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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in California feedlots totaled 385 thousand head on October 1, 1997, up 1 percent from last month and 8 percent above a year earlier. During September, placements of 55.0 thousand head remained the same as a year earlier. Marketings of 45.0 thousand head were unchanged from a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 15 percent above 1996. Other disappearance totaled 53.0 thousand during September, 24 percent below the previous year.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 13 PERCENT

U.S. cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.96 million head on October 1, 1997, 13 percent above October 1, 1996. The inventory included 6.04 million steers and steer calves, up 9 percent from the previous year. This group accounts for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.89 million head, up 20 percent from 1996.

CATTLE ON FEED UP 14 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed October 1, 1997 in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 8.56 million head, up 14 percent from the previous year and 11 percent above October 1, 1995. The inventory included 5.15 million steers and steer calves, up 11 percent from the previous year. This group accounts for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.38 million head, up 21 percent from 1996. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.28 million, slightly above 1996 and 5 percent above 1995. Marketings during September totaled 1.53 million, 14 percent above 1996, but 4 percent below 1995. Other disappearance during September was 42.0 thousand head, 18 percent below 1996 and 9 percent below 1995.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.71 million, 2 percent above 1996. Net placements were 2.66 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 498 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 817 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 916 thousand.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN 7 SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed September 1 1/			Placed During September		Marketed During September	
	1996	1997	1997/1996	1996	1997	1996	1997
----- Thousand Head -----							
Arizona	182	185	102	48	35	29	26
California	350	380	109	55	55	45	45
Colorado	710	920	130	405	320	150	185
Iowa	230	265	115	74	68	43	42
Kansas	1,790	2,070	116	520	560	370	400
Nebraska	1,310	1,640	125	565	540	290	320
Texas	2,040	2,390	117	600	700	415	510
Total 7 States	6,612	7,850	119	2,267	2,278	1,342	1,528
State	Other Disappearance During September 2/		Number on Feed October 1		1997/996		
	1996	1997	1996	1997			
----- Thousand Head -----						Percent	
Arizona	0	1	201	193	96		
California	5	5	355	385	108		
Colorado	5	5	960	1,050	109		
Iowa	1	1	260	290	112		
Kansas	10	10	1,930	2,220	115		
Nebraska	15	10	1,570	1,850	118		
Texas	15	10	2,210	2,570	116		
Total 7 States	51	42	7,486	8,558	114		

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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

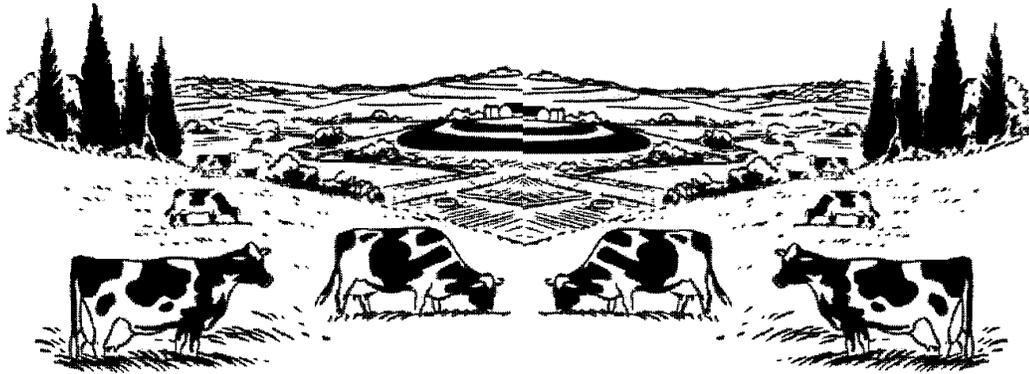
CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 2.25 billion pounds of milk in September, 5 percent below last month, but 5 percent above last year.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,720 pounds, 100 pounds less than last month, but 35 pounds more than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk Cows			Milk Per Cow			Milk Production and Comparisons					Grain and Other Concentrates					
	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1997	Sept. 1997	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1997	Sept. 1997	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1997	Sept. 1997	Sept 97 Sept 96	Sept 97 Aug 97	Daily feed			Value		
												Oct. 1, 1996	July 1, 1997	Oct. 1, 1997	Oct. 1, 1996	July 1, 1997	Oct. 1, 1997
	--- 1,000 Head ---			--- Pounds ---			--- Million pounds ---			-- Percent --		--- Lbs./Cow ---			--- Dollars/Cwt. ---		
CA	1,267	1,302	1,308	1,685	1,820	1,720	2,135	2,370	2,250	105	95	20.0	21.5	20.5	9.00	8.40	8.10
WI	1,435	1,390	1,390	1,255	1,405	1,340	1,801	1,953	1,863	103	95	16.0	16.3	15.9	8.70	7.80	7.30
U.S.	7,795	7,744	7,741	1,342	1,450	1,390	10,459	11,227	10,758	103	96	18.0	19.0	18.7	9.53	8.73	8.51



CALIFORNIA CASH INCOME BY COMMODITIES AND COMMODITY GROUPS, 1994-96

Source of Income	1994	1995	1996	Source of Income	1994	1995	1996
	\$1,000				\$1,000		
LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & PRODUCTS				FRUIT & NUT CROPS			
Aquaculture	9,767	12,055	11,384	TOTAL	5,716,612	5,962,591	6,369,767
Broilers	373,230	383,175	456,690	CHRISTMAS TREES	18,807	14,928	15,000
Cattle & Calves	1,428,205	1,289,765	1,144,563	VEGETABLE CROPS			
Eggs	255,277	288,369	367,317	TOTAL	5,059,472	5,707,336	5,300,043
Farm Chickens	1,058	910	812	TOTAL CASH INCOME FROM MARKETINGS	21,559,141	22,522,620	23,309,526
Hogs	45,186	35,887	41,895	FARM RELATED INCOME	1,158,780	849,580	1,479,129
Honey	12,240	24,608	22,932	GROSS CASH INCOME FROM FARMING ^{1/}	22,717,921	23,372,200	24,788,655
Milk & Cream	2,967,085	3,079,740	3,717,116				
Sheep & Lambs	54,698	68,920	73,426				
Turkeys	193,242	212,520	221,738				
Wool	3,457	5,355	3,256				
Other Livestock & Poultry	145,265	147,990	152,207				
TOTAL	5,488,710	5,549,294	6,213,336				
NURSERY & GREENHOUSE PRODUCTS	1,986,450	2,140,928	2,223,707				
FIELD CROPS TOTAL	3,289,090	3,147,543	3,187,673				

^{1/} Includes value of home consumption, value of inventory adjustments, machine hire and custom work, forest products sold, rental value of farm dwelling, government payments, and other miscellaneous farm income.

SOURCE: USDA Economic Research Service

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California production of red meat during September 1997 totaled 85.8 million pounds (dressed weight), 1 percent above last month and 4 percent above September 1996. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,252 pounds; calves, 347 pounds; hogs, 209 pounds.

U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.67 billion pounds during September. This production was up 8 percent from the previous year.

September 1997 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. September 1996 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef Production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was up 10 percent from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.97 million head, up 8 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight, at 1,193 pounds, was up 14 pounds from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 28.0 million pounds, down 11 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 136.4 thousand head, down 9 percent from the previous year. The average live weight was down 3 pounds to 334 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.49 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.02 million head, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight, at 254 pounds, was up 4 pounds from the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production totaled 21.0 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year earlier. Sheep slaughter totaled 322.8 thousand head, 1 percent below the previous year. The average live weight was up 7 pounds to 129 pounds.

January-September red meat production was 32.1 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated production was as follows: beef, down 1 percent; veal, down 10 percent; pork, down 1 percent; lamb and mutton, down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 1996-97 1/

Class & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	- 1,000 Head -		- 1,000 Pounds -		- Pounds -	
CATTLE						
Calif.	80.7	84.0	98,403	105,148	1,219	1,252
U.S. Total	2,759.6	2,970.8	3,254,252	3,543,198	1,179	1,193
CALVES						
Calif.	21.1	17.0	6,781	5,896	321	347
U.S. Total	150.5	136.4	50,741	45,545	337	334
SHEEP & LAMBS						
Calif.	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	326.8	322.8	40,010	41,704	122	129
HOGS						
Calif.	162.0	161.3	34,323	33,681	212	209
U.S. Total	7,693.8	8,020.4	1,923,728	2,036,045	250	254
	September 1996	August 1997 2/	September 1997	Sept. 97 Sept. 96	Sept. 97 Aug. 97	
RED MEAT	--- Million Pounds ---		-- Percent --			
Calif.	82.7	84.7	85.8	104	101	
U.S. Total	3,392.0	3,619.2	3,665.1	108	101	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. total.

FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		Sept. 1996	Aug. 1997	Sept. 15, 1997	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1997	Sept. 15, 1997
		----- Dollars -----					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	104.00	113.00	122.00	92.10	101.00	101.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	106.00	115.00	124.00	95.70	106.00	106.00
Hogs 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	54.70	55.30	51.10
Cows 2/	Cwt.	31.00	37.00	33.00	30.80	36.40	34.90
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	56.00	64.00	64.00	67.90	66.60	66.90
Calves 2/	Cwt.	55.00	71.00	71.00	61.00	88.00	86.60
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	90.00	90.00	89.00	88.50	92.70	---
Milk Cows 3/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	15.85	11.99	12.20	16.50	12.70	13.00

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October. .