



ARIZONA LIVESTOCK

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ARIZONA CATTLE ON FEED UP 13 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

On April 1, 2001, Arizona had 309,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 1 percent from last month, and up 13 percent from a year ago. Placements totaled 29,000 head, 3 percent below the previous March. During March, 22,000 head were marketed, down 19 percent from March 2000.

On April 1, 2001, California had 435,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 1 percent from last month, but up 7 percent from April 1, 2000. Placements totaled 65,000 head, 10 percent above March 2000. During March, 56,000 head were marketed, 10 percent above last March.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.52 million head on April 1, 2001. The inventory was 3 percent above April 1, 2000 and 11 percent above April 1, 1999. The inventory included 6.96 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.49 million head, up 3 percent from 2000. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.85 million, 9 percent below both 2000 and 1999. Net placements were 1.75 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 416,000, 700-799 pounds were 618,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 488,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.93 million, 6 percent below 2000 and 3 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 98,000 during March, 5 percent below 2000 but 38 percent above 1999.

Cattle on feed April 1, 2001, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.86 million, up 3 percent from the previous year and 11 percent above April 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.54 million, 11 percent below 2000 and 12 percent below 1999. Marketings during March totaled 1.61 million, 9 percent below 2000 and 3 percent below 1999. Other disappearance during March was 80,000 head, 8 percent above 2000 and 54 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 March			Marketings During March			Other Disappearance During March 3/		
	Apr 1, 2000	Mar 1, 2001	Apr 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 Mar									
*AZ	273	307	309	113	101	30	29	97	27	22	81	5	5	100
*CA	405	440	435	107	99	59	65	110	51	56	110	8	14	175
*CO	1,190	1,190	1,190	100	100	270	230	85	250	220	88	10	10	100
ID	320	320	330	103	103	69	72	104	47	61	130	7	1	14
*IA	375	385	385	103	100	57	46	81	56	45	80	1	1	100
*KS	2,280	2,470	2,460	108	100	400	395	99	420	385	92	20	20	100
*NE	2,310	2,380	2,350	102	99	400	320	80	390	335	86	10	15	150
NM	93	111	97	104	87	13	10	77	22	20	91	3	4	133
OK	380	390	370	97	95	73	66	90	87	83	95	6	3	50
SD	200	207	215	108	104	34	43	126	32	32	100	2	3	150
*TX	2,760	2,840	2,730	99	96	520	455	88	570	550	96	20	15	75
WA	211	245	257	122	105	48	53	110	41	40	98	6	1	17
Other														
Sts	405	410	395	98	96	58	68	117	63	77	122	5	6	120
US	11,202	11,695	11,523	103	99	2,031	1,852	91	2,056	1,926	94	103	98	95

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.

MARCH MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 2.2 PERCENT

Milk production in the 20 major States during March totaled 12.4 billion pounds, down 2.2 percent from March 2000. February revised production, at 11.1 billion pounds, was down 5.0 percent from February 2000. However, adjusting production for leap year would put February milk production down 1.6 percent. The February revision represented a decrease of 0.7 percent or 82 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,599 pounds for March, 33 pounds below March 2000.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 18,000 head less than March 2000, and 9,000 head less than February 2001.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, MARCH 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	2,115	1,880	290	263	-9.3
CA	1,501	1,570	1,825	1,785	2,739	2,802	2.3
FL	157	154	1,530	1,530	240	236	-1.7
ID	334	357	1,720	1,770	574	632	10.1
IL	120	117	1,580	1,580	190	185	-2.6
IN	143	151	1,435	1,470	205	222	8.3
IA	215	213	1,610	1,570	346	334	-3.5
KY	132	127	1,205	1,190	159	151	-5.0
MI	296	303	1,640	1,620	485	491	1.2
MN	540	520	1,585	1,560	856	811	-5.3
MO	156	148	1,350	1,270	211	188	-10.9
NM	240	261	1,890	1,760	454	459	1.1
NY	698	670	1,495	1,480	1,044	992	-5.0
OH	261	262	1,530	1,450	399	380	-4.8
PA	618	600	1,620	1,580	1,001	948	-5.3
TX	350	343	1,655	1,425	579	489	-15.5
VT	160	153	1,515	1,495	242	229	-5.4
VA	120	118	1,450	1,415	174	167	-4.0
WA	246	246	1,945	1,895	478	466	-2.5
WI	1,352	1,305	1,495	1,500	2,021	1,958	-3.1
20-State Total	7,776	7,758	1,632	1,599	12,687	12,403	-2.2

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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VEAL AND LAMB PRODUCTION SET RECORD LOWS FOR MARCH

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.78 billion pounds in March, down 7 percent from the 4.05 billion pounds produced in March 2000. March 2000 contained 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. March 2001 contained 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.92 million head, down 7 percent from March 2000. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,209 pounds.

Veal production totaled 16 million pounds, 17 percent below the previous March record low set last year. Calf slaughter totaled 84,000 head, down 18 percent from March 2000. The average live weight was 3 pounds above last year, at 323 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.63 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.33 million head, 6 percent below March 2000. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 264 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 23 million pounds, was down 3 percent from March 2000, which was also the previous March record low. Sheep slaughter totaled 326,000 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 3 pounds from March a year ago.

January - March red meat production was 11.1 billion pounds, 4 percent below the comparable figure a year ago. Using comparable figures from last year, beef production was 7 percent lower, veal production was 10 percent lower, pork production was down 1 percent, and lamb and mutton production was 5 percent lower.

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

Class	March 2000	February 2001	March 2001	March 2001 as % of	
				March 2000	February 2001
			1,000 Lbs	Percent	
ARIZONA 2/					
Total Red Meat	33,800	30,000	33,700	100	112
UNITED STATES					
			Million Lbs		
Beef	2,300	1,883	2,116	92	112
Veal	20	16	16	83	105
Pork	1,704	1,486	1,626	95	109
Lamb and Mutton	24	17	23	97	133
Total Red Meat	4,048	3,402	3,781	93	111

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

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	March 2001			January - March 2001		
	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	45.9	57,477	1,253	8,499.8	6,203	1,217
Calves 4/				254.2	50	324
Hogs	0.4	105	264	24,573.3	4,805	264
Sheep	0.1	11	114	840.2	60	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 4 POINTS

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in April was 107 based on 1990-92=100, up 4 points (3.9 percent) from the March Index. Higher prices for strawberries, milk, oranges, and hay were partially offset by lower prices for tomatoes, broilers, soybeans, and corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of cattle, milk, cucumbers, and broilers were partially offset by lower marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and hogs.

Compared with April 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 7 points (7.0 percent) higher. Price increases from April 2000 for milk, strawberries, cattle, and broilers were partially offset by lower prices for lettuce, soybeans, corn, and tomatoes.

PRICES PAID INDEX UP 1 POINT

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 124 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was up 1 point from March (0.8 percent) and 5 points (4.2 percent) above April 2000. Higher prices in April for feeder cattle, hay and forages, feeder pigs, and self-propelled machinery more than offset lower prices for feed grains, nitrogen fertilizers, insecticides, and gasoline.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., APRIL 2000 AND 2001 AND MARCH 2001

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		April 2000 Entire Month	March 2001 Entire Month	April 2001 Mid-Month	April 2000 Entire Month	March 2001 Entire Month	April 2001 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/		---	2/	2/	0.460	0.432	0.436
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.57	2.87	2.84
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.89	2.40	2.49
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.32	2.85	2.79
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	94.00	95.00	100.00	80.70	87.20	94.80
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	94.00	96.00	100.00	84.50	93.70	100.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	84.00	86.00	90.00	67.40	71.30	74.20
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	10.50	14.00	15.10	14.90	13.50	13.80
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	15.60	10.60	12.90	13.40	17.30	19.90
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	27.80	21.60	3/	25.20	20.60	26.10
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	15.90	17.00	4.54	23.10	26.50	25.10
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	38.60	39.60	42.20	39.80	42.30	42.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	72.40	79.30	79.00	75.20	80.50	80.70
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	72.10	78.90	78.60	71.30	76.30	76.50
Calves	\$ Cwt	106.00	112.00	113.00	111.00	112.00	113.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	11.40	13.40	13.70	11.90	13.90	14.40

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: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 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	2000		2001	
	March	April	March	April
Prices Received	95	100	103	107
Prices Paid	119	119	123	124
Ratio 1/	80	84	84	86

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