



ARIZONA LIVESTOCK MAY 2003

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ARIZONA CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY DOWN 12 PERCENT

On May 1, 2003, Arizona had 269,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 12 percent from a year ago and down 9,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 32,000 head, up 23 percent from April 2002. During April, 40,000 head were marketed, an increase of 18 percent from last April.

On May 1, 2003, California had 465,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 3 percent from last May and down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 61,000 head, up 3 percent from April 2002. During April, 63,000 head were marketed, an increase of 3 percent from April 2002.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.53 million head on May 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent below May 1, 2002 and 6 percent below May 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.87 million, 29 percent above 2002 and 21 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.81 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 296,000, 600-699 pounds were 324,000, 700-799 pounds were 613,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 637,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.99 million, 1 percent below 2002 but 9 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during April, 24 percent below 2002 and 29 percent below 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	Number on Feed 1/					Placements During April			Marketings During April			Other Disappearance During April 2/		
	May 1, 2002	Apr 1, 2003	May 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 Apr									
		1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
AZ	304	278	269	88	97	26	32	123	34	40	118	2	1	50
CA	480	470	465	97	99	59	61	103	61	63	103	3	3	100
CO	1,080	970	1,000	93	103	165	200	121	190	165	87	15	5	33
ID	315	280	275	87	98	52	45	87	60	49	82	2	1	50
IA	385	365	360	94	99	40	57	143	49	60	122	1	2	200
KS	2,270	2,320	2,270	100	98	320	420	131	445	450	101	25	20	80
NE	2,170	2,190	2,080	96	95	260	320	123	380	420	111	10	10	100
NM	97	105	101	104	96	11	21	191	26	24	92	1	1	100
OK	340	340	330	97	97	49	68	139	67	75	112	2	3	150
SD	215	215	215	100	100	28	31	111	32	29	91	1	2	200
TX	2,700	2,670	2,680	99	100	365	540	148	550	520	95	15	10	67
WA	215	180	170	79	94	26	25	96	39	34	87	2	1	50
Other														
Sts	380	320	310	82	97	52	50	96	63	56	89	4	4	100
US	10,951	10,703	10,525	96	98	1,453	1,870	129	1,996	1,985	99	83	63	76

1/ 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.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

APRIL U.S. MILK PRODUCTION UP 0.8 PERCENT

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.7 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from April 2002. March revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from March 2002. The March revision represented a decrease of 0.2 percent or 27 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,625 pounds for April, 4 pounds above April 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.80 million head, 42,000 head more than April 2002, but 11,000 head less than March 2003.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, APRIL 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	144	150	2,195	2,115	316	317	0.3
CA	1,635	1,695	1,795	1,785	2,935	3,026	3.1
FL	151	146	1,455	1,465	220	214	-2.7
ID	382	395	1,740	1,800	665	711	6.9
IL	115	111	1,610	1,610	185	179	-3.2
IN	152	145	1,480	1,530	225	222	-1.3
IA	209	203	1,585	1,610	331	327	-1.2
KY	123	120	1,240	1,130	153	136	-11.1
MI	296	300	1,675	1,695	496	509	2.6
MN	490	475	1,510	1,485	740	705	-4.7
MO	138	130	1,325	1,325	183	172	-6.0
NM	295	315	1,815	1,810	535	570	6.5
NY	680	684	1,520	1,510	1,034	1,033	-0.1
OH	262	261	1,470	1,490	385	389	1.0
PA	581	582	1,600	1,575	930	917	-1.4
TX	309	312	1,585	1,640	490	512	4.5
VT	154	150	1,495	1,495	230	224	-2.6
VA	120	118	1,410	1,330	169	157	-7.1
WA	247	248	1,910	1,900	472	471	-0.2
WI	1,275	1,260	1,475	1,495	1,881	1,884	0.2
20-State Total	7,758	7,800	1,621	1,625	12,575	12,675	0.8

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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BEEF PRODUCTION ROSE FROM MARCH

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.85 billion pounds in April, down 1 percent from the 3.90 billion pounds produced in April 2002. April 2002 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. April 2003 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.97 million head, up 1 percent from April 2002. The average live weight was 1,209 pounds, down 18 pounds from April a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.0 million pounds, 1 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,300 head, down 3 percent from April 2002. The average live weight was 336 pounds, up 9 pounds from April a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.33 million head, 1 percent below April 2002. The average live weight was 268 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.4 million pounds, was up 2 percent from April 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 295,600 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 5 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April red meat production was 15.12 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was up 6 percent, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 11 percent.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S.

Class	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	April 2003 as % of 1/	
				April 2002	March 2003
1,000 Lbs			Percent		
ARIZONA					
Total Red Meat 2/	36,100	33,200	39,000	108	117
UNITED STATES 3/					
	Million Lbs			Percent	
Beef	2,195	*2,051	2,153	98	105
Veal	16	17	16	99	97
Pork	1,672	1,619	1,657	99	102
Lamb and Mutton	19	18	19	102	107
Total Red Meat	3,902	*3,705	3,846	99	104

* 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 2003			January-April 2003		
	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	66,051	1,341	11,317.7	8,441	1,243
Calves 4/				341.2	66	323
Hogs	0.9	242	264	32,953.4	6,547	267
Sheep	0.3	33	130	1,022.7	69	134

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.

MAY FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP SHARPLY FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May is 107, based on 1990 - 92=100, up six points (5.9 percent) from the April Index. All commodity group indexes except potatoes and dry beans, tobacco, and the other crops category increased since last month. Higher prices for lettuce, hogs, broilers, and soybeans more than offset lower prices for eggs, asparagus, onions, and tomatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of cantaloupes, grapes, sweet corn, and peaches offset decreased marketings of cattle, dairy, apples, and asparagus.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (12 percent) from May 2002. Higher prices for cattle, lettuce, corn, and soybeans more than offset lower prices for dairy, potatoes, sweet corn, and tomatoes. The Food Commodities Index increased 7 points (7.1 percent) above last month to 106, and is 11 points (12 percent) above May last year.

PRICES PAID INDEX DOWN 1 POINT

The May 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 down 1 point from April but 4 points (3.3 percent) above May 2002. Lower prices in May for LP gas, diesel fuel, gasoline, and feeder pigs more than offset higher prices for nitrogen fertilizers, hay and forages, feed grains, and potash and phosphate materials.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., MAY 2002 AND 2003 AND APRIL 2003

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2002 Entire Month	April 2003 Entire Month	May 2003 Mid-Month	May 2002 Entire Month	April 2003 Entire Month	May 2003 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	2/	2/	28.6	45.0	46.6
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.81	3.37	3.43
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.37	3.98	3.86
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.73	3.19	3.32
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	105.00	94.00	100.00	102.00	94.50	99.20
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	105.00	94.00	100.00	108.00	96.20	102.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	97.00	87.00	95.00	76.70	86.40	87.30
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	14.50	13.70	15.40	13.70	14.90	18.00
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	9.70	9.90	9.20	17.90	16.60	17.20
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	3/	22.50	3/	30.20	24.00	29.50
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	3/	22.80	3/	---	24.60	26.50
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	35.20	41.40	40.50	39.90	40.20	41.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	68.00	78.80	79.30	68.20	78.80	79.00
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	67.70	78.40	78.90	65.20	74.60	74.90
Calves	\$ Cwt	98.00	94.00	90.00	98.50	99.10	99.30
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	11.70	10.50	10.50	12.20	11.00	11.10

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	2002		2003	
	April	May	April	May
Prices Received	94	96	101	107
Prices Paid	123	123	128	127
Ratio 1/	76	78	79	84

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