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CATTLE ON FEED

On February 1, 2003, Arizona had 291,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 6 percent from a year ago, but up 2,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 29,000 head, 9 percent below January 2002. During January 24,000 head were marketed, down 4 percent from last January.

On February 1, 2003, California had 475,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, the same number as last February and down 15,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 58,000 head, 2 percent below last year. During January 67,000 head were marketed, an increase of 18 percent from January 2002.

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 February 1, 2003. The inventory was 8 percent below February 1, 2002 and 11 percent below February 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.14 million, 2 percent below 2002 and 6 percent below 2001. Net placements were 2.06 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 433,000, 600-699 pounds were 587,000, 700-799 pounds were 706,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 409,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.97 million, down 5 percent from 2002 and down 4 percent from 2001.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 82.0 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2003, down from 83.4 percent on January 1, 2002. Marketings of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2002 represented 86.3 percent all cattle marketed from feedlots in the United States, down from 87.0 percent during 2001.

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 2002-2003

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/					Placements During January			Marketings During January			Other Disappearance During January 3/		
	Feb 1, 2002	Jan 1, 2003	Feb 1, 2003			2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
			Number	as % of 2002	as % of Jan									
*AZ	311	289	291	94	101	32	29	91	25	24	96	1	3	300
*CA	475	490	475	100	97	59	58	98	57	67	118	7	6	86
*CO	1,180	1,020	1,030	87	101	225	235	104	215	215	100	10	10	100
ID	320	295	285	89	97	57	56	98	65	65	100	2	1	50
*IA	395	355	360	91	101	91	69	76	50	62	124	1	2	200
*KS	2,450	2,200	2,220	91	101	530	540	102	540	500	93	20	20	100
*NE	2,290	2,140	2,220	97	104	490	480	98	405	390	96	25	10	40
NM	109	119	112	103	94	11	8	73	9	14	156	1	1	100
OK	350	330	325	93	98	67	46	69	74	49	66	3	2	67
SD	200	205	215	108	105	46	53	115	38	42	111	3	1	33
*TX	2,850	2,630	2,630	92	100	480	450	94	500	435	87	10	15	150
WA	237	*185	180	76	97	41	36	88	50	39	78	1	2	200
Other														
Sts	405	335	340	84	101	50	75	150	55	68	124	5	2	40
US	11,572	*10,593	10,683	92	101	2,179	2,135	98	2,083	1,970	95	89	75	84

* 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.

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JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP 1.8 PERCENT

Milk production in the 20 major States during January totaled 12.5 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from January 2002. December revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.6 percent from December 2001. The December revision represented an increase of 0.6 percent or 70 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,608 pounds for January, 17 pounds above January 2002. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.81 million head, 56,000 head more than January 2002, and 4,000 head more than December 2002.

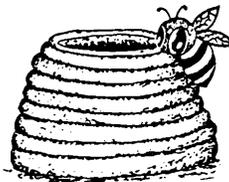
MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, JANUARY 2002-2003

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head		Lbs		Million Lbs		Percent
AZ	140	150	2,085	2,035	292	305	4.5
CA	1,624	1,681	1,745	1,770	2,834	2,975	5.0
FL	152	147	1,410	1,405	214	207	-3.3
ID	380	390	1,750	1,770	665	690	3.8
IL	115	114	1,550	1,580	178	180	1.1
IN	155	146	1,450	1,535	225	224	-0.4
IA	206	207	1,560	1,595	321	330	2.8
KY	123	120	1,170	1,100	144	132	-8.3
MI	297	301	1,650	1,710	490	515	5.1
MN	495	480	1,515	1,520	750	730	-2.7
MO	140	134	1,210	1,240	169	166	-1.8
NM	290	310	1,740	1,740	505	539	6.7
NY	675	680	1,530	1,530	1,033	1,040	0.7
OH	260	260	1,480	1,440	385	374	-2.9
PA	587	590	1,570	1,540	922	909	-1.4
TX	310	311	1,490	1,550	462	482	4.3
VT	154	153	1,510	1,495	233	229	-1.7
VA	120	118	1,390	1,340	167	158	-5.4
WA	247	248	1,880	1,925	464	477	2.8
WI	1,279	1,265	1,465	1,490	1,874	1,885	0.6
20-State Total	7,749	7,805	1,591	1,608	12,327	12,547	1.8

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

BEES AND HONEY



HONEY PRICES RECORD HIGH

UNITED STATES HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 8 PERCENT

Honey production in 2002 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 171 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2001. There were 2.52 million colonies producing honey in 2002, up 1 percent from 2001. Yield per colony averaged 67.8 pounds, down 8 percent from the 74.0 pounds in 2001. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 39.0 million pounds on December 15, 2002, down 40 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Arizona honey production totaled 2.39 million pounds, 6 percent less than 2001. Honey producing colonies, at 38,000, is down 5,000 from a year ago. Yield per colony was 63 pounds, compared to 59 pounds in 2001.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2002 to 128.6 cents, up 83 percent from 70.4 cents in 2001. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Honey prices for 2002 were higher than the previous year for all color classes. Some 2001 crop honey was sold at the higher prices in 2002, which caused some revisions to the 2001 crop prices.

Arizona's average price per pound was \$1.10, compared to 72 cents in 2001. Value of production, at 2.6 million, was up 44 percent from a year earlier.

MONTHLY RECORD HIGH FOR PORK PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.08 billion pounds in January, relatively unchanged from a year ago. January 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. January 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.01 million head, down 2 percent from January 2002. The average live weight was 1,268 pounds, up 8 pounds from January a year ago.

Veal production totaled 17.9 million pounds, 6 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 93,800 head, up 7 percent from January 2002. The average live weight was 317 pounds, down 4 pounds from January a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year and a monthly record high. Hog kill totaled 8.79 million head, 1 percent above January 2002. The average live weight was 268 pounds, unchanged from January a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.9 million pounds, was down 10 percent from January 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 238,800 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, down 7 pounds from January a year ago.

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

Class	January 2002	December 2002	January 2003	January 2003 as % of	
				January 2002	December 2002
		1,000 Lbs			Percent
ARIZONA 2/					
Total Red Meat	38,700	36,300	37,300	96	103
UNITED STATES					
		Million Lbs			Percent
Beef	2,330	2,107	2,292	98	109
Veal	17	18	18	106	99
Pork	1,716	1,715	1,749	102	102
Lamb and Mutton	18	19	16	90	86
Total Red Meat	4,081	3,859	4,076	100	106

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, JANUARY 2003 AND U.S., JANUARY 2003 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	January			January		
	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	47.9	64,738	1,352	3,007.0	2,292	1,268
Calves 4/				93.8	18	317
Hogs	0.2	44	257	8,787.5	1,749	268
Sheep 4/				238.8	16	133

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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FEBRUARY FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UNCHANGED FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February is 99, based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the January index. Higher prices for cattle, hogs, corn, and soybeans offset lower prices for tomatoes, broilers, wheat, and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Increased marketings of cattle, broilers, eggs, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and oranges.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is also unchanged from February 2002. Higher prices for corn, soybeans, cattle, and cotton more than offset lower prices for lettuce, hogs, broccoli, and potatoes. The Food Commodities Index decreased 1 point (1.0 percent) from last month to 97, but is 3 points (3.0 percent) below January last year.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 127 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from January but 4 points (3.3 percent) above February 2002. Lower prices in February for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, feed supplements, and hay and forages are offset by higher prices for diesel fuel, nitrogen fertilizers, gasoline, and LP gas.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., FEBRUARY 2002 AND 2003 AND JANUARY 2003

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		February 2002 Entire Month	January 2003 Entire Month	February 2003 Mid-Month	February 2002 Entire Month	January 2003 Entire Month	February 2003 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	2/	2/	28.7	44.0	44.8
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	---	130.00	128.00	---	105.00	111.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.83	3.89	3.71
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.49	4.23	4.17
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.75	3.66	3.53
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	94.00	100.00	90.40	92.90	91.80
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	94.00	100.00	99.50	97.60	96.40
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	91.00	93.00	70.80	79.60	79.40
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	12.60	12.70	13.40	14.10	14.80	14.50
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	22.30	14.10	15.10	20.00	15.30	14.10
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	26.70	24.30	20.30	26.70	24.70	20.90
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	21.80	29.80	25.10	25.30	27.60	23.20
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	37.50	36.30	39.80	40.60	36.90	38.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	68.00	77.50	80.60	73.60	77.80	78.90
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	67.70	77.10	80.20	69.90	73.20	74.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	99.10	100.00	96.10	105.00	96.80	97.60
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	12.70	11.20	11.00	13.10	11.70	11.50

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/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	2002		2003	
	January	February	January	February
Prices Received	95	99	99	99
Prices Paid	122	123	127	127
Ratio 1/	78	80	78	78

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