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CATTLE ON FEED

On February 1, 2001, Arizona had 302,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 10 percent from a year ago, and up 1,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 28,000 head, 3 percent below January 1999. During January, 25,000 head were marketed, an increase of 4 percent from last January.

On February 1, 2001, California had 445,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 7 percent from last February down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 60,000 head, 5 percent above last year. During January, 55,000 head were marketed, an increase of 10 percent from January 2000.

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 February 1, 2001. The inventory was 3 percent above February 1, 2000 and 14 percent above February 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.26 million, 2 percent above 2000 and 17 percent above 1999. Net placements were 2.19 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 499,000, 600-699 pounds were 716,000, 700-799 pounds were 664,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 384,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 2.04 million, unchanged from 2000, but 1 percent above 1999. Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during January, 13 percent above 2000 and 11 percent above 1999.

Cattle on feed February 1, 2001, in the historic 7 States, for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million, up 3 percent from the previous year and 15 percent above February 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.97 million, 2 percent above 2000 and 17 percent above 1999. Marketings during January totaled 1.75 million, unchanged from 2000, and 1 percent above 1999. Other disappearance during January was 68,000 head, 33 percent above 2000 and 45 percent above 1999.

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 2000-2001

| STATE 1/ | Number on Feed 2/ | | | | | Placements During January | | | Marketings During January | | | Other Disappearance During January 3/ | | |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--|------|----------------------------|
| | Feb 1, 2000 | Jan 1, 2001 | Feb 1, 2001 | | | 2000 | 2001 | 2001 as % of 2000 | 2000 | 2001 | 2001 as % of 2000 | 2000 | 2001 | 2001 as % of 2000 |
| | | | Number | as % of 2000 | as % of Jan | | | | | | | | | |
| *AZ | 275 | 301 | 302 | 110 | 100 | 29 | 28 | 97 | 24 | 25 | 104 | 2 | 2 | 100 |
| *CA | 415 | 450 | 445 | 107 | 99 | 57 | 60 | 105 | 50 | 55 | 110 | 7 | 10 | 143 |
| *CO | 1,200 | 1,210 | 1,230 | 103 | 102 | 290 | 305 | 105 | 260 | 275 | 106 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| ID | 300 | 320 | 325 | 108 | 102 | 66 | 71 | 108 | 70 | 65 | 93 | 6 | 1 | 17 |
| *IA | 385 | 385 | 385 | 100 | 100 | 60 | 52 | 87 | 48 | 51 | 106 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| *KS | 2,340 | 2,400 | 2,500 | 107 | 104 | 520 | 580 | 112 | 480 | 465 | 97 | 10 | 15 | 150 |
| *NE | 2,370 | 2,400 | 2,430 | 103 | 101 | 500 | 480 | 96 | 420 | 430 | 102 | 10 | 20 | 200 |
| NM | 113 | 115 | 116 | 103 | 101 | 10 | 11 | 110 | 13 | 10 | 77 | 0 | 0 | |
| OK | 420 | 410 | 410 | 98 | 100 | 62 | 68 | 110 | 67 | 65 | 97 | 5 | 3 | 60 |
| SD | 200 | 202 | 205 | 103 | 101 | 38 | 35 | 92 | 30 | 31 | 103 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| *TX | 2,900 | 2,930 | 2,930 | 101 | 100 | 475 | 460 | 97 | 465 | 450 | 97 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| WA | 211 | 250 | 243 | 115 | 97 | 45 | 55 | 122 | 59 | 59 | 100 | 3 | 3 | 100 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sts | 445 | 425 | 420 | 94 | 99 | 64 | 58 | 91 | 62 | 61 | 98 | 2 | 2 | 100 |
| US | 11,574 | 11,798 | 11,941 | 103 | 101 | 2,216 | 2,263 | 102 | 2,048 | 2,042 | 100 | 69 | 78 | 113 |

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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JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 1.5 PERCENT

Milk production in the 20 major States during January totaled 12.1 billion pounds, down 1.5 percent from production in these same States in January 2000. December revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds was down 0.7 percent from December 1999. The December revision represented an decrease of 0.6 percent or 77 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,550 pounds for January, 29 pounds below January 2000. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 27,000 head more than January 2000, but 12,000 head less than December 2000.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, JANUARY 2000-2001

| State | Milk Cows 1/ | | Milk Per Cow 2/ | | Milk Production 2/ | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 | 2001 as % of 2000 |
| | 1,000 Head | | Lbs | | Million Lbs | | Percent |
| AZ | 137 | 140 | 1,925 | 1,795 | 264 | 251 | -4.9 |
| CA | 1,492 | 1,562 | 1,815 | 1,760 | 2,708 | 2,749 | 1.5 |
| FL | 156 | 155 | 1,450 | 1,415 | 226 | 219 | -3.1 |
| ID | 332 | 354 | 1,730 | 1,740 | 574 | 616 | 7.3 |
| IL | 120 | 118 | 1,500 | 1,470 | 180 | 173 | -3.9 |
| IN | 139 | 151 | 1,400 | 1,395 | 195 | 211 | 8.2 |
| IA | 215 | 215 | 1,555 | 1,525 | 334 | 328 | -1.8 |
| KY | 130 | 130 | 1,155 | 1,115 | 150 | 145 | -3.3 |
| MI | 298 | 301 | 1,590 | 1,585 | 474 | 477 | 0.6 |
| MN | 540 | 520 | 1,545 | 1,530 | 834 | 796 | -4.6 |
| MO | 158 | 149 | 1,240 | 1,150 | 196 | 171 | -12.8 |
| NM | 237 | 261 | 1,780 | 1,680 | 422 | 438 | 3.8 |
| NY | 700 | 670 | 1,450 | 1,430 | 1,015 | 958 | -5.6 |
| OH | 259 | 264 | 1,470 | 1,400 | 381 | 370 | -2.9 |
| PA | 617 | 607 | 1,520 | 1,520 | 938 | 923 | -1.6 |
| TX | 350 | 343 | 1,515 | 1,360 | 530 | 466 | -12.1 |
| VT | 160 | 158 | 1,485 | 1,510 | 238 | 239 | 0.4 |
| VA | 120 | 118 | 1,425 | 1,365 | 171 | 161 | -5.8 |
| WA | 246 | 247 | 1,900 | 1,875 | 467 | 463 | -0.9 |
| WI | 1,358 | 1,328 | 1,445 | 1,445 | 1,962 | 1,919 | -2.2 |
| 20-State Total | 7,764 | 7,791 | 1,579 | 1,550 | 12,259 | 12,073 | -1.5 |

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

BEES AND HONEY



UNITED STATES HONEY PRODUCTION UP 8 PERCENT

Honey production in 2000 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 221 million pounds, up 8 percent from 1999. There were 2.63 million colonies producing honey in 2000, down 2 percent from 1999. Yield per colony averaged 83.9 pounds, up 7.5 pounds from the 76.4 pounds in 1999. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 86.2 million pounds on December 15, 2000, up 9 percent from a year earlier.

HONEY PRICES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Prices for the 2000 crop averaged 59.4 cents per pound, down 1 percent from 60.1 cents in 1999. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Co-op and private prices were lower for all color classes except 'Other Honey' in 2000.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in January, up 4 percent from the 3.78 billion pounds produced in January 2000 and up 3 percent from the previous record high for January set in 1998. January 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays. January 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, up 2 percent from 2000. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,226 pounds. Veal production totaled 18 million pounds, 3 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 91 thousand head, down 2 percent from January 2000. The average live weight was 11 pounds above last year, at 322 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.69 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year and 4 percent above the previous record for January set in 1998. Hog kill totaled 8.64 million head, 6 percent above 2000. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 265 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 19 million pounds, was down slightly from January 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 269 thousand head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 6 pounds from January a year ago.

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

| Class | January 2000 | December 2000 | January 2001 | January 2001 as % of | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | | | | January 2000 | December 2000 |
| | | 1,000 Lbs | | | Percent |
| ARIZONA 2/ | | | | | |
| Total Red Meat | 30,400 | 32,000 | 33,000 | 109 | 103 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | |
| | | Million Lbs | | | |
| Beef | 2,178 | 1,998 | 2,205 | 101 | 110 |
| Veal | 17 | 18 | 18 | 103 | 100 |
| Pork | 1,570 | *1,582 | 1,693 | 108 | 107 |
| Lamb and Mutton | 19 | 21 | 19 | 100 | 92 |
| Total Red Meat | 3,784 | *3,619 | 3,934 | 104 | 109 |

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, JANUARY 2001 AND U.S., JANUARY 2001 1/

| SPECIES | ARIZONA | | | UNITED STATES | | |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | January | | | January | | |
| | 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 |
| ARIZONA | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 44.7 | 56,301 | 1,259 | 3,001.6 | 2,205 | 1,226 |
| Calves 4/ | | | | 91.1 | 18 | 322 |
| Hogs | 0.5 | 146 | 271 | 8,642.9 | 1,693 | 265 |
| Sheep 4/ | | | | 268.5 | 19 | 143 |

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.

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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 2 POINTS

The Preliminary All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in February was 99 based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.1 percent) from the January Index. Higher prices for lettuce, broilers, oranges, and hogs were partially offset by lower prices for strawberries, soybeans, corn, and tomatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and strawberries were partially offset by lower marketings of corn, soybeans, tobacco, and cotton.

Compared with February 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 6 points (6.5 percent) higher. Price increases from February 2000 for cattle, lettuce, milk, and broilers were partially offset by lower prices for soybeans, corn, grapefruit, and potatoes.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 126 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was up 2 points (1.6 percent) from January and 7 points (5.9 percent) above February 2000. Higher prices in February for nitrogen fertilizers, complete feeds, insecticides, and LP gas, were more than offset by lower prices for feeder cattle, feed grains, and potash and phosphate materials.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., FEBRUARY 2000 AND 2001 AND JANUARY 2001

| Commodity | Unit | ARIZONA | | | UNITED STATES | | |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | February 2000 Entire Month | January 2001 Entire Month | February 2001 Mid-Month | February 2000 Entire Month | January 2001 Entire Month | February 2001 Mid-Month |
| Upland Cotton 1/ | ¢ Lb | 0.489 | 2/ | 2/ | 0.478 | 0.523 | 0.503 |
| Cottonseed | \$ Ton | 126.00 | 124.00 | 116.00 | 108.00 | 109.00 | 114.00 |
| All Wheat 3/ | \$ Cwt | --- | --- | --- | 2.57 | 2.85 | 2.83 |
| Durum Wheat 3/ | \$ Cwt | --- | --- | --- | 2.84 | 2.94 | 3.25 |
| Winter Wheat 3/ | \$ Cwt | --- | --- | --- | 2.37 | 2.77 | 2.73 |
| All Hay Baled 4/ | \$ Ton | 83.00 | 89.00 | 92.00 | 74.80 | 84.90 | 86.80 |
| Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/ | \$ Ton | 84.00 | 89.00 | 93.00 | 78.00 | 91.30 | 94.20 |
| Other Hay Baled 4/ | \$ Ton | 76.00 | 83.00 | 84.00 | 66.70 | 69.50 | 71.20 |
| Grapefruit 6/ | \$ Box | 13.30 | 12.30 | 12.40 | 15.00 | 13.30 | 13.60 |
| Oranges 6/ | \$ Box | 16.20 | 16.90 | 16.80 | 13.60 | 15.10 | 16.30 |
| Lemons 6/ | \$ Box | 29.60 | 20.30 | 20.10 | 25.70 | 19.90 | 19.60 |
| Tangerines 6/ | \$ Box | 22.20 | 29.80 | 25.70 | 21.20 | 27.30 | 26.70 |
| Cows 7/ | \$ Cwt | 35.80 | 37.00 | 39.20 | 38.60 | 39.00 | 41.50 |
| Steers and Heifers | \$ Cwt | 68.90 | 77.40 | 77.30 | 72.80 | 79.30 | 78.40 |
| Beef Cattle 8/ | \$ Cwt | 68.60 | 77.00 | 76.90 | 69.30 | 74.80 | 74.70 |
| Calves | \$ Cwt | 101.00 | 107.00 | 111.00 | 107.00 | 108.00 | 108.00 |
| All Milk 9/ | \$ Cwt | 11.30 | 12.90 | 12.50 | 11.80 | 13.20 | 13.10 |

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 | 2000 | | 2001 | |
|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| | January | February | January | February |
| Prices Received | 91 | 93 | 97 | 99 |
| Prices Paid | 118 | 119 | 124 | 126 |
| Ratio 1/ | 77 | 78 | 78 | 79 |

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