



ARIZONA LIVESTOCK

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ARIZONA CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY DOWN 9 PERCENT

On July 1, 2003, Arizona had 266,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 9 percent from last July, but the same as last month. Placements totaled 34,000 head, 42 percent more than in June 2002. During June, 32,000 head were marketed, an increase of 3 percent from last June.

On July 1, 2003, California had 490,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 1 percent from both last July and last month. Placements totaled 73,000 head, up 9 percent from June 2002. During June, 63,000 head were marketed, up 2 percent 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 9.92 million head on July 1, 2003. The inventory was 5 percent below July 1, 2002 and 10 percent below July 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.11 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.75 million head, down 5 percent from 2002. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.68 million, 2 percent above 2002, but 14 percent below 2001. Net placements were 1.62 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 374,000, 600-699 pounds were 361,000, 700-799 pounds were 483,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 464,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.23 million, 8 percent above 2002 and 5 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during June, 20 percent above 2002, but 21 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 June			Marketings During June			Other Disappearance During June 2/		
	July 1, 2002	June 1, 2003	July 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 June									
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent		
AZ	291	266	266	91	100	24	34	142	31	32	103	1	2	200
CA	485	485	490	101	101	67	73	109	62	63	102	5	5	100
CO	1,030	990	890	86	90	155	135	87	210	230	110	5	5	100
ID	300	260	255	85	98	49	63	129	58	67	116	1	1	100
IA	350	340	310	89	91	36	34	94	60	63	105	1	1	100
KS	2,160	2,270	2,160	100	95	380	415	109	480	510	106	10	15	150
NE	1,890	1,930	1,690	89	88	295	270	92	460	500	109	5	10	200
NM	101	110	115	114	105	23	21	91	16	13	81	2	3	150
OK	325	360	350	108	97	53	52	98	67	59	88	1	3	300
SD	175	198	167	95	84	18	27	150	47	55	117	1	3	300
TX	2,850	2,880	2,820	99	98	465	470	101	470	520	111	15	10	67
WA	180	160	160	89	100	28	39	139	47	38	81	1	1	100
Other														
Sts	350	285	250	71	88	51	49	96	68	82	121	3	2	67
US	10,487	10,534	9,923	95	94	1,644	1,682	102	2,076	2,232	108	51	61	120

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.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2001-2003

CLASS	2001	2002	2003	2003 as percent of 2002	
				1,000 head	Percent
Cattle and Calves	105,800	105,100	103,900		99
Cows and Heifers that have calved	43,000	42,900	42,700		100
Beef Cows	33,900	33,750	33,600		100
Milk Cows	9,100	9,150	9,100		99
Heifers 500 pounds and over	16,400	16,200	15,900		98
For Beef Cow replacement	4,600	4,600	4,600		100
For Milk Cow replacement	3,600	3,700	3,600		97
Other Heifers	8,200	7,900	7,700		97
Steers 500 pounds and over	14,600	14,500	14,200		98
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,100	2,100	2,100		100
Calves Under 500 pounds	29,700	29,400	29,000		99
Calf Crop	38,280	38,193	38,000		99
Cattle on Feed	13,000	12,400	11,700		94

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during June totaled 12.3 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from June 2002. May revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was down 0.4 percent from May 2002. The May revision represented a decrease of 9 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,587 pounds for June, unchanged from June 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 10,000 head less than June 2002, and 11,000 head less than May 2003.

Milk production in the U.S. during the April-June quarter totaled 43.9 billion pounds, down 0.3 percent from the April-June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.11 million head, 35,000 head less than the same period last year.

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

STATE	Milk cows 1/		Milk per cow 2/		Milk production 2/		Percent change from 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
AZ	145	150	1,985	1,965	288	295	2.4
CA	1,645	1,691	1,800	1,755	2,961	2,968	0.2
FL	150	142	1,340	1,300	201	185	-8.0
ID	391	401	1,770	1,830	692	734	6.1
IL	115	110	1,470	1,525	169	168	-0.6
IN	151	143	1,440	1,500	217	215	-0.9
IA	210	201	1,510	1,550	317	312	-1.6
KY	123	118	1,080	1,015	133	120	-9.8
MI	300	299	1,665	1,710	500	511	2.2
MN	490	475	1,445	1,455	708	691	-2.4
MO	137	130	1,170	1,220	160	159	-0.6
NM	298	315	1,810	1,795	539	565	4.8
NY	682	681	1,530	1,490	1,043	1,015	-2.7
OH	264	261	1,425	1,460	376	381	1.3
PA	582	578	1,535	1,480	893	855	-4.3
TX	307	312	1,430	1,510	439	471	7.3
VT	154	148	1,500	1,500	231	222	-3.9
VA	120	117	1,300	1,250	156	146	-6.4
WA	248	244	1,925	1,915	477	467	-2.1
WI	1,270	1,256	1,455	1,475	1,848	1,853	0.3
20-State Total	7,782	7,772	1,587	1,587	12,348	12,333	-0.1

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

SHEEP

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2003, totaled 7.80 million head, 4 percent below July 1, 2002. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.61 million head on July 1, 2003 was 4 percent below July 1, 2002. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.19 million head, were 4 percent below last July.

Of the July 1, 2003 breeding herd, 3.84 million head were ewes one year old and older, 175,000 head were rams one year old and older, and 600,000 head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 33.3 percent of the total sheep and lambs. All sheep and lambs by region are: Region 2 (NM & TX) accounted for 22.3 percent, Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA) for 17.1 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 15.6 percent, and Region 5 (all other states) accounted for 11.7 percent. The 2003 Lamb Crop in the United States is expected to total 4.13 million head, down 5 percent from the 2002 lamb crop of 4.36 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2003 totaled 3.68 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 450,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2003.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS INVENTORY: BY REGION AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2002-2003

REGIONS 1/	All sheep and lambs		2003 as % of 2002	Breeding sheep and lambs		Market sheep and lambs		Lamb crop 2/			Breeding Ewes 1+ Jan. 1	Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+ Jan. 1
	2002	2003		2002	2003	2002	2003	Lambs born Jan- Jun 3/	Lambs expected Jul-Dec 4/	Total lamb crop		
	1,000 head		Percent			1,000 head						Number
Region 1	1,430	1,330	93	900	830	530	500	560	200	760	759	100
Region 2	1,740	1,740	100	1,130	1,130	610	610	630	120	750	820	91
Region 3	2,800	2,600	93	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,200	1,300	20	1,320	1,178	112
Region 4	1,220	1,220	100	670	670	550	550	630	50	680	489	139
Region 5	910	910	100	580	580	330	330	560	60	620	543	114
U.S.	8,100	7,800	96	4,780	4,610	3,320	3,190	3,680	450	4,130	3,789	109

1/ States included in regions as follows: 1 - Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington; 2 - New Mexico and Texas; 3 - Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming; 4 - Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Oklahoma; 5 - all other States.

2/ Lamb crop is lambs born in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

3/ Lambs born alive between January 1 through June 30, 2003.

4/ Lambs expected to be born July through December 2003.

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S.
JUNE 2002 AND 2003 AND MAY 2003 1/**

CLASS	June 2002	May 2003	June 2003	June 2003 as % of	
				June 2002	May 2003
	1,000 lbs			Percent	
ARIZONA 2/					
Total Red Meat	38,600	38,900	37,200	96	95
	Million Lbs			Percent	
UNITED STATES					
Beef	2,302	2,363	2,391	104	101
Veal	15	16	15	102	95
Pork	1,479	1,550	1,527	103	99
Lamb and Mutton	15	15	15	100	100
Total Red Meat	3,811	3,943	3,948	104	100

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 AND U.S. 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	June 2003			January - June 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	48.0	63,458	1,323	17,814.8	13,194	1,232
Calves 4/				491.5	97.0	328
Hogs	0.3	67	206	48,510.2	9,624	267
Sheep 4/	0.1	8	79	1,473.8	98.9	134

1/ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Average live weight 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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JULY FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July is 104, based on 1990-92=100, down 3 points (2.8 percent) from the June Index. Since last month all commodity group indexes are unchanged or lower except cotton, fruit and nuts, and dairy. Lower prices for lettuce, corn, hogs, and wheat more than offset higher prices for dairy, cantaloup, asparagus, and broccoli. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Decreased average marketings of dairy, cantaloup, asparagus, and strawberries offset increased marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and peaches.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 5 points (5.1 percent) from July 2002. Higher prices for cattle, broilers, eggs, and soybeans more than offset lower prices for wheat, sweet corn, potatoes, and turkeys.

The Food Commodities Index also declined 3 points (2.8 percent) below last month to 104, but is 7 points (7.2 percent) above July last year.

PRICES PAID INDEX DOWN 1 POINT

The July 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 June but 4 points (3.3 percent) above July 2002. Lower prices in July for feed grains, feeder pigs, nitrogen fertilizers, and hay and forages offset higher prices for feeder cattle, LP gas, feed supplements, and gasoline.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., JULY 2002 AND 2003 AND JUNE 2003

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		July 2002 Entire Mo.	June 2003 Entire Mo.	July 2003 Mid-Mo.	July 2002 Entire Mo.	June 2003 Entire Mo.	July 2003 Mid-Mo.
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	2/	2/	37.6	45.3	46.9
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.21	3.07	2.93
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.44	3.99	3.76
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.19	2.93	2.85
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	100.00	98.00	90.00	93.60	94.60	89.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	101.00	98.00	90.00	102.00	98.90	92.70
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	95.00	90.00	85.00	72.20	79.20	77.80
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	34.50	39.40	41.20	37.40	42.00	44.30
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	67.00	78.40	86.60	66.60	78.70	77.60
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	66.70	78.00	86.10	63.80	74.90	74.30
Calves	\$ Cwt	97.40	90.50	96.00	94.90	102.00	103.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	11.00	10.60	11.10	11.20	11.10	11.80

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/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

6/ 'Cows' and 'steers' and 'heifers' combined.

7/ 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	
	June	July	June	July
Prices Received	97	99	107	104
Prices Paid	123	123	128	127
Ratio 1/	79	80	84	82

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