



ARIZONA LIVESTOCK MAY 2001

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ARIZONA CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP 12 PERCENT

On May 1, 2001, Arizona had 308,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 12 percent from a year ago and down 1,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 27,000 head, down 21 percent from April 2000. During April, 25,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 11 percent from last April.

On May 1, 2001, California had 435,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 7 percent from last May and the same as last month. Placements totaled 60,000 head, up 7 percent from April 2000. During April, 50,000 head were marketed, an increase of 2 percent from April 2000.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States, for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, totaled 11.17 million head on May 1, 2001. The inventory was 2 percent above May 1, 2000 and 11 percent above May 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.55 million, 9 percent below 2000 and 8 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.46 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 334,000, 600-699 pounds were 384,000, 700-799 pounds were 494,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 339,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, 3 percent below 2000 and 7 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 89,000 during April, 1 percent below 2000 and 14 percent below 1999.

Cattle on feed May 1, 2001, in the historic 7 States, for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, totaled 9.56 million, up 2 percent from the previous year and 11 percent above May 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.32 million, 10 percent below 2000 and 8 percent below 1999. Marketings during April totaled 1.55 million, 3 percent below 2000 and 8 percent below 1999. Other disappearance during April was 74,000 head, 4 percent above 2000, but 5 percent below 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 April			Marketings During April			Other Disappearance During April 3/		
	May 1, 2000	Apr 1, 2001	May 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 Apr									
		1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
*AZ	276	309	308	112	100	34	27	79	28	25	89	3	3	100
*CA	405	435	435	107	100	56	60	107	49	50	102	7	10	143
*CO	1,210	1,190	1,170	97	98	195	160	82	170	170	100	5	10	200
ID	315	330	330	105	100	49	56	114	43	53	123	11	3	27
*IA	370	385	380	103	99	40	37	93	44	41	93	1	1	100
*KS	2,230	2,460	2,380	107	97	380	350	92	400	395	99	30	35	117
*NE	2,240	2,350	2,250	100	96	320	250	78	380	345	91	10	5	50
NM	90	97	83	92	86	16	12	75	19	25	132	0	1	0
OK	360	370	345	96	93	70	51	73	88	72	82	2	4	200
SD	180	215	215	119	100	16	27	169	33	25	76	3	2	67
*TX	2,660	2,730	2,640	99	97	445	440	99	530	520	98	15	10	67
WA	218	257	254	117	99	40	37	93	32	39	122	1	1	100
Other														
Sts	390	395	380	97	96	46	44	96	59	55	93	2	4	200
US	10,944	11,523	11,170	102	97	1,707	1,551	91	1,875	1,815	97	90	89	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.

APRIL U.S. MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 1.9 PERCENT

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.2 billion pounds, down 1.9 percent from April 2000. March revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was down 2.3 percent from March 2000. The March revision represented a decrease of 2 million pounds, virtually unchanged from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,572 pounds for April, 21 pounds below April 2000.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 45,000 head less than April 2000, and 12,000 head less than March 2001.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, APRIL 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	138	140	2,080	1,855	287	260	-9.4
CA	1,506	1,574	1,815	1,765	2,733	2,778	1.6
FL	158	154	1,470	1,500	232	231	-0.4
ID	339	360	1,710	1,750	580	630	8.6
IL	120	117	1,520	1,555	182	182	
IN	145	152	1,370	1,450	199	220	10.6
IA	215	212	1,560	1,545	335	328	-2.1
KY	133	128	1,165	1,170	155	150	-3.2
MI	299	303	1,610	1,595	481	483	0.4
MN	540	515	1,530	1,520	826	783	-5.2
MO	157	148	1,330	1,265	209	187	-10.5
NM	241	261	1,835	1,760	442	459	3.8
NY	695	670	1,460	1,450	1,015	972	-4.2
OH	262	261	1,430	1,440	375	376	0.3
PA	615	599	1,590	1,540	978	922	-5.7
TX	350	339	1,550	1,405	543	476	-12.3
VT	160	152	1,475	1,455	236	221	-6.4
VA	120	118	1,410	1,400	169	165	-2.4
WA	247	246	1,935	1,860	478	458	-4.2
WI	1,349	1,295	1,450	1,460	1,956	1,891	-3.3
20-State Total	7,789	7,744	1,593	1,572	12,411	12,172	-1.9

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 LOW PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.51 billion pounds in April, up 1 percent from the 3.46 billion pounds produced in April 2000. April 2000 contained 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. April 2001 contained 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 1.94 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.71 million head, down 2 percent from April 2000. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,186 pounds.

Veal production totaled 15 million pounds, 9 percent below April a year ago which was the previous record low of 17 million pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 74,000 head, down 8 percent from April 2000. The average live weight was 3 pounds below last year, at 340 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.53 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.83 million head, 8 percent above April 2000. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 265 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20 million pounds, was down 14 percent from April 2000 and 1 million pounds below the previous low from 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 290,000 head, 16 percent below last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 4 pounds from April a year ago.

January - April red meat production was 14.6 billion pounds, 3 percent below the comparable figure a year ago. Using comparable figures from last year, beef production was 6 percent lower, veal production was 7 percent lower, pork production was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was 8 percent lower.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S.

Class	April 2000	March 2001	April 2001	April 2001 as % of 1/		
				April 2000	March 2001	
	1,000 Lbs			Percent		
ARIZONA						
Total Red Meat 2/	31,000	33,700	30,900	100	92	
UNITED STATES 3/						
	Million Lbs					
Beef	2,027	*2,096	1,939	96	93	
Veal	17	16	15	91	93	
Pork	1,398	1,626	1,532	110	94	
Lamb and Mutton	23	23	20	86	87	
Total Red Meat	3,465	*3,761	3,507	101	93	

* Revised

1/ Percentage based on unrounded data.

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

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

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

Species	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	April 2001			January-April 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
Cattle	41.6	52,561	1,264	11,214.1	8,120	1,207
Calves 4/				328.4	65	328
Hogs	0.5	119	241	32,405.2	6,337	264
Sheep	0.1	13	118	1,130.7	80	142

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.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 2 POINTS

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in May was 108 based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (1.9 percent) from the April Index. Higher prices for milk, hogs, tomatoes, and broilers were partially offset by lower prices for strawberries, cattle, eggs, and corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of cantaloups, broilers, grapes, and peaches were partially offset by lower marketings of cattle, milk, asparagus, cotton, and hogs.

Compared with May 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 8 points (8.0 percent) higher. Price increases from May 2000 for milk, broilers, cantaloups, and cattle were partially offset by lower prices for corn, soybeans, broccoli, and lettuce.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 123 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from April but 4 points (3.4 percent) above May 2000. Lower prices in May for nitrogen fertilizers, complete feeds, feeder cattle, and feeder pigs were offset by higher prices for hay and forages, gasoline, and diesel fuel.

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

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2000 Entire Month	April 2001 Entire Month	May 2001 Mid-Month	May 2000 Entire Month	April 2001 Entire Month	May 2001 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	---	---	---	0.473	0.435	0.431
All Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.59	2.86	2.98
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.98	2.52	2.53
Winter Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.44	2.77	2.94
All Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	96.00	100.00	101.00	89.40	94.80	106.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	97.00	100.00	101.00	93.90	100.00	113.00
Other Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	86.00	90.00	92.00	71.30	74.20	76.60
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	14.10	15.10	12.30	13.40	13.80	15.40
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	11.90	12.90	14.40	13.90	19.90	19.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	---	---	---	22.40	26.10	28.70
Tangerines 4/	\$ Box	7.22	4.54	---	21.90	25.10	34.50
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	36.80	48.70	47.00	38.90	43.30	43.40
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	70.80	77.30	74.60	73.20	79.60	76.20
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	70.50	77.00	74.30	69.40	75.60	72.70
Calves	\$ Cwt	97.80	107.00	107.00	107.00	111.00	112.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	11.70	14.10	15.20	12.00	14.40	15.40

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

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

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

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

7/ 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	
	April	May	April	May
Prices Received	100	100	106	108
Prices Paid	119	119	123	123
Ratio 1/	84	84	86	88

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