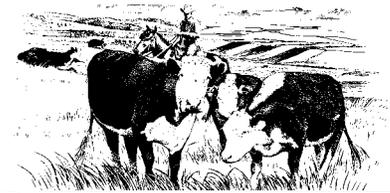


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## CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 415 thousand head on September 1, 2000, 1 percent below last month, but 11 percent above September 1999. During August, placements of 56.0 thousand head were 7 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 57.0 thousand head were 4 percent above August 1999. Other disappearance totaled 4.00 thousand head.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 9 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.38 million head on September 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above September 1, 1999 and 15 percent above September 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.44 million, slightly above 1999 and 18 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.39 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 573 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 504 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 691 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 672 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.19 million, 7 percent above 1999 and 11 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 49.0 thousand during August, 11 percent below 1999 and 6 percent below 1998.

## CATTLE ON FEED UP 10 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 8.98 million on September 1, 2000, up 10 percent from the previous year and 16 percent above September 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.09 million, slightly above 1999 and 18 percent above 1998. Marketings during August totaled 1.89 million, 8 percent above 1999 and 12 percent above 1998. Other disappearance during August was 36.0 thousand head, 14 percent below 1999 and 1998.

## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed August 1 <sup>1/</sup>			Placed During August		Marketed During August	
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	1999	2000
1,000 Head							
Arizona	194	262	135	29	29	22	33
California	375	420	112	60	56	55	57
Colorado	960	1,050	109	255	300	250	265
Iowa	290	330	114	56	51	45	50
Kansas	1,990	2,190	110	575	530	465	490
Nebraska	1,600	1,840	115	500	495	390	410
Texas	2,480	2,720	110	610	630	520	580
Seven-State Total	7,889	8,812	112	2,085	2,091	1,747	1,885
State	Other Disappearance During August <sup>2/</sup>		Number on Feed September 1		2000/1999		
	1999	2000	1999	2000			
1,000 Head					Percent		
Arizona	1	1	200	257	129		
California	5	4	375	415	111		
Colorado	5	5	960	1,080	113		
Iowa	1	1	300	330	110		
Kansas	10	10	2,090	2,220	106		
Nebraska	10	5	1,700	1,920	113		
Texas	10	10	2,560	2,760	108		
Seven-State Total	42	36	8,185	8,982	110		

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

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

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during August 2000 totaled 95.1 million pounds (dressed weight), up 15 percent from last month and 7 percent above August 1999. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In August 2000, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,233 pounds; calves, 149 pounds; and hogs 216 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18.0 million pounds, was down 3 percent from August 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 283 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, up 1 pound from August a year ago.

January - August red meat production was 30.6 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was 1 percent lower, pork was 2 percent lower, and lamb & mutton was down 3 percent.

**BEEF, PORK, AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION SET RECORD HIGHS FOR AUGUST**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.11 billion pounds in August. This is up 5 percent from the previous record high for August of 3.91 billion pounds produced in 1999.

August 1999 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.  
August 2000 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year and 5 percent above the previous record high for August set in 1995. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.26 million head, up 3 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from the previous year to 1,226 pounds.

Veal production totaled 17.0 million pounds, 11 percent below the previous record low for August set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 100 thousand head, down 16 percent from August 1999. The average live weight, at 289 pounds, was 12 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous record high for August set last year. Hog kill totaled 8.62 million head, 3 percent above 1999. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year to 258 pounds.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 1/**

Class & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Avg. Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	85.4	92.0	106,590	113,513	1,248	1,233
U.S.	3,150.3	3,259.6	3,799,015	3,996,582	1,206	1,226
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	17.4	11.1	2,266	1,656	130	149
U.S.	118.2	99.8	32,717	28,796	277	289
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	296.3	283.3	37,514	36,190	127	128
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	191.5	201.0	40,177	43,462	210	216
U.S.	8,404.1	8,622.3	2,132,256	2,221,519	254	258
<b>RED MEAT</b>	Aug. 1999	July 2000	Aug. 2000	Aug. 00 / Aug. 99	Aug. 00 / July 00	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	89.2	83.1	95.1	107	115	
U.S. 2/	3,910.2	3,643.4	4,113.9	105	113	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.  
2/ Revised total for July 2000.

**FEDERALLY-INSPECTED SLAUGHTER FOR REGIONS AND U.S., JANUARY-AUGUST 2000 1/**

Standard Federal Regions 2/	Cattle							Calves Total 3/
	Total 3/	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	
				All	Dairy	Other		
1,000 Head								
1	12.9	1.8	1.5	8.4	8.0	0.3	1.3	20.1
2	57.5	10.5	3.1	38.4	32.0	6.4	5.6	164.3
3	687.1	336.3	50.3	284.7	209.2	75.5	15.8	116.6
4	557.6	9.4	2.8	470.0	173.7	296.3	75.3	13.0
5	2,490.1	1,050.6	387.7	976.4	682.1	294.3	75.5	298.0
6	4,497.1	2,315.6	1,609.5	473.7	83.0	390.7	98.4	14.1
7	11,121.6	6,085.1	4,520.7	465.3	33.1	432.2	50.5	0.8
8	2,405.6	1,239.6	983.0	148.9	28.3	120.6	34.1	---
9	1,044.3	508.8	68.0	443.0	365.0	78.0	24.6	82.7
10	1,147.8	608.7	290.7	213.0	103.1	109.9	35.4	12.2
U.S. 3/	24,021.6	12,166.3	7,917.1	3,521.7	1,717.4	1,804.3	416.5	721.8
Standard Federal Regions 2/	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total 3/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 3/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
								1,000 Head
1,000 Head								
1	11.8	11.4	0.3	0.1	15.0	3.4	11.6	
2	94.2	92.2	1.2	0.7	87.5	12.8	74.7	
3	4,095.1	4,077.7	17.2	0.2	65.2	3.6	61.6	
4	9,800.2	9,143.5	636.7	20.0	12.8	8.9	3.9	
5	16,254.4	15,567.2	678.2	9.0	294.2	34.4	259.8	
6	3,320.2	3,128.6	184.0	7.6	311.3	25.9	285.4	
7	25,099.3	24,594.8	327.9	176.6	325.4	0.6	324.8	
8	2,701.7	2,570.1	131.5	0.1	821.0	16.5	804.5	
9	1,483.1	1,481.7	1.1	0.3	273.5	6.4	267.1	
10	262.8	260.9	1.7	0.2	6.1	1.2	5.0	
U.S. 3/	63,122.9	60,928.2	1,979.9	214.8	2,211.9	113.6	2,098.3	

1/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.  
2/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.  
3/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		August 1999	July 2000	August 15, 2000	August 1999	July 2000	August 15, 2000
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	71.00	77.00	81.00	78.90	80.20	80.50
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	72.00	76.00	81.00	84.90	84.50	83.90
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	36.20	48.50	44.40
Cows 2/	Cwt.	36.00	37.50	37.50	36.30	39.20	38.60
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	64.00	68.50	67.00	66.20	70.40	67.70
Calves 2/	Cwt.	76.50	93.00	93.00	89.60	106.00	105.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	29.50	31.00	---	29.80	34.20	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	80.00	87.00	---	80.30	87.00	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	15.10	11.80	11.70	15.10	12.70	12.50

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/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

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

**U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT**

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2000, was 60.2 million head. This was 1 percent below September 1999, but 1 percent above June 1, 2000.

Breeding inventory, at 6.27 million head, was down 1 percent from September 1, 1999, but up 1 percent from June 1, 2000. Market hog inventory, at 53.9 million head, was 1 percent below last year, but 1 percent above last quarter.

The June-August 2000 U.S. pig crop, at 25.7 million head, was 1 percent less than 1999 and 4 percent less than 1998. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, 1 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average number of pigs saved per litter was 8.85 for the June-August period, compared to 8.86 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the September-November 2000 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 1999, but 4 percent below 1998. Intended farrowings for December 2000-February 2001, at 2.89 million sows, are 3 percent above the same period in 2000 and up slightly from 1999.

The total number of hogs under contract and owned by operations with more than 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 33 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 31 percent last year.

**Revisions:** All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 1999 through June 2000 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, import, and export data in U.S. level balance sheets. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than 1 percent were made to the inventory level for March 1 and 1 percent to the December 1999-February 2000 pig crop.

**U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1998-00**

Item	1998	1999	2000	2000/1998	2000/1999
	1,000 Head			Percent	
<b>September 1 Inventory</b>					
All Hogs And Pigs	63,488	60,776	60,185	95	99
Kept For Breeding	6,875	6,301	6,266	91	99
Market	56,612	54,474	53,920	95	99
<b>Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups</b>					
Under 60 Pounds	21,189	20,243	20,041	95	99
60-119 Pounds	14,032	13,414	13,275	95	99
120-179 Pounds	11,555	11,129	11,047	96	99
180 Pounds And Over	9,837	9,689	9,557	97	99