



# ARIZONA LIVESTOCK

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### CATTLE ON FEED

On October 1, 2003, Arizona had 275,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5 percent from a year ago, but up slightly from last month. Placements totaled 25,000 head, 17 percent below September 2002. During September, 23,000 head were marketed, 3,000 less than last September.

On October 1, 2003, California had 485,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 2 percent from last year and down 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 61,000 head, up 2 percent from last year. During September, 63,000 head were marketed, 11,000 more than last September.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 2002 and 8 percent below October 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.24 million steers and steer calves, down slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.91 million head, down 4 percent from 2002.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002 and 16 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.41 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 698,000, 600-699 pounds were 545,000, 700-799 pounds were 610,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 621,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during September, 19 percent above 2002 and 37 percent above 2001.

### CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) SEPTEMBER 1, 2003 AND OCTOBER 1, 2002 AND 2003, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE SEPTEMBER 2002 AND 2003 BY STATE AND UNITED STATES

STATE	Number on Feed 1/					Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance 2/		
			Oct 1, 2003			During September			During September			During September 2/		
	Oct 1, 2002	Sep 1, 2003	Number	as % of 2002	as % of Sep	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		
AZ	288	274	275	95	100	30	25	83	26	23	88	1	1	100
CA	495	*490	485	98	99	60	61	102	52	63	121	3	3	100
CO	1,030	900	950	92	106	255	255	100	220	200	91	5	5	100
ID	280	245	270	96	110	69	82	119	63	56	89	1	1	100
IA	315	300	310	98	103	68	80	118	62	69	111	1	1	100
KS	2,280	2,250	2,300	101	102	460	530	115	400	465	116	10	15	150
NE	1,960	1,660	1,830	93	110	450	520	116	335	345	103	5	5	100
NM	113	121	123	109	102	20	16	80	18	10	56	3	4	133
OK	330	345	350	106	101	83	81	98	57	73	128	1	3	300
SD	150	134	145	97	108	49	49	100	43	37	86	1	1	100
TX	2,720	2,700	2,720	100	101	530	620	117	470	580	123	20	20	100
WA	170	180	190	112	106	42	53	126	26	41	158	1	2	200
Other Sts	285	235	265	93	113	72	102	142	76	70	92	1	2	200
US	10,416	*9,834	10,213	98	104	2,188	2,474	113	1,848	2,032	110	53	63	119

\* Revised

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.

# Happy Thanksgiving

## COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.01 billion pounds in September, a monthly record high, up 3 percent from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in September 2002. September 2002 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. September 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds and a monthly record high, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.12 million head, up 9 percent from September 2002. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,227 pounds.

Veal production totaled 15.4 million pounds, 6 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,600 head, down 7 percent from September 2002. The average live weight was 5 pounds above last year, at 308 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, a monthly record high, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, 1 percent above September 2002. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.9 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 256,300 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 3 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2003 commercial red meat production was 35.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S. SEPTEMBER 2002 AND 2003 AND AUGUST 2003 1/

CLASS	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	September 2003 as % of 2/	
				September 2002	August 2003
	1,000 Lbs			Percent	
<b>ARIZONA 3/</b>					
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>35,800</b>	<b>36,300</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
	Million Lbs			Percent	
Beef	2,201	2,328	2,312	105	99
Veal	16	14	15	94	108
Pork	1,638	1,555	1,664	102	107
Lamb and Mutton	18	16	17	96	108
Total Red Meat	3,873	3,913	4,008	103	102

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

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	September			January-September		
	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	<b>47.1</b>	<b>61,783</b>	<b>1,312</b>	27,357.1	20,272	1,230
Calves 4/				738.7	141.4	317
Hogs	<b>0.3</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>247</b>	73,209.4	14,420	265
Sheep	<b>0.1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>106</b>	2,210.4	147.2	133

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.

## MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.6 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from September 2002. August revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 0.9 percent from August 2002. The August revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 17 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,503 pounds for September, 6 pounds more from September 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 38,000 head less than September 2002, and 7,000 head less than August 2003.

Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 41.5 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.07 million head, 88,000 head less than the same period last year.

### MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, SEPTEMBER 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
<b>AZ</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>249</b>	
CA	1,658	1,701	1,700	1,655	2,819	2,815	-0.1
FL	148	139	1,050	1,020	155	142	-8.4
ID	392	412	1,730	1,790	678	737	8.7
IL	115	108	1,365	1,400	157	151	-3.8
IN	147	144	1,375	1,425	202	205	1.5
IA	209	200	1,425	1,470	298	294	-1.3
KY	120	111	990	965	119	107	-10.1
MI	300	298	1,605	1,640	482	489	1.5
MN	480	470	1,340	1,360	643	639	-0.6
MO	136	127	1,050	1,115	143	142	-0.7
NM	305	318	1,700	1,705	519	542	4.4
NY	675	673	1,455	1,420	982	956	-2.6
OH	262	259	1,360	1,380	356	357	0.3
PA	587	566	1,460	1,415	857	801	-6.5
TX	310	312	1,255	1,340	389	418	7.5
VT	153	147	1,400	1,430	214	210	-1.9
VA	119	111	1,225	1,165	146	129	-11.6
WA	247	244	1,855	1,860	458	454	-0.9
WI	1,268	1,253	1,405	1,440	1,782	1,804	1.2
20-State Total	7,781	7,743	1,497	1,503	11,648	11,641	-0.1

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

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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### OCTOBER FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 3 POINTS FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October is 113, based on 1990-92=100, 3 points above the September Index. Since last month, the Livestock & Products Index was higher while the All Crops Index was unchanged. Higher commodity prices for cattle, soybeans, dairy, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, hogs, wheat, and potatoes. 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 soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed more than offset decreased marketings of dairy, grapes, wheat, and tobacco.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 18 points (18.9 percent) above October 2002. Higher prices for cattle, soybeans, broilers, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, wheat, potatoes, and hay. The Food Commodities Index increased 5 points (4.5 percent) from last month to 117, and is 24 points (25.8 percent) above September last year. This index value is the highest since records began in 1975.

### PRICES PAID INDEX UP 1 POINT

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 130 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point from September and 5 points (4.0 percent) above October 2002. Higher prices in October for feeder cattle, feed concentrates, complete feeds, and feeder pigs more than offset lower prices for feed grains, gasoline, LP gas, and tractors.

### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., OCTOBER 2002 AND 2003 AND SEPTEMBER 2003

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		October 2002 Entire Month	September 2003 Entire Month	October 2003 Mid-Month	October 2002 Entire Month	September 2003 Entire Month	October 2003 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	2/	2/	39.0	55.7	61.4
Cottonseed	¢ Lb	148.00	151.00	158.00	100.00	100.00	104.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.37	3.39	3.23
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.43	3.94	3.90
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.32	3.32	3.14
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	84.00	83.00	94.50	84.20	84.40
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	85.00	83.00	101.00	89.00	88.80
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	90.00	80.00	85.00	73.40	70.10	71.40
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	36.50	29.90	26.30	36.10	29.40	25.50
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	33.20	42.50	42.50	33.60	44.90	44.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	70.50	91.40	93.20	68.50	89.40	97.40
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	70.10	90.90	92.70	64.70	85.10	91.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	95.00	108.00	110.00	91.90	109.00	112.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	11.60	14.20	14.40	12.10	14.40	14.80

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/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 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	
	September	October	September	October
Prices Received	98	95	110	113
Prices Paid	124	125	129	130
Ratio 1/	79	76	85	87

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