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CATTLE ON FEED

On November 1, 2002, Arizona had 290,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 4 percent from a year ago but up 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 28,000 head, down 7,000 from October 2001. During October, 25,000 head were marketed, 6,000 fewer than last October.

On November 1, 2002, California had 490,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 4 percent from last year but down 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 60,000 head, unchanged from last year. During October, 58,000 head were marketed, up 8,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on November 1, 2002. The inventory was 9 percent below both November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.39 million, 12 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.30 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 809,000, 600-699 pounds were 638,000, 700-799 pounds were 521,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 420,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001 and 3 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 84,000 during October, 24 percent above 2001 and 27 percent above 2000.

Cattle on feed November 1, 2002, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.3 million, down 9 percent from both the previous year and November 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.01 million, 13 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000.

Marketings during October totaled 1.71 million, 4 percent above both 2001 and 2000. Other disappearance during October was 75,000 head, 32 percent above 2001 and 50 percent above 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) OCTOBER 1, 2002 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2001 AND 2002, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE OCTOBER 2000 AND 2002 BY STATE, UNITED STATES, AND HISTORIC 7 STATES

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/					Placements During October			Marketings During October			Other Disappearance During October 3/		
	Nov 1, 2001	Oct 1, 2002	Nov 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 Oct									
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
*AZ	301	288	290	96	101	35	28	80	31	25	81	1	1	100
*CA	470	495	490	104	99	60	60	100	50	58	116	5	7	140
*CO	1,170	1,030	1,060	91	103	315	250	79	200	210	105	5	10	200
ID	330	280	295	89	105	79	77	97	58	61	105	1	1	100
*IA	340	315	335	99	106	75	95	127	44	73	166	1	2	200
*KS	2,670	2,280	2,300	86	101	560	455	81	415	410	99	15	25	167
*NE	2,200	1,960	2,110	96	108	590	520	88	330	360	109	10	10	100
NM	108	113	116	107	103	26	21	81	14	16	114	1	2	200
OK	395	330	340	86	103	80	75	94	72	63	88	3	2	67
SD	171	150	170	99	113	61	57	93	25	36	144	1	1	100
*TX	3,080	2,720	2,730	89	100	680	600	88	570	570	100	20	20	100
WA	258	170	185	72	109	54	49	91	38	33	87	2	1	50
Other														
Sts	370	285	320	86	112	87	101	116	49	64	131	3	2	67
US	11,863	10,416	10,741	91	103	2,702	2,388	88	1,896	1,979	104	68	84	124

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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COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for Arizona totaled 38.6 million pounds during October. This production was up 1.4 million pounds (4 percent) from the previous year's total of 37.2 million pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States for the United States totaled 4.38 billion pounds in October, up 3 percent from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in October 2001 and a new record high for October. October 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. October 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.51 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year and a new record high for October. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.27 million head, up 3 percent from October 2001. The average live weight was 1,270 pounds, up 23 pounds from October a year ago.

Veal production totaled 18.7 million pounds, 5 percent above October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 100,800 head, up 7 percent from October 2001. The average live weight was 308 pounds, down 10 pounds from October a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.40 million head, 1 percent above October 2001. The average live weight was 264 pounds, down 3 pounds from October a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.6 million pounds, was down 1 percent from October 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 300,200 head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 6 pounds from October a year ago.

January - October red meat production was 39.4 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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

CLASS	October 2001	September 2002	October 2002	October 2002 as % of 2/	
				October 2001	September 2002
	1,000 Lbs			Percent	
ARIZONA 3/					
Total Red Meat	37,200	35,800	38,600	104	108
UNITED STATES					
	Million Lbs			Percent	
Beef	2,389	2,201	2,512	105	114
Veal	18	16	19	105	115
Pork	1,838	1,638	1,831	100	112
Lamb and Mutton	20	18	20	99	111
Total Red Meat	4,265	3,873	4,382	103	113

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, OCTOBER 2002 AND U.S., JANUARY-OCTOBER 2002 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	October			January-October		
	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	49.2	65,252	1,327	30,097.6	22,819	1,248
Calves 4/				855.0	161	312
Hogs	0.2	40	260	82,947.8	16,241	264
Sheep	0.1	12	120	2,726.4	181	134

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.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 12.0 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from October 2001. September revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds, was up 2.5 percent from September 2001. The September revision represented a decrease of 91 million pounds or 0.7 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,544 pounds for October, 22 pounds above October 2001.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 67,000 head more than October 2001, and 8,000 head more than September 2002.

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

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	140	150	1,670	1,745	234	262	12.0
CA	1,609	1,664	1,745	1,755	2,808	2,920	4.0
FL	152	147	1,120	1,130	170	166	-2.4
ID	369	392	1,820	1,770	672	694	3.3
IL	114	115	1,390	1,430	158	164	3.8
IN	154	149	1,375	1,420	212	212	
IA	206	208	1,480	1,480	305	308	1.0
KY	126	120	1,030	1,035	130	124	-4.6
MI	302	300	1,600	1,650	483	495	2.5
MN	500	480	1,395	1,390	698	667	-4.4
MO	141	136	1,085	1,120	153	152	-0.7
NM	273	305	1,750	1,750	478	534	11.7
NY	673	676	1,470	1,500	989	1,014	2.5
OH	257	264	1,380	1,380	355	364	2.5
PA	596	591	1,500	1,495	894	884	-1.1
TX	315	309	1,240	1,350	391	417	6.6
VT	153	153	1,450	1,425	222	218	-1.8
VA	118	119	1,290	1,295	152	154	1.3
WA	247	247	1,860	1,865	459	461	0.4
WI	1,281	1,268	1,400	1,435	1,793	1,820	1.5
20-State Total	7,726	7,793	1,522	1,544	11,756	12,030	2.3

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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NOVEMBER FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 1 POINT FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November is 97, based on 1990-92=100, up 1 point (1.0 percent) from the October index. Higher prices for soybeans, eggs, cattle, and tomatoes more than offset lower prices for hogs, milk, lettuce, and corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Increased marketings of cotton, milk, cattle, and cottonseed offset decreased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and sunflower.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is 4 points (4.3 percent) above November, 2001. Higher prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle more than offset lower prices for broilers, hogs, turkeys, and calves.

The Food Commodities Index increased 2 points (2.1 percent) above last month to 96, but is 1.0 percent below November last year.

PRICES PAID INDEX UP 1 POINT

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 126 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point (0.8 percent) from October and 4 points (3.3 percent) above November 2001. Higher prices in November for feeder pigs, feeder cattle, feed supplements, and nitrogen fertilizers more than offset lower prices for feed concentrates, diesel fuel, herbicides, and self-propelled machinery.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., NOVEMBER 2001 AND 2002 AND OCTOBER 2002

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		November 2001 Entire Month	October 2002 Entire Month	November 2002 Mid-Month	November 2001 Entire Month	October 2002 Entire Month	November 2002 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	2/	2/	29.5	39.0	41.4
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	128.00	148.00	136.00	91.00	100.00	100.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.88	4.37	4.23
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.08	4.43	4.23
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.81	4.32	4.15
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	93.00	102.00	97.10	94.50	93.60
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	93.00	103.00	106.00	101.00	101.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	89.00	90.00	92.00	74.10	73.40	75.40
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	3/	3/	13.30	15.30	17.30	14.80
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	34.20	36.50	34.60	34.90	36.10	34.20
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	23.00	3/	22.40	20.40	15.70	19.60
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	19.90	3/	27.60	23.90	22.20	27.80
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	35.90	33.20	32.20	35.80	33.60	32.60
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	65.50	70.50	70.40	67.80	68.50	70.90
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	65.20	70.10	70.00	63.90	64.70	66.50
Calves	\$ Cwt	95.20	95.00	93.20	96.40	91.90	90.40
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	14.20	11.60	11.50	14.40	12.10	11.70

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.,

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	2000		2001	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	94	93	96	97
Prices Paid	123	122	125	126
Ratio 1/	76	76	77	77

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