter was 140,000 head, 5,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.5 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from production in these same

States in September 1999. The August revision represented a decrease of 0.3 percent or 32 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,467 pounds for September, 22 pounds above September 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.85 million head, 98,000 head more than September 1999 and 11,000 head more than August 2000.

The quarterly production of milk for the United States was 41.3 billion pounds, 4.0 percent above the July-September period last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the July-September quarter was 9.25 million head, 81,000 head more than the same period last year.

### MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, SEPTEMBER 1999-2000

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	Percent change from 1997
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
<b>AZ</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>209</b>	213	1.9
CA	1,476	1,539	1,710	1,685	2,524	2,593	2.7
FL	157	157	1,020	1,070	160	168	5.0
ID	325	356	1,700	1,720	553	612	10.7
IL	121	120	1,300	1,350	157	162	3.2
IN	135	150	1,275	1,350	172	203	18.0
IA	216	215	1,395	1,450	301	312	3.7
KY	132	132	960	985	127	130	2.4
MI	299	303	1,485	1,525	444	462	4.1
MN	550	530	1,335	1,380	734	731	-0.4
MO	157	153	1,030	1,080	162	165	1.9
NM	235	258	1,605	1,660	377	428	13.5
NY	702	690	1,380	1,400	969	966	-0.3
OH	259	264	1,400	1,420	363	375	3.3
PA	616	619	1,415	1,420	872	879	0.8
TX	346	346	1,125	1,130	389	391	0.5
VT	160	160	1,380	1,410	221	226	2.3
VA	121	120	1,265	1,240	153	149	-2.6
WA	247	247	1,855	1,850	458	457	-0.2
WI	1,364	1,352	1,360	1,400	1,855	1,893	2.0
20-State Total	7,753	7,851	1,445	1,467	11,200	11,515	2.8

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

# Happy Thanksgiving

### Prices Received Index down 6 points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in October was 92 based on 1990-92=100, down 6 points (6.1 percent) from the September index. Higher prices for corn, wheat, tomatoes, and eggs were offset by decreases in prices for lettuce, broilers, soybeans, and sweet corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of milk, grapes, wheat, and tobacco more than offset the higher marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed. These marketing changes accounted for four points of the October index decrease.

Compared with October 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 1 point (1.1 percent) higher. Price increases from October 1999 for

hogs, eggs, tomatoes, and cotton were partially offset by lower prices for milk, oranges, soybeans, and broilers.

### Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 121 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was up 1 point (0.8 percent) from September and 5 points (4.3 percent) above October 1999. Higher prices in October for feeder cattle, feed concentrates, feed grains, and complete feeds more than offset lower prices for gasoline and potash and phosphate materials.

#### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., OCTOBER 1999 AND 2000 AND SEPTEMBER 2000

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		October 1999 Entire Month	September 2000 Entire Month	October 2000 Mid-Month	October 1999 Entire Month	September 2000 Entire Month	October 2000 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	46.8	2/	2/	45.9	50.6	52.5
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.58	2.44	2.70
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.17	2.32	2.61
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.47	2.37	2.66
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	84.00	90.00	92.00	73.70	82.70	85.20
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	85.00	90.00	92.00	76.00	87.20	89.70
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	65.00	88.00	90.00	64.70	67.80	70.20
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	39.00	32.40	30.20	37.20	32.10	28.70
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	30.60	35.50	33.50	33.80	37.20	35.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	69.40	64.30	67.60	70.10	68.60	69.80
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	67.80	64.00	67.30	66.20	65.30	66.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	86.30	98.60	99.00	91.90	103.00	103.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	14.40	12.40	12.10	15.00	12.80	12.60

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/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 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	1999		2000	
	September	October	September	October
Prices Received	96	91	98	92
Prices Paid	115	116	120	121
Ratio 1/	83	78	82	76

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