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CATTLE ON FEED

On November 1, 2000, Arizona had 292,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 22 percent from a year ago and up 7 percent from last month. Placements totaled 42,000 head, 12 percent below October 1999. During October, 21,000 head were marketed, 6,000 more than last October.

On November 1, 2000, California had 440,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 11 percent from last year and up 5 percent from last month. Placements totaled 76,000 head, up 13 percent from last year. During October, 49,000 head were marketed, up 2,000 head from last year and the same as last month.

Cattle on feed November 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million, up 4 percent from the previous year and 11 percent above November 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.39 million, 9 percent below 1999 and slightly below 1998. Marketings during October totaled 1.65 million, 5 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998. Other disappearance during October was 50,000 head, 21 percent below 1999 but 11 percent above 1998.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on November 1, 2000. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 1999 and 10 percent above November 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.83 million, 9 percent below 1999 and slightly below 1998. Net placements were 2.76 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 1.07 million, 600-699 pounds were 755,000, 700-799 pounds were 531,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 477,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.92 million, 4 percent above 1999 and 8 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during October, 17 percent below 1999 but 27 percent above 1998.

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

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/					Placements During October			Marketings During October			Other Disappearance During October 3/		
	Nov 1, 1999	Oct 1, 2000	Nov 1, 2000			1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
			Number	as % of 1999	as % of Oct									
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		
*AZ	239	272	292	122	107	48	42	88	15	21	140	2	1	50
*CA	395	420	440	111	105	67	76	113	47	49	104	5	7	140
*CO	1,220	*1,170	1,250	102	107	360	290	81	205	205	100	5	5	100
ID	325	310	325	100	105	76	79	104	58	60	103	3	4	133
*IA	345	340	380	110	112	84	99	118	53	57	108	1	2	200
*KS	2,410	2,300	2,420	100	105	570	550	96	390	415	106	20	15	75
*NE	2,250	2,100	2,380	106	113	690	660	96	330	370	112	10	10	100
NM	107	96	109	102	114	31	27	87	14	13	93	1	1	100
OK	435	400	410	94	103	133	88	66	75	74	99	3	4	133
SD	157	145	180	115	124	70	70	100	23	34	148	1	1	100
*TX	2,930	2,900	3,030	103	104	810	670	83	530	530	100	20	10	50
WA	257	228	243	95	107	56	59	105	37	39	105	8	5	63
Other Sts	405	335	405	100	121	119	119	100	58	48	83	1	1	100
US	11,475	*11,016	11,864	103	108	3,114	2,829	91	1,835	1,915	104	80	66	83

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.

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COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for Arizona totaled 30.4 million pounds during October. This production was up 1 million pounds (3 percent) from the previous year's total of 29.4 million pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in October, up 2 percent from the 4.00 billion pounds produced in October 1999 and up slightly less than 2 percent from the previous record high for October set in 1998.

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

Beef production, at 2.35 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year and 2 percent higher than the previous record high for October set in 1997. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.14 million head, up 2 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year, at 1,231 pounds.

Veal production totaled 18 million pounds, 2 percent below the previous record low for October set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 97 thousand head, down 7 percent from October 1999. The average live weight was 13 pounds above last year, at 311 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.88 million head, 1 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18 million pounds, was down 6 percent from the previous record low for October set in 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 279 thousand head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from October a year ago.

January - October red meat production was 38.6 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than 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 4 percent.

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

CLASS	October 1999	September 2000	October 2000	October 2000 as % of 2/	
				October 1999	September 2000
	1,000 Lbs			Percent	
ARIZONA 3/					
Total Red Meat	29,400	30,600	30,400	103	99
UNITED STATES					
	Million Lbs				
Beef	2,265	2,275	2,345	104	103
Veal	19	17	18	98	110
Pork	1,698	1,552	1,715	101	111
Lamb and Mutton	20	17	18	94	106
Total Red Meat	4,001	3,861	4,097	102	106

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, OCTOBER 2000 AND U.S., JANUARY-OCTOBER 2000 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	October			January-October		
	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	41.6	51,226	1,233	30,597.8	22,609	1,218
Calves 4/				947.5	180	315
Hogs	0.7	165	239	81,103.6	15,611	261
Sheep	0.1	11	123	2,857.9	190	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.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 11.9 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from production in these same States in October 1999. September revised production, at 11.5 billion pounds was up 2.7 percent from September 1999. The September revision represented an decrease of 0.1 percent or 15 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,514 pounds for October, 23 pounds above October 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.85 million head, 105,000 head more than October 1999 and 2,000 head more than September 2000.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, OCTOBER 1999-2000

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 1999
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	135	140	1,725	1,615	233	226	-3.0
CA	1,480	1,544	1,760	1,735	2,605	2,679	2.8
FL	156	156	1,025	1,115	160	174	8.8
ID	327	357	1,750	1,770	572	632	10.5
IL	121	119	1,340	1,400	162	167	3.1
IN	135	149	1,325	1,420	179	212	18.4
IA	215	215	1,455	1,490	313	320	2.2
KY	131	131	1,015	1,060	133	139	4.5
MI	299	303	1,520	1,570	454	476	4.8
MN	545	530	1,400	1,435	763	761	-0.3
MO	158	152	1,130	1,180	179	179	
NM	235	261	1,685	1,710	396	446	12.6
NY	700	690	1,400	1,420	980	980	
OH	259	264	1,400	1,450	363	383	5.5
PA	617	618	1,450	1,470	895	908	1.5
TX	346	345	1,255	1,295	434	447	3.0
VT	159	158	1,390	1,425	221	225	1.8
VA	121	119	1,315	1,275	159	152	-4.4
WA	245	248	1,885	1,890	462	469	1.5
WI	1,362	1,352	1,385	1,415	1,886	1,913	1.4
20-State Total	7,746	7,851	1,491	1,514	11,549	11,888	2.9

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 4 POINTS

The Preliminary All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in November was 97 based on 1990-92=100, up 4 points (4.3 percent) from the October Index. Higher prices for broilers, cattle, corn and cauliflower were partially offset by lower prices for hogs, peanuts, milk and apples. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of cotton, milk, cattle and cottonseed were partially offset by lower marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes and lettuce.

Compared with November 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 4 points (4.3 percent) higher. Price increases from November 1999 for cotton, cattle, corn and tomatoes were partially offset by lower prices for milk, apples, oranges and potatoes.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The November 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 unchanged from October but 5 points (4.3 percent) above November 1999. Lower prices in November for diesel fuel and gasoline were offset by higher prices for nitrogen fertilizers, complete feeds, feeder cattle, and feed grains.

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

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		November 1999 Entire Month	October 2000 Entire Month	November 2000 Mid-Month	November 1999 Entire Month	October 2000 Entire Month	November 2000 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	45.6	58.8	2/	44.7	55.9	58.2
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.66	2.68	2.72
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.62	2.42	2.52
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.42	2.63	2.61
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	82.00	92.00	90.00	74.00	85.20	85.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	82.00	92.00	90.00	77.30	89.70	90.40
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	82.00	90.00	87.00	64.80	70.20	69.60
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	32.60	30.20	22.40	30.90	28.70	21.70
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	30.60	32.70	36.20	33.60	36.20	36.90
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	69.90	68.10	70.20	70.90	70.50	74.30
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	69.40	67.00	69.20	66.20	66.70	69.50
Calves	\$ Cwt	84.50	98.70	109.00	93.00	102.00	106.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	13.60	12.20	11.90	14.30	12.50	12.20

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	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	91	93	93	97
Prices Paid	116	116	121	121
Ratio 1/	78	80	77	80

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