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CATTLE ON FEED

On August 1, 2003, Arizona had 271,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5 percent from a year ago, and up 2 percent from last month. Placements totaled 32,000 head, 23 percent more than in July 2002. During July, 26,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 16 percent from last July.

On August 1, 2003, California had 485,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, the same as last August and 1 percent less than last month. Placements totaled 66,000 head, up 12 percent from July 2002. During July, 67,000 head were marketed, up 20 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 9.59 million head on August 1, 2003. The inventory was 5 percent below August 1, 2002 and 12 percent below August 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.99 million, 8 percent above 2002 and slightly above 2001. Net placements were 1.93 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 421,000, 600-699 pounds were 414,000, 700-799 pounds were 593,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 564,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.27 million, 4 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during July, 33 percent above 2002 and 2 percent above 2001.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) JULY 1, 2003 AND AUGUST 1, 2002 AND 2003, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE JULY 2002 AND 2003 BY STATE, UNITED STATES, AND HISTORIC 7 STATES

STATE	Number on Feed 1/ Aug 1, 2003					Placements During July			Marketings During July			Other Disappearance During July 2/		
	Aug 1, 2002	Jul 1, 2003	Number	as % of 2002	as % of July	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head												
AZ	285	266	271	95	102	26	32	123	31	26	84	1	1	100
CA	485	490	485	100	99	59	66	112	56	67	120	3	4	133
CO	990	890	860	87	97	190	175	92	225	200	89	5	5	100
ID	285	255	240	84	94	52	56	108	66	70	106	1	1	100
IA	320	310	290	91	94	44	51	116	72	70	97	2	1	50
KS	2,140	2,160	2,180	102	101	510	570	112	520	540	104	10	10	100
NE	1,790	1,690	1,570	88	93	400	350	88	495	460	93	5	10	200
NM	109	115	116	106	101	18	21	117	9	17	189	1	3	300
OK	310	350	335	108	96	60	75	125	74	85	115	1	5	500
SD	160	167	148	93	89	18	21	117	30	38	127	3	2	67
TX	2,740	2,820	2,690	98	95	390	475	122	490	590	120	10	15	150
WA	165	160	170	103	106	39	50	128	53	39	74	1	1	100
Other														
Sts	310	250	230	74	92	34	50	147	72	68	94	2	2	100
US	10,089	9,923	9,585	95	97	1,840	1,992	108	2,193	2,270	104	45	60	133

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.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, JULY 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	148	150	1,850	1,805	274	271	-1.1
CA	1,647	1,693	1,810	1,750	2,981	2,963	-0.6
FL	149	141	1,250	1,220	186	172	-7.5
ID	392	408	1,810	1,880	710	767	8.0
IL	115	109	1,420	1,490	163	162	-0.6
IN	150	143	1,410	1,505	212	215	1.4
IA	210	200	1,495	1,560	314	312	-0.6
KY	123	115	1,035	1,005	127	116	-8.7
MI	301	299	1,665	1,750	501	523	4.4
MN	485	475	1,415	1,455	686	691	0.7
MO	137	129	1,120	1,170	153	151	-1.3
NM	303	316	1,810	1,795	548	567	3.5
NY	680	679	1,535	1,500	1,044	1,019	-2.4
OH	263	261	1,390	1,450	366	378	3.3
PA	584	574	1,525	1,500	891	861	-3.4
TX	307	312	1,355	1,430	416	446	7.2
VT	154	148	1,480	1,505	228	223	-2.2
VA	120	115	1,275	1,210	153	139	-9.2
WA	248	244	1,965	1,965	487	479	-1.6
WI	1,265	1,255	1,455	1,510	1,841	1,895	2.9
20-State Total	7,781	7,766	1,578	1,590	12,281	12,350	0.6

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION AT RECORD MONTHLY HIGH FOR JULY

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in July, a new monthly high and up 1 percent from the 4.02 billion pounds produced in July 2002. July 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. July 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.29 million head, up 3 percent from July 2002. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,225 pounds.

Veal production totaled 14.8 million pounds, 12 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 84,900 head, down 11 percent from July 2002. The average live weight was 3 pounds below last year, at 288 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.10 million head, slightly above July 2002. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.7 million pounds, was down 4 percent from July 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 239,200 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 5 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2003 commercial red meat production was 27.1 billion pounds, up slightly from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was up 2 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

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

CLASS	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	July 2003 as % of	
				July 2002	June 2003
	1,000 Lbs			Percent	
ARIZONA 2/					
Total Red Meat	39,100	37,200	37,000	95	100
	Million Lbs			Percent	
UNITED STATES					
Beef	2,427	2,391	2,438	100	102
Veal	17	15	15	88	99
Pork	1,557	1,527	1,577	101	103
Lamb and Mutton	16	15	16	96	103
Total Red Meat	4,016	3,948	4,046	101	102

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		
	July 2003			January - July 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	48.1	63,663	1,325	21,100.1	15,632	1,231
Calves 4/				576.4	111.8	322
Hogs	0.3	88	260	56,612.1	11,201	266
Sheep	0.1	12	136	1,713.0	114.5	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.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS THE SAME AS LAST MONTH

During July, ranges and pastures in Arizona were in fair to poor condition, about the same as last month. Arizona livestock were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture throughout the state were reported as short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Northern grazing conditions were mostly poor during the month of June, but improving slightly from last month. Summer monsoons have begun, but have not brought significant amounts of rainfall to this region. High-level elevations were reported in poor to good condition, while mid and low level elevations were reported in mostly poor conditions. Livestock were reported to be in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were reported as short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Overall, Central pasture conditions were reported as mostly fair, improving slightly from last month. Ranchers have reported lower than normal rainfall from the first summer monsoons of the year. Range and pasture conditions were reported as fair at high level, poor to fair at mid level, and very poor to fair at low level elevations. Livestock conditions were reported as fair to good. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were reported as short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Southern pastures were reported in mostly fair condition, improving from last month. Ranchers reported little rainfall with frequent winds, which have made conditions very dry; however, cattle are doing fairly well. Conditions ranged from fair to good at high level elevations. Mid level elevations were in mostly fair condition. Low level elevations were in very poor to fair condition. Livestock conditions were reported as fair. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED CONDITION: AUGUST 1, 2003, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	STATE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent						Percent					
AL	0	2	15	50	33	NJ	0	0	57	43	0
AZ	32	27	20	18	3	NM	42	34	20	4	0
AR	0	6	31	52	11	NY	0	2	18	63	17
CA	10	50	30	10	0	NC	0	1	11	73	15
CO	18	29	33	18	2	ND	6	20	37	35	2
CT	0	2	35	53	10	OH	1	4	26	54	15
DE	0	5	15	58	22	OK	6	24	40	27	3
FL	0	0	15	65	20	OR	7	13	51	26	3
GA	0	1	16	63	20	PA	3	9	20	48	20
ID	3	21	46	23	7	RI	0	0	23	73	4
IL	1	7	30	50	12	SC	0	0	7	68	25
IN	1	4	19	65	11	SD	8	18	36	32	6
IA	6	20	30	38	6	TN	0	2	14	65	19
KS	24	31	33	11	1	TX	11	19	35	28	7
KY	0	4	20	51	25	UT	10	21	35	33	1
LA	0	6	38	49	7	VT	0	22	37	36	5
ME	1	8	40	51	0	VA	0	3	15	51	31
MD	2	4	28	43	23	WA	5	25	50	20	0
MA	0	0	55	45	0	WV	0	3	28	50	19
MI	5	19	32	38	6	WI	5	14	42	35	4
MN	2	11	39	46	2	WY	5	16	47	31	1
MS	0	2	18	59	21						
MO	18	28	33	18	3	48 States	9	18	31	34	8
MT	19	25	39	15	2	Prev. Week	7	15	32	38	8
NE	16	26	33	23	2	Prev. Year	22	24	27	23	4
NV	7	30	43	20	0						
NH	0	3	37	50	10						

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AUGUST FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August is 108, based on 1990-92=100, up 3 points (2.9 percent) from the July Index. Since last month both the All Crops Index and the Livestock and Products Index show increases. Higher prices for wheat, dairy, cattle, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for grapes, cantaloupe, soybeans, and hogs. 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 tobacco, cattle, grapes, and sweet corn more than offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, dairy, and broilers. This preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 8 points (8.0 percent) from August, 2002. Higher prices for cattle, broilers, hogs, and tomatoes more than offset lower prices for corn, wheat, hay, and turkeys.

The Food Commodities Index also increased 5 points (4.8 percent) above last month to 109, and is 12 points (12.4 percent) above August last year.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The August 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 July but 3 points (2.4 percent) above August 2002. Lower prices in August for feeder pigs, hay and forages, nitrogen fertilizers, and LP gas were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, diesel fuel, gasoline, and feed supplements.

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

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		August 2002 Entire Mo.	July 2003 Entire Mo.	August 2003 Mid-Mo.	August 2002 Entire Mo.	July 2003 Entire Mo.	August 2003 Mid-Mo.
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	2/	2/	33.0	46.1	44.0
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.63	2.95	3.44
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.55	3.85	3.74
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.63	2.89	3.39
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	95.00	90.00	87.00	93.70	89.00	85.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	95.00	90.00	88.00	101.00	92.70	91.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	89.00	85.00	82.00	71.30	77.80	69.10
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	35.70	43.50	46.00	36.40	44.90	44.80
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	69.00	83.60	83.80	67.10	78.80	81.70
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	68.70	83.20	83.40	64.30	75.80	78.50
Calves	\$ Cwt	101.00	95.40	98.20	94.40	103.00	105.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	11.20	11.60	12.70	11.30	12.00	13.00

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	
	July	August	July	August
Prices Received	99	100	105	108
Prices Paid	123	124	127	127
Ratio 1/	80	81	83	85

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