



ARIZONA LIVESTOCK MAY 2002

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ARIZONA CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

On May 1, 2002, Arizona had 304,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 1 percent from a year ago and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 26,000 head, down 4 percent from April 2001. During April, 34,000 head were marketed, an increase of 36 percent from last April.

On May 1, 2002, California had 480,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 10 percent from last May and down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 59,000 head, down 2 percent from April 2001. During April, 61,000 head were marketed, an increase of 22 percent from April 2001.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.96 million head on May 1, 2002. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2001, but slightly above May 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.45 million, 6 percent below 2001 and 15 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.37 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 210,000, 600-699 pounds were 255,000, 700-799 pounds were 512,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 476,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.99 million, 10 percent above 2001 and 6 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during April, 7 percent below 2001 and 8 percent below 2000.

Cattle on feed May 1, 2002, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.39 million, down 2 percent from the previous year and down slightly from May 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.24 million, 7 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000. Marketings during April totaled 1.71 million, 11 percent above 2001 and 7 percent above 2000. Other disappearance during April was 71,000 head, 4 percent below 2001, but unchanged from 2000.

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 2001-2002

State 1/	Number on Feed 2/					Placements During April			Marketings During April			Other Disappearance During April 3/		
	May 1, 2001	Apr 1, 2002	May 1, 2002			2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
			Number	as % of 2001	as % of Apr									
		1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	
*AZ	308	314	304	99	97	27	26	96	25	34	136	3	2	67
*CA	435	485	480	110	99	60	59	98	50	61	122	10	3	30
*CO	1,170	1,120	1,080	92	96	160	165	103	170	190	112	10	15	150
ID	330	325	315	95	97	56	52	93	53	60	113	3	2	67
*IA	380	395	385	101	97	37	40	108	41	49	120	1	1	100
*KS	2,380	2,420	2,270	95	94	350	320	91	395	445	113	35	25	71
*NE	2,250	2,300	2,170	96	94	250	260	104	345	380	110	5	10	200
NM	83	113	102	123	90	12	11	92	25	21	84	1	1	100
OK	345	360	340	99	94	51	49	96	72	67	93	4	2	50
SD	215	220	215	100	98	27	28	104	25	32	128	2	1	50
*TX	2,640	2,900	2,700	102	93	440	365	83	520	550	106	10	15	150
WA	254	230	215	85	93	37	26	70	39	39	100	1	2	200
Other														
Sts	380	395	380	100	96	44	52	118	55	63	115	4	4	100
US	11,170	11,577	10,956	98	95	1,551	1,453	94	1,815	1,991	110	89	83	93

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 UP 2.9 PERCENT

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.5 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from April 2001. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from March 2001. The March revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,614 pounds for April, 43 pounds above April 2001.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 12,000 head more than April 2001, and 8,000 head more than March 2002.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, APRIL 2001-2002

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Head		Lbs		Million Lbs		Percent
AZ	140	140	1,855	2,020	260	283	8.8
CA	1,576	1,636	1,770	1,790	2,790	2,928	4.9
FL	154	151	1,475	1,420	227	214	-5.7
ID	360	381	1,740	1,740	626	663	5.9
IL	117	115	1,555	1,610	182	185	1.6
IN	152	152	1,435	1,485	218	226	3.7
IA	212	209	1,545	1,585	328	331	0.9
KY	128	123	1,180	1,240	151	153	1.3
MI	304	296	1,620	1,675	492	496	0.8
MN	515	490	1,495	1,515	770	742	-3.6
MO	148	138	1,265	1,325	187	183	-2.1
NM	261	295	1,760	1,815	459	535	16.6
NY	670	679	1,450	1,500	972	1,019	4.8
OH	261	260	1,390	1,470	363	382	5.2
PA	599	581	1,540	1,600	922	930	0.9
TX	332	310	1,435	1,580	476	490	2.9
VT	152	154	1,455	1,495	221	230	4.1
VA	118	120	1,380	1,400	163	168	3.1
WA	246	247	1,860	1,895	458	468	2.2
WI	1,295	1,275	1,460	1,480	1,891	1,887	-0.2
20-State Total	7,740	7,752	1,571	1,614	12,156	12,513	2.9

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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**MONTHLY RECORD HIGHS FOR RED MEAT PRODUCTION
AND BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTION**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.90 billion pounds in April, up 11 percent from the 3.51 billion pounds produced in April 2001 and a new record high for April. April 2001 contained 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. April 2002 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.19 billion pounds, was 13 percent above the previous year and a new record high for April. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.95 million head, up 9 percent from April 2001. The average live weight was 1,227 pounds, up 41 pounds from April a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.1 million pounds, 6 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,000 head, up 10 percent from April 2001. The average live weight was 327 pounds, down 13 pounds from April a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.67 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year and a new record high for April. Hog kill totaled 8.43 million head, 8 percent above April 2001. The average live weight was 267 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.1 million pounds, was down 5 percent from April 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 278,300 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January - April red meat production was 15.2 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S.

Class	April 2001	March 2002	April 2002	April 2002 as % of 1/	
				April 2001	March 2002
	1,000 Lbs			Percent	
ARIZONA					
Total Red Meat 2/	30,900	36,100	36,100	117	100
UNITED STATES 3/					
	Million Lbs			Percent	
Beef	1,939	2,059	2,194	113	107
Veal	15	15	16	106	107
Pork	1,533	1,581	1,673	109	106
Lamb and Mutton	20	22	19	95	86
Total Red Meat	3,507	3,677	3,902	111	106

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 2002			January-April 2002		
	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	46.5	60,872	1,308	11,355.9	8,570	1,246
Calves 4/				319.9	62	324
Hogs	0.8	182	238	32,566.7	6,451	267
Sheep	0.1	11	96	1,114.1	77	138

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.

FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 3 POINTS FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May was 98, based on 1990-92=100, up 3 points (3.2 percent) from the revised April index. Higher prices for broilers, potatoes, hogs, and oranges more than offset lower prices for lettuce, cattle, milk, and cucumbers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for cantaloupe, grapes, sweet corn, and peaches more than offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, apples and asparagus.

Compared with May last year, the All Farm Products Index was down 10 points (9.3 percent). Lower prices for broilers, hogs, cattle, and cucumbers more than offset higher prices for potatoes, strawberries, corn, and soybeans. The Food Commodities Index increased by 4.3 percent over last month to 97, but was 11.8 percent below last year.

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 1 point (0.8 percent) below May 2001. Lower prices in May for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, nitrogen fertilizers, and feed supplements were offset by higher prices for LP gas, feed grains, complete feeds, and other chemicals.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., MAY 2001 AND 2002 AND APRIL 2002

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2001 Entire Month	April 2002 Entire Month	May 2002 Mid-Month	May 2001 Entire Month	April 2002 Entire Month	May 2002 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	---	2/	2/	0.422	0.293	0.275
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.99	2.84	2.80
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.66	3.39	3.12
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.93	2.75	2.72
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	101.00	103.00	105.00	106.00	99.90	102.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	101.00	103.00	105.00	113.00	106.00	108.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	92.00	96.00	97.00	76.60	78.70	76.70
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	12.30	12.60	14.50	15.40	13.60	13.70
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	14.40	11.10	9.70	19.00	18.30	17.90
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	---	3/	3/	28.70	27.20	30.20
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	---	11.10	3/	---	28.30	28.50
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	46.10	36.90	36.10	43.70	40.10	40.20
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	73.30	68.60	68.20	77.40	70.60	69.30
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	73.00	68.30	67.90	73.60	67.20	66.10
Calves	\$ Cwt	103.00	99.00	98.00	111.00	100.00	98.90
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	15.10	11.90	11.80	15.40	12.50	12.30

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., Lemons 76 lbs., Oranges 75 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	2001		2002	
	April	May	April	May
Prices Received	106	108	95	98
Prices Paid	124	124	123	123
Ratio 1/	85	87	77	80

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