



# ARIZONA LIVESTOCK

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### CATTLE ON FEED

On October 1, 2001, Arizona had 298,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 110 percent from a year ago and up 102 percent from last month. Placements totaled 33,000 head, 83 percent below September 2000. During September, 27,000 head were marketed, 4,000 more than last September.

On October 1, 2001, California had 465,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 111 percent from last year and up 99 percent from last month. Placements totaled 47,000 head, down 80 percent from last year. During September, 49,000 head were marketed, the same as last year, but down 3,000 from last month.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on October 1, 2001. The inventory was 1 percent above October 1, 2000 and 8 percent above October 1, 1999. The inventory included 6.63 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.45 million head, up 1 percent from 2000. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.14 million, 20 percent below 2000 and 23 percent below 1999. Net placements were 2.09 million.

Cattle on feed October 1, 2001, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.61 million, up 1 percent from the previous year and 9 percent above October 1, 1999. The inventory included 5.69 million steers and steer calves, up 2 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 slightly from 2000. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 1.81 million, 21 percent below 2000 and 23 percent below 1999. Marketings during September totaled 1.54 million, 10 percent below 2000 and 9 percent below 1999. Other disappearance during September was 40,000 head, 17 percent below 2000 and 27 percent below 1999.

### CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) SEPTEMBER 1, 2001 AND OCTOBER 1, 2000 AND 2001, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE SEPTEMBER 2000 AND 2001 BY STATE, UNITED STATES, AND HISTORIC 7 STATES

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/					Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	Oct 1, 2000	Sep 1, 2001	Oct 1, 2001			During September			During September			During September 3/		
			Number	as % of 2000	as % of Sep	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	1,000 Head		Percent	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent	
*AZ	272	293	298	110	102	40	33	83	23	27	117	2	1	50
*CA	420	470	465	111	99	59	47	80	49	49	100	5	3	60
*CO	1,170	*1,010	1,060	91	105	335	260	78	225	205	91	10	5	50
ID	310	305	310	100	102	75	72	96	53	66	125	2	1	50
*IA	340	310	310	91	100	52	66	127	41	65	159	1	1	100
*KS	2,300	2,490	2,540	110	102	540	470	87	450	410	91	10	10	100
*NE	2,100	1,820	1,950	93	107	560	450	80	370	315	85	10	5	50
NM	96	96	97	101	101	20	13	65	13	11	85	1	1	100
OK	400	395	390	98	99	110	68	62	83	71	86	2	2	100
SD	145	140	136	94	97	50	35	70	33	39	118	0	0	
*TX	2,900	2,990	2,990	103	100	700	480	69	550	465	85	10	15	150
WA	228	231	244	107	106	62	59	95	38	45	118	0	1	
Other														
Sts	335	305	335	100	110	83	83	100	62	52	84	1	1	100
US	11,016	*10,855	11,125	101	102	2,686	2,136	80	1,990	1,820	91	54	46	85

\* Revised

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.

# Happy Thanksgiving

## COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for Arizona totaled 33.0 million pounds during September. This production was up 2.4 million pounds from the previous year's total of 30.6 million pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.66 billion pounds in September, down 5 percent from the 3.86 billion pounds produced in September 2000.

September 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. September 2001 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year, a record September tonnage. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, down 7 percent from September 2000. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,240 pounds.

Veal production totaled 15 million pounds, 10 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 78,600 head, down 16 percent from September 2000. The average live weight was 20 pounds above last year, at 313 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.51 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.81 million head, 4 percent below September 2000. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16 million pounds, was down 6 percent from September 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 243,300 head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 5 pounds from September a year ago.

January - September red meat production was 33.6 billion pounds, 3 percent below the previous year. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent to last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was virtually unchanged, and lamb and mutton was down 4 percent.

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S. SEPTEMBER 2000 AND 2001 AND AUGUST 2001 1/

CLASS	September 2000	August 2001	September 2001	September 2001 as % of 2/	
				September 2000	August 2001
			1,000 Lbs	Percent	
<b>ARIZONA 3/</b>					
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>30,600</b>	<b>38,200</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
			Million Lbs	Percent	
Beef	2,275	2,424	2,120	93	87
Veal	17	17	15	90	87
Pork	1,554	1,600	1,513	97	95
Lamb and Mutton	17	19	16	94	88
Total Red Meat	3,863	4,060	3,664	95	90

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 2001 AND U.S., JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2001 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	Lbs	1,000 Head	Million Lbs	Lbs
Cattle	<b>44.2</b>	<b>55,223</b>	<b>1,251</b>	26,520.3	19,403	1,210
Calves 4/				740.4	144	322
Hogs	<b>0.3</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>233</b>	71,477.8	13,897	263
Sheep	<b>0.1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>122</b>	2,361.0	165	141

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 216 million pounds, up 1.4 percent from September 2000. Production per cow in Arizona averaged 1,545 pounds for September, 25 pounds more than September 2000. The number of cows on farms in Arizona was 140,000 head, the same as September 2000.

The quarterly production of milk for Arizona was 673 million pounds, slightly below the July-September period last year. The average number of milk cows in Arizona during the July-September quarter was 140,000 head, unchanged from the same period last year.

Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.4 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from September 2000. August revised production, at 11.8 billion pounds, was down 1.3 percent from August 2000. The August revision represented a decrease of 0.5 percent or 56 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,471 pounds for September, 7 pounds above September 2000.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.73 million head, 91,000 head less than September 2000, and 8,000 head less than August 2001.

The quarterly production of milk for the U.S. was 40.6 billion pounds, 1.3 percent below the July-September period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the July-September quarter was 9.10 million head, 128,000 head less than the same period last year.

### MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, SEPTEMBER 2000-2001

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2000
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
<b>AZ</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>1.4</b>
CA	1,540	1,601	1,685	1,700	2,595	2,722	4.9
FL	157	152	1,070	1,105	168	168	
ID	356	372	1,720	1,770	612	658	7.5
IL	120	115	1,350	1,345	162	155	-4.3
IN	148	154	1,275	1,320	189	203	7.4
IA	215	206	1,450	1,430	312	295	-5.4
KY	132	127	980	985	129	125	-3.1
MI	300	301	1,515	1,520	455	458	0.7
MN	530	510	1,380	1,360	731	694	-5.1
MO	153	142	1,080	1,020	165	145	-12.1
NM	258	270	1,645	1,700	424	459	8.3
NY	678	670	1,410	1,410	956	945	-1.2
OH	264	257	1,360	1,370	359	352	-1.9
PA	619	596	1,420	1,450	879	864	-1.7
TX	346	319	1,145	1,115	396	356	-10.1
VT	159	152	1,410	1,435	224	218	-2.7
VA	119	118	1,220	1,220	145	144	-0.7
WA	247	247	1,845	1,840	456	454	-0.4
WI	1,339	1,280	1,405	1,360	1,881	1,741	-7.4
20-State Total	7,820	7,729	1,464	1,471	11,451	11,372	-0.7

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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### PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DECLINES SHARPLY

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October was 95, based on 1990-92=100, down a record 10 points (9.5 percent) from the September Index. When compared to the historical base of 1910-1914, the index shows a 66 point decline, becoming the largest month-to-month decrease in recorded history. The previous record one-month decline was 57 points, and occurred between the months of August and September, 1973.

A significant downturn in prices for lettuce, milk, soybeans, hogs, corn, broilers, and cattle combined with seasonal shifts in marketings set the stage for the monthly downturn in the index. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Overall marketing changes accounted for 6 of the 10 point decrease in the October index (1990-92=100).

When compared with October 2000, however, the All Farm Products Index was still 2 points (2.2 percent) higher. Price increases from October 2000 for milk, broilers, feed grains, fruits, and potatoes more than offset decreases in oilseeds, cotton, vegetables and eggs.

### PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The October 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 September but 2 points (1.7 percent) above October 2000. Lower prices in October for nitrogen fertilizer materials, diesel fuel, gasoline, and feed concentrates were offset by higher prices paid for milk cows, feeder cattle and calves, and potash and phosphorus fertilizers.

### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., OCTOBER 2000 AND 2001 AND SEPTEMBER 2001

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		October 2000 Entire Month	September 2001 Entire Month	October 2001 Mid-Month	October 2000 Entire Month	September 2001 Entire Month	October 2001 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	58.8	2/	2/	55.9	38.5	34.4
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.68	2.85	2.86
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.42	3.02	3.11
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.63	2.81	2.81
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	92.00	96.00	90.00	85.20	98.60	99.40
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	92.00	96.00	90.00	89.70	106.00	108.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	90.00	90.00	86.00	70.20	72.80	70.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	30.20	40.50	40.10	28.70	37.70	39.10
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	32.70	38.40	37.00	36.20	40.90	38.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	68.10	69.10	68.50	70.50	72.10	70.80
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	67.00	68.80	68.20	66.70	69.00	67.50
Calves	\$ Cwt	98.70	99.50	96.20	102.00	106.00	101.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	12.20	16.90	16.40	12.50	17.00	16.20

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	2000		2001	
	September	October	September	October
Prices Received	97	93	105	95
Prices Paid	120	121	123	123
Ratio 1/	81	77	85	77

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